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2	APPEARANCES	2 PROCEEDINGS
3		3 (WHEREUPON, the above-captioned board
4	BOARD MEMBERS	4 meeting was heard as follows:)
5	Captain Vivian L. Hixson, Chair	5
6	McKenzie C. Roberts, Vice Chair	6 CHAIRPERSON HIXSON: Good morning,
7	William Scott Cockroft	7 everybody. We want to welcome you to the October the
8	Karen Jones	8 20th, 2016, meeting of the Alarm Systems Contractors
9	Keith Harvey	9 Board. We want to welcome all the visitors and
10		10 guests we have here today. And Ms. Vest, would you
11	ALSO PRESENT	11 please call the roll.
12	Ashley Thomas, Staff Attorney	12 MS. VEST: Thank you. Scott Cockroft?
13	Cody Vest, Executive Director	13 MR. COCKROFT: Here.
14	Beth Smith Bell, Administrative Assistant	14 MS. VEST: Keith Harvey?
15	Shauna Balaszi, Administrative Assistant	15 MR. HARVEY: Here.
16		16 MS. VEST: Vivian Hixson?
17		17 CHAIRPERSON HIXSON: Here.
18		18 MS. VEST: Karen Jones?
19		19 MS. JONES: Here.
20		20 MS. VEST: McKenzie Roberts?
21		21 MR. ROBERTS: Here.
22		22 MS. VEST: We have a quorum, Madam Chair.
23		23 CHAIRPERSON HIXSON: Okay. Thank you.
24		24 The first item on our agenda is to review and adopt
25		25 the agenda for today's meeting, and if so, do we have

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a motion to adopt?

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MS. VEST: Madam Chair, would you like to repeat that again, please?

4 CHAIRPERSON HIXSON: The first item on 5 our agenda today is the agenda for today's meeting, 6 if the members will review and a motion to adopt?

MR. ROBERTS: Madam Chairman, I make a motion we adopt the agenda as it's presented.

MR. COCKROFT: Second.

10 CHAIRPERSON HIXSON: Okay. We have a motion by Mr. Roberts and a second by Mr. Cockroft to 11 adopt today's meeting agenda. All in favor voice by 13 saying aye.

14 THE BOARD: Aye.

15 CHAIRPERSON HIXSON: All opposed? The 16 motion carries.

17 The next item are the minutes from the 18 August the 18th, 2016, Board meeting. If the members have had an opportunity to review those, and if so, a 20 motion to approve.

21 MR. COCKROFT: I make a motion to approve 22 the minutes as presented.

MS. JONES: Second.

24 CHAIRPERSON HIXSON: Okay. We have a motion by Mr. Cockroft, a second by Ms. Jones to

1 get that compliance without being so burdensome on

the Board staff. So what we would like to do is have

the Board consider entering into an agreed citation

4 schedule, and that would be something that the Board

5 could admin -- the Board office could

administratively handle and send that out, rather 7 than -- and leave the complaints that really affect

the public to the Board to consider. 8

9 I know Mr. McCormack is here, as well as Mr. Driver, if they have anything to add at this 10 time, but that's something I would like for you all 11 to consider. We do have a copy of your fee schedule 12 that we'll be looking at to see if those particular 13 activities would comply with that, and maybe the 14 15 different amounts, and may present that to you at the December Board meeting. 16

CHAIRPERSON HIXSON: Okav.

18 Mr. McCormack?

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19 MR. MCCORMACK: Thank you. I'll just 20 kind of follow up with what Ashley said here in terms of -- I think we are talking very specifically 21

22 about -- I am going to focus very specifically on

what -- the areas she just talked about. And I think 23

24 for us what happened was you all had -- we were

looking at this from a complaint base process, and so

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approve the minutes as presented. All in favor voice 2 by saying aye.

THE BOARD: Aye.

4 CHAIRPERSON HIXSON: All opposed? The 5 motion carries, the minutes are approved. 6

Next on our agenda is the presentation from the Director of Program and Policy, Rachel Powers.

9 MS. THOMAS: There's just a slight change 10 to that. 11

CHAIRPERSON HIXSON: Okav.

12 MS. THOMAS: I'll go ahead and start with 13 this presentation.

14 As the Board is aware, in May of this 15 year, new rules went into effect for the registered 16 employees that applied expiration dates to their 17 registration cards. Once that rule went into effect 18 and those expiration dates were added to the 19 registered employees' cards, companies began to

20 attempt to comply. And their efforts of compliance

21 led to an influx of what could be seen as violations. 22 because we did not receive termination notices timely

23 and/or registration applications timely. You'll see

24 that reflected in today's legal report.

It's our goal to come up with a way to

Page 8 1 we ended up having, I believe, something like 77 complaints opened in the first month related to this issue. And so last year you all had 73 total complaints for the entire year, and this was one 4 5 month.

6 So obviously the impact is going to be 7 pretty burdensome, and really what we are seeing already is entities complying fairly quickly. So we 8 have talked about a process, I think, that will be fairly, I think, more efficient for you all to make 10 11 sure you get compliance, and we'll provide an 12 opportunity through the agreed citation process.

13 I think initially we have the employee, 14 we can send them a letter of warning to say, Get in 15 compliance, and then at that point on the second --16 second indication of that, we would go to the agreed 17 citation process, which would allow for, I think, another quick way for compliance, which ultimately is 18 19 what we are trying to do here. I think you are going to see pretty quick adoption here. 20

What we don't want to do is, you know, 22 come to you with a legal report every month with 77 complaints that you are going to have to review. I 23 mean, like I said, that's obviously a significant 24 25 impact to the Board, and potentially, if there's any

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1 additional pieces, it could provide cost implications. So we are trying to do this in a way that really achieves your goal of getting compliance.

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And I -- like I said, I think you are already on the path to do that anyway. Companies are seeing this and they are -- these are -- I believe they are all -- most of these have been self reported.

MS. THOMAS: They have all been self 10 reported. As I said, this came as a result of the 11 expiration dates being added to registered employees' 12 registration cards, and the companies began to report 13 and comply. And as Brian said, it did create an 14 influx of approximately 77 complaints. And rather 15 than present those to you, like I said, we are 16 looking at going into an agreed citation schedule. 17 Of course, with you guys' approval as to what 18 violations would match that and what would be the 19 appropriate discipline going forward for that.

20 CHAIRPERSON HIXSON: Okay. Mr. Driver? 21 MR. DRIVER: I think the only thing I 22 would note is we've had some success with this sort 23 of arrangement with some other boards and 24 commissions. The idea is that it's a procedural

25 change. What the Board is doing is on these sorts --

1 nature, to speed those through the system and to give people a chance to show compliance earlier on. And I think it's been -- although I don't have data on this, at least the kind of, you know, observational 4 data, that people also tend to comply, if they are given the chance to do so faster, as opposed to maybe getting something eight months down the road, or whatever that is, six months down the road, that 8 9 says, Oh, you did this. And then by then many times they have forgotten about it or had thought it had been resolved with their complaint or something along 11 12 those lines.

13 CHAIRPERSON HIXSON: But you already have 14 a procedure in place that applies to other boards 15 that we can tailor and adopt for ourselves? 16

MR. MCCORMACK: Yes.

CHAIRPERSON HIXSON: Are you going to

18 present that in your legal report? 19 MS. THOMAS: As far as the agreed 20 citations, we are going to look at, like I said, the 21 fees and everything, and probably present that more

22 formally to you in December. I wanted to bring it to 23

your attention because a lot of the complaints that 24 were opened as a result of the rule effectiveness are

reflected on this legal report. So I wanted to bring

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- 1 on, I guess, approved categories of complaints.
- 2 instead of those going through the current complaint
- 3 standard operating procedure, which results in the
- 4 matters being opened, sent to legal, and then
- 5 investigated as appropriate and presented to you all
- 6 in the legal report, you are delegating to Director
- Vest the authority to review those complaints. And
- 8 if it appears appropriate in those cases, to say,
- 9 This falls within the schedule that has been approved
- 10 by the Board, and as such I am authorized to
- 11 either, depending on the schedule you all authorize.
- 12 send a letter of warning, if it's the first violation
- 13 for this company, or send what we are calling an
- 14 agreed citation, but it's pretty much consent
- 15 ordered, that's an offer to settle on a second
- 16 violation.

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Of course, the reason I say it's a 18 procedural change is because it's -- say if it's not 19 closed, you know, it's the first violation, if the agreed citation is not -- or is sent out and it's not 21 accepted, the complaint still goes through the 22 regular process at that point. It would then be sent 23 to legal, if we can't reach a resolution.

24 The idea is in complaints where we have a 25 high volume of complaints that appear technical in

Page 12 1 it to your attention that this is why there are so many cases on this legal report, and this is our process for going forward to try to eliminate some of 4 that burdensome workload going forward to the 5 program.

6 CHAIRPERSON HIXSON: Well, let me ask 7 you, when we get to Ashley's legal report today, if 8 there are some in bulk that are all the same, would we have to look at those individually, or all the 10 ones that fit the same category, could we just vote 11

12 MS. THOMAS: That's the way I have 13 presented it to you all. 14

CHAIRPERSON HIXSON: Okay. Good.

15 MS. THOMAS: The same issue will be presented in bulk, like I said, you'll see reflected 16 17 in the first couple of cases listed on the legal 18 report.

19 CHAIRPERSON HIXSON: Okay. Thank you. 20 MS. THOMAS: But going forward, something 21 like that would not come to the Board, if you all 22 approved it. Cody's office would handle that going 23 forward with the agreed citation that you all have set forth. 24

25 CHAIRPERSON HIXSON: Okay.

Page 13 MR. ROBERTS: My concern is that if we 2 have a rule that has created a tremendous number of technical violations, should we be looking at the rule, rather than how to just administratively deal 5 with the violation? It sounds like that perhaps the 6 rule is the underlying problem, rather than just perhaps putting some sort of a Band-Aid on it, and have we created a burden on the industry with this rule?

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MR. DRIVER: What I will say, it's my 11 understanding -- and maybe Director Vest or Ashley 12 may be able to correct me here if I'm not mistaken -is that what is being found was already a violation 14 of the rule, which was the failure to timely report 15 the termination of an employee.

16 What has happened is because of 17 administrative changes, we are receiving better 18 reporting of those things. So what we are now 19 finding out is there are a large number of these that probably in the past were not coming to the Board's 21 attention, that are now coming to the Board's 22 attention. And so what you have, I think, is not 23 necessarily an influx of additional violations, what 24 we have now is better reporting of those violations 25 and finding a much higher number of those.

1 Board kind of make a preliminary decision to -- my view on this is since -- and it sounds like I hear you all saying we don't -- we're not necessarily 3 wanting to hold a bunch of people accountable for 4 5 technical violations, and these companies are 6 actually saying, Hey, we're trying to comply. 7 My suggestion would be since it is an

8 issue that you all do -- that you do want to 9 regulate, and I think there are some potential 10 reasons here for protecting the public while you may 11 want to have this compliance occur, what you could 12 say is, anytime we are notified of someone who has 13 not effectively reported, the first time that they do 14 that, you just go ahead and say administratively the 15 office can go ahead and send them a letter of warning 16 saying thank you for compliance, please don't do this 17 in the future. If you fail to comply in the future, there could potentially be subsequent discipline. I 19 think that will then allow you to have the agreed 20 citation process on the back end which will only deal 21 with the people that we know are really not 22 complying. But I really think as --23

CHAIRPERSON HIXSON: Kind of like a 24 housekeeping matter once you get everybody on the 25 same wavelength.

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1 Now, of course, at the end of the day, if the Board wants to change those things, that's entirely up to you, but that's my understanding of the nature of it, is that these already would have 5 been violations. The information that these 6 violations were occurring just wasn't being reported 7 to the Board at the same rate that it is now.

MR. COCKROFT: I think our concern might 9 be that it's -- possibly we need to look at the rule itself because maybe it's burdensome. I imagine most of these are coming up at this point from honest 12 mistakes. People didn't know that they had the employee registered, they are getting the renewals and finding out, so then they -- they are being honest, and if they are getting a violation, they are putting an honest termination date, may have been five years ago or ten years ago.

CHAIRPERSON HIXSON: Isn't this something 19 that will work itself out in time?

20 MR. MCCORMACK: That's actually what I 21 was going to chime in and say. I think this is 22 really going to sort of solve itself. I think you are looking at something that's much more temporary. 24 In fact, kind of my suggestion today, I was actually 25 hoping that the Board would -- I would suggest the

Page 16 1 MR. COCKROFT: Could we do some sort of 2 an amnesty period that we wouldn't -- you don't like that word possibly or --3 4 MS. VEST: The renewals are on a two-year 5

cycle, so it's going to continue until we finish that 6 cycle.

7 MR. COCKROFT: I just don't see how it 8 jeopardizes the public in any way. We don't get the card back. The -- there's not anything -- if the 10 employee did something while he was there, it would 11 get reported that he was arrested or whatever violation happened, but I just don't see how the 13 public is endangered by someone not reporting an 14 employee.

15 MS. THOMAS: Right, and it's for that 16 reason that we suggested this going through an agreed citation issue. Because, like you said, it is 17 18 housekeeping, it's an administrative thing. 19 MR. COCKROFT: I agree with that. I 20 think it might be a bigger issue that maybe the 30 days is too short of a period. I just don't see 22 how the public is in any way endangered. I know of a 23 company that had -- he had his son work for him and

24 he forgot to turn in termination on his son, because he wasn't working for him anymore, but he would have

Page 17 him working on a job ten years later. I mean, it's 2 his son, and he would have liked to have kept him 3 registered, but that was one of those things, it was 4 a housekeeping issue. He didn't turn it in at the 5 time he terminated, well, he's now hired his son 6 back. I don't see how the public was ever endangered 7 by not terminating an employee.

8 MR. MCCORMACK: That's why I think I 9 was -- I think there is -- I would say that there's 10 some value, because this information is uploaded on 11 our verified system for the public to look to see who 12 is -- I think those are the components which are 13 valuable, and I think you all have said it's 14 valuable. But I very much empathize with the idea 15 that this is not something that we think we want to 16 be coming down heavy handed on folks for.

17 MR. COCKROFT: Right. 18 MR. MCCORMACK: I think we're -- and I 19 think that's really why I was kind of inserting here 20 to say, I know we have talked about an agreed 21 citation process. I think that is fine, and you can 22 further that as a potential option I think down the 23 road, but right now if you go ahead and say any 24 first-time violators that are self-reporting, we can 25 just direct to say, Thank you for your compliance, we don't -- you know, we don't have this continued --

2 and I don't know -- I believe if we do have people

3 who are continuing to not comply, then maybe we know

at that point, if this is something that you all

think is problematic, that you think is needed, at

6 that point I think that's probably a good time to

7 say, what's going on? Why do we have rampant failure 8 to report at this point?

I think that the industry seems -- based on what we have seen so far, seems like everybody is trying to comply. I really think this is going to be a short-term issue.

13 MR. ROBERTS: A significant number of our 14 first violations are a letter of warning anyway and 15 so that would be in keeping with this perhaps. That 16 would make sense to me.

17 CHAIRPERSON HIXSON: It's also something 18 that the TENSA organization could send out --19 THE REPORTER: The what organization? 20 CHAIRPERSON HIXSON: The TENSA, is that

21 what it is?

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22 MR. ROBERTS: Tennessee Electronic 23 Security Association.

24 CHAIRPERSON HIXSON: They could send out -- I'm sorry. It's an organization to just

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1 have sent a letter of warning. What you are doing is you are meeting your requirement to say this is something that is important, it is a violation, and we are notifying you of that, but thank you for your 5 compliance.

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And we very well can craft a letter that would be reflective that it is not intended to be 8 heavy handed or really just kind of getting the point. Thank you, thank you for complying. I mean 10 there are ways that we can really work together to 11 kind of achieve I think both of the goals.

12 CHAIRPERSON HIXSON: We have used letters 13 of warnings a lot in the past when it was just a 14 simple oversight or something that happened years in 15 the past that caused a change, that it's not

16 necessarily to fine anybody, but just to bring them 17 into compliance with the rules.

18 MR. MCCORMACK: I think you could go 19 ahead and say, based on the fact this is a pretty 20 simple violation -- and that would be my suggestion, 21 is a simple violation, it doesn't even come to you, that you can empower Cody and her team to go ahead 23 when that comes in, then they know when a violation

24 is and go ahead and send out a letter of warning. 25 And it just kind of resolves the issues so they

1 remind people about the expiration date too.

2 MR. ROBERTS: Well, the problem is before 3 they had one expiration date, and that was with the company license, and now they are going to have 12 4 5 expiration dates, one each month. So that's -- that 6 complicates things. But still I --

7 MR. COCKROFT: They will be getting 8 notices going forward at least, where in the past 9 they had no notice of renewal. There was no --10 nothing to flag them that that employee was still 11 registered.

12 MR. ROBERTS: The idea of 13 administratively giving those -- that class of violation a letter of warning would make a lot of sense to me and put the companies on notice that they 15 16 need to watch it a little closer in the future. And 17 again, that would not add an undue burden onto the 18 staff or legal or the Board. You know, I don't

think, given the circumstances, it would create a 19 20 burden on anybody and be fair to all concerned.

21 What I think, if it does continue to be 22 an ongoing problem, that we might need to take a good hard look at the rule that's involved with that down 23 24 the road. 25

MR. DRIVER: And while you all -- I mean

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Page 21 1 obviously we can look at the rule. I do want to point

2 out. I think this is -- and the Commissioner has

3 pointed this out too -- I think the idea, while I

understand the issue with the family member, the idea

5 is that if someone's going into someone's home and

these people are in a position of trust and they

7 still have that card and they call us and they

haven't been terminated and they say, oh, is this 8

9 person authorized to come into my house? And we look

10 and we say yes. I think that's the big concern with

11 not receiving these notifications.

12 And while I do think you are right, a lot 13 of these are probably those sorts of unwitting

14 violations. I think that's the concern, is that if

15 someone called us and we didn't know that they had

16 been terminated by that company, the only way we know

17 is if we are told that -- you know, that information

18 could get passed on to a consumer, potentially

19 someone who isn't there on, you know, authentic

20 business, could then be allowed access to, you know,

21 a citizen of the State of Tennessee's home. And I

22 think that's the principal concern, and the reasoning

23 for this, just to keep that in mind, I think in the

24 broader picture.

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MR. COCKROFT: Also the new ID's will

1 circumstances. I propose, Madam Chairman, a motion

whereby staff and legal could administratively issue

a letter of warning to companies that have self 3

reported -- where they are self reporting a technical 4

violation of failure to report a termination of a

registered employee in a timely fashion. Let me put 6

7 a limit on that for say, six months, and then let's

come back and look at that. Would that seem 8

9 appropriate?

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10 Because actually I am concerned if we've got a -- if we've created a problem with the rules, 11 12 I'd like to have that brought back to us so we can 13 reconsider that. But if we did that for say, six 14 months, and that's kind of an arbitrary timeframe,

then that would -- and we could extend that if that 15

16 seems appropriate. Let's give it a try and see how 17 it works.

MR. COCKROFT: We probably would need to extend it, because you are saying a two-year renewal cycle, it would be ongoing for two years.

MR. ROBERTS: Let's do it for six months 21 22 at this point and six months from now take a look at 23 it, or perhaps sooner than that.

24 CHAIRPERSON HIXSON: Is six months --25

MR. ROBERTS: Where we can reexamine it.

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expire, right? The current ones don't. I mean the card doesn't have an expiration date, so that will

3 help that issue to some extent. I think we are on

4 the same page.

MS. THOMAS: We are.

CHAIRPERSON HIXSON: Okav. Anv other --

MR. DRIVER: If you all wanted to

8 consider, and again, to authorize Director Vest to 9 send a letter of warning to a, you know, person that

10 appears to be self-reporting a first violation of a

11 failure to terminate, that would take a motion and

12 second, the approval of the Board, if that's

13 something you all want to consider today. 14

CHAIRPERSON HIXSON: Would that be okay 15 with you, Ashley, or would you rather wait until

December and you bring it back to the Board then? 16 17

MS. THOMAS: This is fine. Go ahead and 18 do that today. And if I find that there are

19 additional things that seem to arise to that same

20 level, I can present that in December, but as of

21 right now to address what is currently happening, I

22 think it's best if we go ahead and make a motion 23 today, if you all are prepared to do that.

24 MR. ROBERTS: I'm just trying to think

25 how to word that, that would cover the appropriate

Page 24 1 MS. VEST: Whatever you would like to do, but I will be coming back to you with the rules.

Yes, I do agree that we will need to address those. 3

MR. ROBERTS: Okay. So that would be --4 5 is that a reasonably clear motion?

6 CHAIRPERSON HIXSON: I think it is.

7 Ashlev, Mr. McCormack?

MR. MCCORMACK: I was just going to make 9 sure. When you put a timeline on it -- this was my

thought. If you put the timeline on it, maybe make 10

sure that it's done in a way that it's not in between 11 12 Board meetings. That was one of my thoughts. That

way we -- I think if you say you wanted to -- if 13

14 we -- we could keep it in place, but we'll bring it

back to you in six months or closer. I just didn't 15 16

want to get in a spot where it was -- that way we --MR. ROBERTS: We meet every other month,

17 18 so that would be reasonable.

19 MR. MCCORMACK: Right. I know they are 20 going to be coming back to talk about some of these 21 subjects more in depth next month anyway. The

22 conversation we would hope would be ongoing any ways.

23 CHAIRPERSON HIXSON: Well, this motion would provide a Band-Aid until we can get the fine 24

25 details worked out and then vote again in December if

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1 we need to modify it.

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2 MS. VEST: Okay. You are scheduled to meet on April the 20th of 2017, that would be six 4 months.

MR. ROBERTS: Okay.

6 MR. COCKROFT: We can vote to extend it 7 though in December, could we not?

MS. VEST: At any time, yes.

CHAIRPERSON HIXSON: Okay. We have a 10 motion by Mr. Roberts to allow the staff and legal to 11 issue letters of warning to companies who self report

12 technical violations for failure to notify the

13 termination of employees in a timely manner of six 14 months, correct?

MR. ROBERTS: Registered employees. CHAIRPERSON HIXSON: Add registered employees into that, please, instead of just

17 18 employees. Do we have a second to this motion?

MR. COCKROFT: Second.

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CHAIRPERSON HIXSON: And a second by 21 Mr. Cockroft.

MR. ROBERTS: Let me ask now. Now that

23 we've got a motion and a second, does the bulk of the 24 problem seem to be failure to report termination of

25 employees? That's what you had indicated, but is

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that going to cover us, or are there other issues

2 that are falling in the same category? 3 MS. THOMAS: The only other thing that's

4 probably comparable to it at this time is the

registering of the employee applications timely

within 30 days. It appears to be the same issue of

7 failing to submit them. I don't know when they start

8 the companies or -- but we received an influx of

those complaints as well, that we have seen an uptake

10 of those as well. And we --

CHAIRPERSON HIXSON: Did -- would it be 11 12 all right to vote on this motion and propose a second 13 motion to address the timely registration of the 14 employees?

15 MS. THOMAS: Absolutely.

16 MR. ROBERTS: I think it would be the

17 thing to do, because timely registration of employees

is something we have had all along. 18

MS. THOMAS: Right.

20 MR. ROBERTS: And I think we probably

21 need to leave that like it is. So let's -- my

recommendation would be that we go ahead and vote on

23 the motion we have on the floor.

24 MS. THOMAS: So just the termination?

25 CHAIRPERSON HIXSON: In this motion, yes.

Keith, Karen, you all understand? All in favor voice by saying aye. 2

3 THE BOARD: Ave.

CHAIRPERSON HIXSON: All opposed? The motion carries.

5 Now we need a motion addressing the 6 7 timely registration or timely submission of registration for registered employees.

9 MS. VEST: Madam Chair, what that simply 10 is, is on the application we ask when you are 11 employed with the company. What we are seeing, and

12 we have a flux of complaints, is that they are

13 putting the date the employee was hired with the

14 company, not the date that they are coming into

15 Tennessee. That has always been a problem, and it

16 has actually become very burdensome.

17 MR. COCKROFT: I would -- I agree with 18 Ken from the standpoint of the new employees, but I

19 think on the issue that you are talking about where

20 you can verify -- where we can handle something 21 administratively, where if it is they were employed

22 in Kentucky for five years and then moved to

23 Tennessee, I would think that would be something that

could be handled administratively. Would you agree

25 with that?

Page 28 MR. ROBERTS: Yeah, I really would. It

2 would seem to me that maybe changing the wording on

the application might address that issue as much as

4 anything.

5 MS. VEST: Yes, we have. And then we do 6 have a change on that, and then we are putting on --

in Tennessee, but they still -- my office is having

to make phone calls to the companies so they that

don't turn them into complaints. So it's burdensome 9 on that. And what you are going to hear today is a 10

11 flux of those applications.

12 MR. ROBERTS: Okay. I am reluctant to 13 extend the timing that --

14 CHAIRPERSON HIXSON: I don't want to 15 extend the time.

16 MR. ROBERTS: -- that the company is 17 required to register their employees. I really don't think we need to be extending that. 18

19 CHAIRPERSON HIXSON: I don't think that's what we were addressing. We are addressing letting

the staff and legal handle it with the -- the same as 21 what we are doing on the termination, only to address 22

23 them not submitting the applications within 30 days.

so that we don't have to vote on it as a Board, that 24

they hadn't gotten their application in within the

Page 29 Page 31 30 days. Let them handle it administratively. handle -- and I don't -- you wouldn't even need a MR. COCKROFT: Are they both 30 days? Is letter of warning on that, would you? 3 MS. THOMAS: No. MR. ROBERTS: To let them MS. VEST: They are both 30 days. 4 MR. COCKROFT: Ken, I think -- I agree 5 administratively handle situations where an employee 6 with you from the standpoint of if they truly were has improperly reported his date of hire with the 6 7 7 employed in Tennessee prior to the 30 days, I think company or --8 that shouldn't be handled administratively. But I 8 MR. COCKROFT: Would be his start date 9 don't think -- that's not what -- that's not the 9 within Tennessee. 10 MR. ROBERTS: Start date within 10 issue that you are seeing. If we are --MS. THOMAS: That's correct. You are 11 Tennessee. Thank you. That's the best way to say 12 MR. COCKROFT: Would you not be okay if 13 CHAIRPERSON HIXSON: Did you get all of 14 it was a clerical error where they reported the wrong 14 that? 15 date, they reported a date where they really weren't 15 MR. ROBERTS: I figured she's better at 16 this than we are. MR. ROBERTS: If there's a clerical error 17 CHAIRPERSON HIXSON: Okay. 18 of that type, yeah, I would think handling that 18 THE REPORTER: I figured after this many, 19 administratively would make sense. 19 you would be better. MS. VEST: That's what we are trying to 20 MR. ROBERTS: It's only fine wine that 21 improves with age. MR. ROBERTS: I'm sorry, I didn't 22 CHAIRPERSON HIXSON: We have a motion by 23 understand then. I thought we were talking in terms 23 Mr. Roberts to allow legal and staff to 24 of a number of people that maybe a company here in administratively handle incorrect hire dates with the 25 Tennessee that's hiring employees. Okay. I would company versus being registered in Tennessee. Do we Page 30 Page 32 1 have a second? 2 MR. HARVEY: Second. 3 CHAIRPERSON HIXSON: And a second by 4 Mr. Harvey. All in favor voice by saying aye. 5 THE BOARD: Aye. 6 CHAIRPERSON HIXSON: All opposed? The 7 motion carries. 8 MS. THOMAS: I think that's all. 9 MR. DRIVER: Thank you all for having us 10 today. It's always a pleasure. CHAIRPERSON HIXSON: So was this the 11 12 thing that Rachel Powers listed? 13 MS. THOMAS: Yes. 14 CHAIRPERSON HIXSON: Okay. So the next 15 thing is our legal report by Ms. Thomas.

agree then with what you are suggesting. We want to 2 put that in the form of a motion? I guess we need 3 to. 4 MS. VEST: Yes, sir, please. 5 MR. ROBERTS: Again, Madam Chairman, I 6 guess I would make a motion -- don't ask me to write 7 that down. 8 CHAIRPERSON HIXSON: No, I've got it. 9 MR. ROBERTS: Well, I was going to say, I 10 can't write and talk at the same time. It's just 11 beyond my education level. To allow legal staff --12 legal staff and administrative to -- you are going to 13 have to write it so I can read it. 14 CHAIRPERSON HIXSON: To handle wrong 15 reporting dates for -- wrong dates of employment when 16 they've transferred. If you want an application, do 17 it. 18 MS. VEST: It's not transferred, it's 19 applications. 20 MR. ROBERTS: These are applications

where the employee has improperly reported his date

MR. ROBERTS: Okay. So we have a motion

CHAIRPERSON HIXSON: Yeah.

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16 MS. THOMAS: We don't want to skip it, 17 but I do want to go out of order just a little bit. 18 If we can go to the case for re-present, it's at the 19 end of the legal report. The litigator that is handling the case now, Sara Page, S-A-R-A, P-A-G-E, is going to present that case to you all, and then I 21 am going to let her get back to her day and we can 22 proceed on with the agenda. 23 24 CHAIRPERSON HIXSON: Which one is it,

25 Ashley?

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1 MS. THOMAS: It's on the last page. I believe the report is Number 1 under Cases for 3 Re-present.

MS. BELL: It starts on Page 7.

5 CHAIRPERSON HIXSON: It's Number 13 on 6 the legal report.

MS. THOMAS: Technically it should say Number 1, 2015 --

CHAIRPERSON HIXSON: The one underneath. MS. THOMAS: Yes.

11 CHAIRPERSON HIXSON: Okay. Is everybody there? 12

13 THE BOARD: Yes.

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14 MS. PAGE: Good morning, members of the

Board. Thank you so much for allowing me to appear

16 before you. As Ashley said, my name is Sara Page.

17 and I am currently a litigator with the Department. 18 This case was assigned to me to continue onto a

19 hearing before this Board. This case, Complaint

20 Number 201508482 was opened as a result of the

21 respondent engaging in a joint venture with another

22 company in Tennessee. And as a result of that,

23 respondent assisted in the sale of five alarm systems

24 in 2015 without being licensed.

The investigation indicated that the

Kansas, to their Secretary of State's office, since

they were previously listed as a corporation there.

and they also did not have a good address and have

4 been receiving their mail returned to them as well.

The only other thing I could think of possibly was to 5

try to have someone personally try to locate them in

Kansas, but we don't have the authority to send any

of our people obviously to Kansas.

9 So I am asking that this Board close this 10 case on the inability to prosecute. The upside, I

think, is that the other members of this joint 11

venture did pay a thousand-dollar civil penalty and 12

13 signed a consent order. So someone did ultimately

14 receive discipline as a result of this unlicensed

15 activity. We would -- I'd also let the Board know we

16 would be sure to flag this case in the system so if

17 we did see anybody from the company individually, or

18 the company itself reappear, that we could readdress

19 this complaint at that time. But at this point -- I

20 am always open to the Board -- if you have any other

21 ideas on how to locate them, I'd be happy to take

22 those on and try them. But at this point, all of our

23 ideas are exhausted. So that is my motion to request

24 that this be closed and flagged for future. 25

CHAIRPERSON HIXSON: Okay.

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respondent no longer maintained a place of business

in the State of Tennessee, and it was concluded

3 because respondent failed to make -- this was

4 concluded because they stopped paying rent on their

5 location and ultimately we couldn't find any

6 indication that they were here in the state. Since I

7 received the case, in an attempt to continue the

process for the Board, we -- the legal department has

9 been unable to contact anybody associated with the 10 respondent.

11 Efforts that we have taken are running

12 clear reports which are fairly extensive background

13 checks on all of the known members of the 14 organization. We have e-mailed employees. We have

called every number that is in the background

16 reports. They have all been listed as disconnected.

17 All of the E-mails have bounced back to us indicating

18 that they are no longer active.

They had an accountant file their --

20 dissolve their corporation in both the State of

21 Kansas and the State of Tennessee. I contacted that

22 accountant, and she informed me she has not heard or

had any contact information from them since the 23

24 beginning of 2015.

We have also reached out to the State of

Page 36 1 MR. COCKROFT: This company was the one doing installs for another company that was licensed; 2 3 is that correct?

4 MS. PAGE: Yes. Well, they did some 5 phone -- they called five people, helped with the 6 deal, then ultimately did the install.

MS. THOMAS: I think they did a lot of the selling of the alarm systems, this company did, in connection with another company.

10 CHAIRPERSON HIXSON: Does your clear 11 report show if they started a business in another 12 case besides Kansas?

13 MS. PAGE: If they registered it to 14 themselves personally, yes. At this point the only -- the last corporate formation in any of the 16 officer's names is the respondents and it was 17 dissolved.

18 CHAIRPERSON HIXSON: Any other questions? 19 Do we have a motion on the matter?

20 MR. ROBERTS: Madam Chairman, I make a motion that we concur with the recommendation we just 21 received, that we close and flag this particular case

23 for the reasons that have just been outlined.

24 MR. COCKROFT: Second.

25 CHAIRPERSON HIXSON: Okay. We have a

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motion by Mr. Roberts, a second by Mr. Cockroft to concur with Counsel's recommendation in this matter

3 to close and flag. All in favor voice by saying aye. 4

THE BOARD: Aye.

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CHAIRPERSON HIXSON: All opposed.

6 The motion carries. Thank you.

7 MS. THOMAS: Thank you. Sara. 8

MS. BELL: Who seconded that?

CHAIRPERSON HIXSON: Mr. Cockroft.

10 MS. BELL: Thank you.

MS. THOMAS: If you are ready, we can go

12 back to the top of the legal report.

13 CHAIRPERSON HIXSON: Okay.

MS. THOMAS: Okay. So the first case on

15 the legal report, the below complaint alleged that

16 the named respondents failed to submit termination

17 notices within 30 days of the employee's termination

18 date, all being in violation of Tennessee

19 Comprehensive Rules and Regulations 0090-01-.06(9)K.

20 The allegations arose following the Board office's

21 receipt of termination notices for registered

22 employees no longer employed by the Alarm Systems

23 Contractors. The complaints listed below were opened

24 after the Board drafted rules which went into effect

25 on May 26, 2016, and the qualifying agents filed the

instances where they just put the wrong date or had the date of hire with the company rather than --

3 CHAIRPERSON HIXSON: Yeah.

MS. THOMAS: Yes.

MR. ROBERTS: Was it just one company

involved or is there a whole bunch of companies? 6

MS. THOMAS: There were multiple companies.

9 CHAIRPERSON HIXSON: Yeah, she's got it 10 in there, the effective date of employment with the

state versus the date of employment with the company. 11 so we covered that with the motion previously. 12

13 MR. ROBERTS: Is that indicative of a 14 surprising number of company -- multi-state companies

bringing their employees into Tennessee for the first 15

16 time?

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MS. BELL: Yes.

18 MS. THOMAS: Of the multi-state

companies, yes. Like I said, I think it all comes 19

20 from adding that expiration date to the registered

21 employees' registration cards. And so then when

22 renewal notices go out, we have X number of employees

registered with your company, and then we get 23

24 companies submitting termination notices to comply or

registration applications saying, these are the

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termination notices in order to bring the companies

2 into compliance. 3 If the Board needs me to, I can read each

4 complaint into the record, but my recommendation for all of them would be to issue a letter of warning as

we have discussed earlier regarding Tennessee

7 Comprehensive Rules and Regulations 0090-01-.06(9)K

and close. As I said, the violations were discovered

9 upon the effectiveness of the rules entered May 26, 10 2016.

11 MR. ROBERTS: Would all of these fall 12 within the action that the Board took just a few 13 minutes ago?

MS. THOMAS: Yes, sir.

15 MR. ROBERTS: I think that that action 16 should cover this, and I wouldn't think we need 17 another motion, that you've got sufficient authorization to deal with those. 18

19 MS. THOMAS: Absolutely. And by that 20 same argument then, we can probably skip ahead to 21 Number 3, because Number 2 addresses the second 22 motion you made earlier. So we'll move on to case

23 Number 3.

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24 MR. ROBERTS: All of these that -- within 25 case Number 2, as you have it numbered here, are

Page 40 people that actually work for me. And that's where 1 2 the complaints came from.

3 CHAIRPERSON HIXSON: I think what Ken was 4 asking is, is this a high number of people that are 5 transferring -- companies transferring registered

employees? 6

7 MR. ROBERTS: In from out of state for 8 some reason.

9 CHAIRPERSON HIXSON: It looks like they 10 are in and out a lot.

11 MS. VEST: This has become a serious 12 problem in the department, and when I said we need to 13 sit down and take a look at the rules, yes, I believe

we do. We are having a flux of applications that you 14 are going to see. These are out-of-state companies. 15

16 Usually they are not --

17 MR. ROBERTS: You have to speak into the 18 microphone.

19 MS. VEST: Usually they are not Tennessee 20 companies. They are usually out-of-state companies,

21 and that's -- it's always been a problem, but I don't think we knew -- because we would see in this little 22

23 piece here and little piece, when you put them all

24 together then it becomes a problem. We got on the

phone, we have called them, we sent them notices, and

Page 43 Respondent states the application and required fee was submitted on July 22, 2015. Respondent states that when the check did not clear the bank account. the Board office was contacted. The Board office informed respondent that the application was not received, and as a result the application was resubmitted with a new fee payment on November 2, 7 8 2015. 9 Documentary evidence submitted with the 10 response corroborates respondent's statement. The failure of the application to be submitted within 12 30 days appears to have been an error out of control 13 of both the Board office and the respondent, and my 14 recommendation is to close. I presented this one 15 separately because it's a bit of a different set of 16 facts than the other cases. 17 MR. ROBERTS: Madam Chairman, I make a 18 motion we concur with the recommendation of Counsel 19 and close this particular complaint. 20 MR. COCKROFT: Second. 21 CHAIRPERSON HIXSON: We have a motion by

Page 42 all the way up the chain. When the applications came 2 in, the Board staff was surprised when they were referred to legal. Legal was surprised when we 4 presented it to you, so everybody was surprised at 5 that. 6 CHAIRPERSON HIXSON: But these all fall

they are going, no, I'm sorry. And I don't think --

MR. ROBERTS: They just --

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no matter what we put on the application, that they

MS. VEST: They just put the date -- he

MR. ROBERTS: So it's not indicative of

MS. THOMAS: And that is true, that has

MR. ROBERTS: But again, you know, if

CHAIRPERSON HIXSON: These all fall

MS. THOMAS: And that surprise ran from

CHAIRPERSON HIXSON: This sounds like

was hired at my company on this date. And I put that

on there because I didn't move him in there today.

But three months from now I might move him into

Tennessee is what we are getting. So that is a

just a large number of people from out of state?

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9 MS. THOMAS: They do. 10 CHAIRPERSON HIXSON: Okay. I think we

11 are good to go. Are you ready for Number 3?

12 MS. THOMAS: Yes, ma'am. Case Number 3 13 is 2016050311. This complaint opened alleging that respondent failed to register an alarm employee 15 within 30 days of the hire date, in violation of

16 Tennessee Code annotated 62-32-3012.

17 THE REPORTER: I'm sorry, 62-32? 18

MS. THOMAS: Sorry. 3012.

19 CHAIRPERSON HIXSON: She's going to slow 20 down now.

21 THE REPORTER: Thank you.

> MR. ROBERTS: I'll send you a copy later. MS. THOMAS: The Board office received an

23 24 application for registration on November 4, 2015,

which listed a hire date of June 29, 2015.

Page 44 1 CHAIRPERSON HIXSON: All opposed. The 2 motion carries.

Mr. Roberts, a second by Mr. Cockroft to concur with

Counsel's recommendation. All in favor voice by

THE BOARD: Ave.

3 MS. THOMAS: Case Number 4 is 2016031801. 4

This complaint opened alleging that respondent is

installing cameras and security equipment without a

license. The complaint included a copy of a security

7 system quote that included camera installation.

Respondent states that the company does not install

security systems but rather the security work is

10 contracted to a licensed alarm systems contractor. A

statement was included from the Alarm Systems 11

12 Contract -- meant to say Contractor -- I'm sorry --

13 who indicated that the respondent incorporates a

security systems estimate in the bids provided to

15 customers. Respondent's witness indicates that the

16 licensed company provides the installation,

17 programming and monitoring.

18 My recommendation is to issue a letter of warning regarding Tennessee Code Annotated 19 20 62-32-304(e) and close.

MS. JONES: I'm confused a little bit.

22 It says someone is installing cameras and security

equipment without a license, but then down there it

says a licensed alarm systems contractor. Can you 24

kind of draw me a picture of who and what?

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saying aye.

Page 47 1 the bid for the CCTV and the cameras. 2 MR. COCKROFT: What does this other 3 company, the unlicensed, the respondent, what do they do? What is their primary business? 4 5 MS. THOMAS: Again, I didn't pull the case file. I can get my paralegal to pull that case 7 file, but I believe they just sell the cameras, the 8 equipment, if I am remembering correctly. 9 MR. COCKROFT: And it may not really have 10 any bearing. I guess I was more trying to get a picture of what they were doing. If this is an HVAC 11 12 contractor that is also trying to sell alarms or this 13 is a contractor that is building a house. 14 MS. THOMAS: They do sell audio-video 15 equipment. 16 MR. COCKROFT: Okay. 17 MR. ROBERTS: So are they licensed to do 18 anything that's regulated by this Board? 19 MS. THOMAS: They are not. 20 MR. ROBERTS: So they are going out and 21 selling closed circuit television and security 22 systems perhaps along with some other stuff. 23 MS. THOMAS: Yes.

MR. ROBERTS: And then they are hiring

25 some other company to do the installation.

1 MS. THOMAS: So respondent makes bids. 2 and included in their bids is the installation of security systems. For that particular act, they hire a licensed alarm systems contractor to do that. 5 MS. JONES: They subcontract a 6 licensed ---7 MS. THOMAS: Right, and that's for 8 discussion for the Board, as I was reading through 9 the case file, because it seemed like they use this 10 particular alarm systems contractor exclusively, and 11 it almost rises to the level of a joint venture. 12 That's why I wanted to start with the letter of 13 warning for the joint venture rather than a 14 subcontractor, because I feel like that that's more 15 of a one-off rather than an established relationship. 16 that I am going to always use this person. But I am 17 open to the Board's interpretation of that activity. 18 MS. JONES: So there's an unlicensed CCTV 19 company contracting a licensed alarm company? 20 MS. THOMAS: I'm not sure if they are 21 CCTV, but I guess they sell this equipment. 22 MS. JONES: They don't have a license for 23 nothing, for anything --24 MS. THOMAS: Right. They are not 25 licensed for anything under our statute.

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Page 46 1 MS. JONES: They just hire a 2 subcontractor to do it and in their camera quote, 3 they have a security quote? 4 MS. THOMAS: Right. 5 MR. COCKROFT: By "security," we are 6 saying a burglar alarm-type system? 7 MS. THOMAS: Yes, sir. 8 MR. COCKROFT: So they are quoting a 9 camera system and a burglar alarm system for someone 10 else, or a licensed company to install, but the one 11 doing the quoting is not --12 MS. THOMAS: Is the unlicensed company. 13 MS. JONES: Does the alarm contractor 14 have CCTV on their classification -- on the license? 15 MS. THOMAS: I believe so. I'd have to look at the case file again. 16 17 CHAIRPERSON HIXSON: It would still be 18 unlicensed activity. 19 MS. JONES: Yeah, I don't know how they 20 are --21 MR. HARVEY: They couldn't sell it, 22 though. 23 MS. JONES: Their name shouldn't be on 24 the quote, I guess is what I am saying. It should 25 be -- the alarm company should be -- should be doing

Page 48 1 MS. THOMAS: Yes. 2 MR. HARVEY: Its a licensed company. 3 MR. ROBERTS: Well, that puts them in the category of actually selling this which is -- which 4 would be regulated by this Board. If they are going 5 6 out and selling it. 7 MS. THOMAS: Okay. 8 MR. ROBERTS: I think we probably need a 9 little more information on this particular --10 MR. COCKROFT: And it would even get back to the joint venture if there would be something with 11 12 the other company involved. 13 MR. ROBERTS: I wouldn't necessarily see 14 it as a joint venture, however, which was the 15 question you raised. The fact -- let me put it in a 16 little different context. Say there's a general 17 contractor. They are building a house and they 18 include a security system. They include a closed circuit television system as part of the overall 20 general contract. And then they hire that work out to a licensed contractor. Then that would be -- you 21 know, would be within an appropriate relationship. 23 And the fact that they used the same subcontractor on 24 a regular basis would not indicate a joint venture. 25 It's just that they use the same subcontractor, which

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is a pretty common practice.

2 But, if on the other hand, you've got a 3 specialty company -- say they do sound systems, but 4 they are also selling the customer a closed circuit 5 television system and selling the customer a security system, then they are actually doing the sale and 7 then just parceling part of it off to a licensed company. I would think that is improper and --

9 CHAIRPERSON HIXSON: It's unlicensed 10 activity.

11 MR. ROBERTS: Yeah. So we kind of need 12 to get a few more details on that. Would you --13 maybe we want to skip that one and go on to the next 14 one and come back.

CHAIRPERSON HIXSON: I think she sent her 15 16 paralegal.

17 MS. THOMAS: She went to get the case 18 file.

19 CHAIRPERSON HIXSON: So we are ready for 20 Number 5.

21 MS. THOMAS: Case 2016039161. This 22 complaint opened alleging misconduct by respondent.

23 The complainant alleges that respondent cancelled the 24 monitoring service without 30 days' written notice.

25 in breach of the contract signed between the parties.

Mr. Roberts, a second by Mr. Cockroft, to concur with our counsel's recommendation in this matter. All in

favor voice by saying aye.

THE BOARD: Ave.

CHAIRPERSON HIXSON: All opposed. The 5 6 motion carries.

7 MS. THOMAS: Case Number 6 is 2016039961. 8 This complaint alleges that respondent engaged in

9 misconduct in violation of Tennessee Code Annotated

10 62-32-319. Complainant alleges that respondent

11 falsely reported time to his employer for which he

received compensation. Complainant provided an 12 agreement purported to be signed by respondent 13

wherein he acknowledged the theft of time, and agreed

15 to resign from his position within respondent company

16 and not work as a registered employee under the

17 certification granted by the Alarm Systems

Contractors Board. Respondent's registered employee 18

19 license did expire on May 31, 2016, and no new 20 application had been submitted.

21 My recommendation was to close and flag 22 as respondent is no longer a licensed registered

23 employee.

24 MR. HARVEY: Make a motion to concur with 25 counsel.

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- 1 Complainant states that the breach in the agreement
- 2 endangered his company. Respondent states that
- 3 notice was provided to complainant that his account
- 4 would be cancelled due to his failure to pay the
- 5 outstanding balance. Respondent indicated several
- instances wherein complainant made partial payments,
- 7 if any, on the account, and as of June 2016 there was
- an outstanding balance of \$831.24. Respondent states
- that attempts to settle the outstanding balance were 10 unsuccessful.

11 Finally, respondent states the following: 12 Complainant's lack of cooperation and aggression 13 toward respondent company, complainant's account was

14 cancelled and the balance zeroed out. Respondent 15 included invoices showing complainant's outstanding

16 balance, as well as correspondence from complainant

17 to respondent regarding the discrepancy and balance 18 due.

19 My recommendation is to close as the 20 matter is a breach of contract dispute.

21 MR. ROBERTS: Madam Chairman, I make a 22 motion that we concur with the recommendation of 23 counsel.

24 MR. COCKROFT: Second.

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CHAIRPERSON HIXSON: We have a motion by

1 MS. JONES: Second.

CHAIRPERSON HIXSON: We have a motion by

2 Mr. Harvey, a second by Ms. Jones to concur with our

counsel's recommendation. All in favor voice by 5 saying aye.

6 THE BOARD: Aye.

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CHAIRPERSON HIXSON: All opposed. The motion carries.

9 MS. THOMAS: Case Number 7 is 2016040441.

10 This complaint opened alleging that respondent failed 11 to submit a change of address within 30 days, in

12 violation of Tennessee Comprehensive Rules and

Regulations 0090-01-.069(g). On January 29, 2016. 13

the Board Office received returned mail indicating

respondent's new address. When contacted, respondent

16 confirmed the change of address and indicated that

17 the effective date for the change of address is 18 May 2015.

19 My recommendation is to issue a letter of warning regarding Tennessee Comprehensive Rules and

Regulations 0090-01-.069(g). 21 22 MR. COCKROFT: What's the timeframe that 23 they are supposed to report within? Is it 30 days?

90 days --24

MS. THOMAS: 30 days.

1	Page 53 MR. ROBERTS: Madam Chairman, I make a	1	Page 55 CHAIRPERSON HIXSON: Okay. We have a
2	motion we concur with the recommendation of our	2	motion by Ms. Jones to concur with our counsel's
3	counsel.	3	recommendation. Do we have a second?
4	MR. COCKROFT: Second.	4	MR. HARVEY: Second.
5	CHAIRPERSON HIXSON: We have a motion by	5	CHAIRPERSON HIXSON: And a second by
6	Mr. Roberts, a second by Mr. Cockroft to concur with	6	Mr. Harvey. All in favor voice by saying aye.
7	our counsel's recommendation in this matter. All in	7	THE BOARD: Aye.
8	favor voice by saying aye.	8	CHAIRPERSON HIXSON: All opposed. The
9	THE BOARD: Aye.	9	motion carries.
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11	motion carries.	11	2016048261. This is a consumer complaint alleging
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21	My recommendation is to issue a letter of	21	other security company and had no responsibility for
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23	62-32-316(d).	23	10.00000 10.0000000000 10.0000000 10.000 10.0000000 10.00000000
24	1 5	24	contract with complainant which included a
25	MR. HARVEY: To concur with counsel.	25	clarification questionnaire. Within the
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1	MR. COCKROFT: I'll second then.	1	questionnaire complainant acknowledged that
2	CHAIRPERSON HIXSON: Motion by	2	respondent company was not associated with any other
3	Mr. Harvey, a second by Mr. Cockroft to concur with	3	security company. She accepted responsibility for
4	our counsel's recommendation in this matter. All in	4	addressing any contractual and/or financial
5	favor voice by saying aye.	5	obligation with her previous alarm company. The
6	THE BOARD: Aye.	6	questionnaire included complainant's initials by each
7	CHAIRPERSON HIXSON: All opposed. The	7	declaration and her signature at the end of the
8	motion carries.	8	questionnaire.
9	MS. THOMAS: Case Number 9 is 2016048211.	9	My recommendation is to close.
10	This complaint opened alleging that respondent failed	10	MR. HARVEY: Make a motion to concur with
11	to submit termination notices for two registered	11	CUAIRDERSON LIIVSON. Before we do ass
12	employees timely, in violation of Tennessee	12	CHAIRPERSON HIXSON: Before we do, are
13	Comprehensive Rules and Regulations 0090-01069(k).	13	you going to send a letter to this complainant?
14	The Board Office received two termination notices on	14	MS. THOMAS: Usually the letter
15	February 16, 2016, indicating termination dates of	15	CHAIRPERSON HIXSON: Explaining the
16	January 20, 2015, and January 26, 2015. Respondent	16	Board's action?

17 states the applications contained a typographical

21 respondent's explanation of a typographical error

19 January 20, 2016, and January 26, 2016.

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18 error, and the dates of termination should have read

My recommendation is to close as the

MS. JONES: I make a motion we concur

appears corroborated based on the Board Office's

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20 what we do.

MS. THOMAS: Yes, we usually send a

MR. HARVEY: That's a civil matter versus

CHAIRPERSON HIXSON: Yeah, I agree.

23 me. I mean, it goes to some of what the new rules

25 just -- I don't understand how the consumer signed

24 are about as far as the door-to-door sales. I

MR. COCKROFT: This one kind of troubles

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   all these things, said all these things, but now they
   are saying they weren't told this. Was it -- did you
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   have a voice recording? Did they have a recording --
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          MS. THOMAS: I don't have a copy of the
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  welcome call survey, but I do have a copy of the
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   questionnaire and the contract that the complainant
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8 CHAIRPERSON HIXSON: And she doesn't 9 dispute that she signed this?

> MS. THOMAS: She does not. CHAIRPERSON HIXSON: Okay.

12 MR. COCKROFT: The complainant doesn't 13 dispute it now?

14 MS. THOMAS: No. she does not dispute it. 15 MR. COCKROFT: So the complainant now 16 says different than what they complained about; is 17 that what I am --

18 MR. HARVEY: No.

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19 MS. THOMAS: She's not saying -- she's 20 saying that they did not fully explain it.

Unfortunately, she signed a contract indicating that 21

22 she clearly understood all of the terms. She

23 initialed all the declarations. I don't know that we

24 can now hold the company responsible for her entering

25 into two contracts when she has declared that she

know if verbally that was the same thing that took

place. Because it's just hard to believe that the

3 person signed all this paperwork with all of this

stuff saving they didn't have a contract, they didn't

have another alarm. We have heard this numerous 5

6 times, and sometimes there is even a recording where

7 they supposedly said they understood that. But I

8 auess it could be buyer's remorse where down the line

9 they are saving they don't want it.

10 MR. HARVEY: Maybe going forward that 11 should be part of the questioning with the investigation on these cases so that we don't just 12 13 sit here and assume that they have been bamboozled.

14 MR. COCKROFT: Because we need to start 15 finding out, I guess, if -- like, did they present the card, their business card with their name, their 16 17 license number, represent themselves as the company

18 they said they were. I mean, that's --

19 MS. THOMAS: And in this particular case. 20 all of those were -- like I said, they initialed

21 those decorations that she knew this was the name of

22 her company -- well, the company that was selling her

23 the new alarm. She knew that they were not

affiliated with her previous company. But if there's

additional investigation that the Board would like me

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understood that she wasn't under an obligation, or 2 the company was not under an obligation to cancel her 3 first contract.

CHAIRPERSON HIXSON: As long as she acknowledges that she initialed each of those declarations, I think a letter of explanation that the Board's not going to take any action on this should be sufficient for that.

MR. ROBERTS: I don't fully agree with 10 that. I am concerned that the action here by the 11 respondent is contrary to the spirit of the rules and 12 code of conduct that we incorporated recently.

13 MR. COCKROFT: I agree. That's -- this 14 goes right to the root of that.

15 MR. ROBERTS: I believe so. Now, what 16 action we want to take, I think the complainant bears 17 some responsibility for what's taken place. If they 18 have initialed and indicated that they knew this. 19 then I think the complainant is not without blame, but, you know, this case goes right to the heart of 21 what we had instituted in our Code of Conduct Rules.

23 the complainant. If the salesperson went in and 24 said, you know, sign here and checked all these

MR. COCKROFT: I'd like to know more from

things off and doesn't explain anything, I'd like to

to do, I can definitely send that out. 1

MR. HARVEY: All I was suggesting is in

3 the future maybe that just be part of the

investigations, that line of questioning; were they

harassed or were they asked to do something they 6 didn't understand, to go along with the new rules

7 which --

MR. ROBERTS: Because this is a situation where we are really trying to protect the consumer.

I would -- Madam Chairman, I would make a motion that

we send this respondent a letter of warning outlining 11 the new rules and the code of conduct, which may not

13 have been in effect at the time this transaction took

place anyway, so that the respondent company would be

aware of what our rules now encompass, so that we 16 would perhaps not encounter future problems of this

type. Yeah, I think we need to send the respondent a 17

18 letter of warning outlining our -- the current rules.

19 MS. JONES: This happens so much, I hear it. I'm sure all the other contractors do too. When

you go out on a job site, they tell you what the 21

other contractor did. And if we were to go over all these cases, we would be here every day just going

24 through these cases and doing their investigative

25 work.

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          MR. ROBERTS: Madam Chairman, let me
2 rephrase that. Rather than call it a letter of
3 warning, let me suggest we send them a letter of
4 instruction so that they would be -- because, you
5 know, the respondent company here certainly doesn't
6 feel like they have done anything wrong. The
7 complainant is unhappy, but she's complacent or
8 complacent in what happened here, so I think a letter
9 of instruction rather than a letter of warning would
10 be a better way to term that.
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           MS. THOMAS: Is there a particular
12 instruction -- I guess I'll let the motion go and
13 then I'll ask my question.
           MR. HARVEY: We have an original motion.
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15 Do we have to vote on that if you are going to make
16 another one?
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           MR. ROBERTS: No. I just changed the
18 wording from letter of warning to letter of
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   instruction.
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           MR. HARVEY: There was a motion before
21 that to concur with the counsel.
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           MS. BELL: Keith made that motion
23 earlier.
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           CHAIRPERSON HIXSON: Did he get a second?
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           MS. VEST: No. there was no second.
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22 be applicable. 23 MR. COCKROFT: I would think that they 24 would want to point out they need to more fully explain the terms of the agreement. My guess would 25 Page 64 be that the contract with all these things were checked off and it was pushed in front of her to 2 3 sign --4 CHAIRPERSON HIXSON: No. it says she initialed by each declaration. That's why I kept questioning Ashley, was this just a check-off form that she signed en masse? But she actually initialed beside each declaration so she failed to read it 8 9 which --10 MR. COCKROFT: I am making assumptions 11 here, but I just don't see how the consumer did it 12 other than if it was strictly she changed her mind -he or she changed her mind. 13 14 MS. VEST: We're going to have to be 15 careful. If this is anything other than a letter of 16 instruction, letter of warning, if there was a fine 17 attached to this and then we had to go to a formal hearing, we are talking about a contract dispute that 18 19 you --

CHAIRPERSON HIXSON: That's why we are

MS. VEST: But then what did the company

not taking issue. It's just to bring to that

new rules on this --

company's attention about the rules, especially the

going to the complainant explaining the Board's

CHAIRPERSON HIXSON: All opposed. The

MS. THOMAS: Just before we move on, in

CHAIRPERSON HIXSON: I don't know that

MS. THOMAS: There is a door-to-door and

CHAIRPERSON HIXSON: I think both would

action. All in favor voice by saying aye.

the letter of instruction, am I specifying any

particular part of the Code of Conduct or just the

what am I actually advising them in that letter of

to include that, I think it would be okay. But I

"Contracting with Customers" portion? Am I trying to bring that to the respondent's attention or am I --

the whole Code of Conduct, but I think -- if you want

think more specifically the new rule about the -- is

then there's also 0090-06-.04 titled "Contracting

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           CHAIRPERSON HIXSON: Okay. So do you
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   want to propose a new motion?
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          MR. ROBERTS: I would -- I would make a
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   motion that we --
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          MR. HARVEY: No. I just want to make
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   sure we didn't skip over it.
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          CHAIRPERSON HIXSON: Okay.
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          MR. ROBERTS: Thank you, you are right.
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  I would make a motion we send the respondent a letter
10 of instruction making them aware of the new rules so
11 that perhaps they could preclude some of this type of
12 unhappy customer in the future.
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           MR. COCKROFT: Does that really help the
14 consumer at this point, though? I guess this
15 consumer is still left --
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           MR. HARVEY: From a consumer standpoint
17 it's still a civil matter, from the contract.
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           MR. COCKROFT: Okav.
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           CHAIRPERSON HIXSON: So do we have a
20 second to Mr. Roberts' motion?
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           MS. JONES: I second.
           CHAIRPERSON HIXSON: Okay. We have a
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23 motion by Mr. Roberts, a second by Ms. Jones to send
24 a letter of instruction to the respondent in this
25 matter, and then, of course, there will be a letter
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Page 67 Page 65 MR. COCKROFT: My guess would be they 1 unlicensed activity by respondent, in violation of Tennessee Code Annotated 62-32-304. The complaint 2 didn't fully explain the agreement. They probably 2 alleged that respondent is providing a large network presented paperwork and said here's all the paperwork, you initial here, here, here, here, sign of fire alarm systems in Tennessee without being 5 it here. 5 licensed by the Board or as a general contractor. 6 Respondent, an out-of-state company, states that the MS. VEST: And how do we stop the next 7 7 company was hired to find qualified licensed person from doing that? 8 MS. JONES: Exactly. 8 contractors to work at the Tennessee facilities. 9 MR. COCKROFT: I don't know, but that's Respondent states that after proposals were 10 what those rules were supposed to do. submitted, the company selected the best licensed 10 11 MS. VEST: I don't think so. I disagree contractor. Respondent states that the selected 11 12 with that. 12 company presented the license, insurance and the activity was confirmed with the Board Office. 13 MS. JONES: Like I said, we'll be here 13 14 My recommendation was to close as I did 14 all day if we start doing everybody's investigative 15 work. 15 not see a violation alleged. 16 MR. ROBERTS: I think we have taken the 16 MR. COCKROFT: So the out-of-town or 17 appropriate action to let this company be aware that out-of-state contractor, the respondent, didn't do 17 perhaps they need to be a little more careful. It 18 any work, they were helping find a contractor in the 19 would appear to me that we have an unsophisticated 19 state? 20 20 customer here that was just not very aware of some of MS. THOMAS: Yes, yes. 21 the ramifications of what the customer was doing. So MR. COCKROFT: And all the work was done 21 22 I think -- again, I think our action is perfectly 22 in the licensed contractor's name? 23 appropriate. 23 MS. THOMAS: That's correct. 24 MS. THOMAS: Okav. 24 MR. COCKROFT: In essence they came to 25 CHAIRPERSON HIXSON: Okay. Number 11. 25 help them shop for security systems? Page 66 Page 68 1 1 MS. THOMAS: Case Number 11, 2016049691. MR. ROBERTS: Acting as a consultant it 2 This complaint opened alleging that respondent failed 2 would seem. 3 to include the company certification number on 3 MR. HARVEY: Except they turned in an 4 correspondence, in violation of Tennessee Code 4 estimate first. That's a violation. 5 Annotated 62-32-316(d). The Board received a letter 5 MS. VEST: Where does it say that? 6 in connection with the registered employee 6 MS. JONES: The consultant, I guess. 7 application, and the letter did not include the MS. THOMAS: No. No, they didn't. MR. HARVEY: Isn't that what you said? 8 company certification number. Respondent states that 8 9 9 going forward the company will include the MS. VEST: No. 10 certification number on all correspondence. 10 MS. THOMAS: No, they didn't. The 11 My recommendation is to issue a letter of respondent company was hired by -- was hired by a 11 12 warning regarding Tennessee Code Annotated Tennessee company to get the bids to install that 12 13 62-32-316(d) and close. 13 fire alarm system, and they received the bids and MR. COCKROFT: I make a motion to concur 14 14 picked the best person for it and they received their 15 with the recommendations of our counsel. 15 license --16 MR. HARVEY: Second. 16 MR. HARVEY: So the licensed company 17 CHAIRPERSON HIXSON: We have a motion by 17 submitted the bids? 18 Mr. Cockroft, a second by Mr. Harvey, to concur with 18 MS. THOMAS: Right. 19 counsel's recommendation. All in favor voice by 19 MR. ROBERTS: Madam Chairman, I make a 20 saving ave. 20 motion we concur with the recommendation of our 21 THE BOARD: Aye. 21 counsel.

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MR. COCKROFT: Second.

CHAIRPERSON HIXSON: Okay. We have a

motion by Mr. Roberts, a second by Mr. Cockroft, to

concur with counsel's recommendation. All in favor

CHAIRPERSON HIXSON: All opposed. The

MS. THOMAS: Case Number 12 is

25 2016052571. This complaint opened alleging

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23 motion carries.

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I voice by saying aye.

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THE BOARD: Aye.

3 CHAIRPERSON HIXSON: All opposed. The

4 motion carries. Number 13.

MS. THOMAS: 13, yes. Case number2016051381. This complaint opened alleging various

7 administrative errors by respondent, including

8 operating a business without a designated qualifying

9 agent since February 23, 2016. Failure to certify

10 its branch office, failure to register employees

11 within 30 days, and operating under a name under that

12 which the company was certified. Respondent has --

13 that probably should say other than the company that

14 it's certified under.

15 Respondent has settled a prior complaint 16 and is in a payment plan currently. The instant

17 complaint is the result of the respondent's

18 compliance effort. The Board Office received a

19 designated qualifying agent and registered employee

20 application for respondent company in September of

21 2016. However, the previous designated qualifying

22 agent left the company in February 2016. Respondent

23 also uses a name and location other than the company

24 name and address which is certified.

Respondent did submit an application in

1 working. Like I say, they did come in and talk with

2 us about this, and there was a civil penalty

3 assessed, and then there was another very, very large

4 civil penalty assessed. What happened in the office

was we didn't attach this one with the second one

6 that they have the payment plan with.

7 MR. COCKROFT: So this is some clean-up 8 to the other --

9 MS. VEST: Yes, to the other two that we

10 have already settled, and they do have a payment plan11 on that large one.

MR. ROBERTS: Thank you. That makes a lot more sense then.

CHAIRPERSON HIXSON: But they are

15 working -- according to the wording in this, they are

16 working diligently to bring everything into

17 compliance, correct?

MS. THOMAS: That's correct.

MR. ROBERTS: Madam Chair, I make a

20 motion we concur with the recommendation of our

21 counsel here.

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22 MR. COCKROFT: Second.

23 CHAIRPERSON HIXSON: Okay. We have a

24 motion by Mr. Roberts, a second by Mr. Cockroft, to

5 concur with counsel's recommendation. All in favor

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1 order to obtain a designated qualifying agent and

2 added a DBA and address to the company certification.

3 Additionally, respondent indicated that all clients

4 have been informed of the company address change and

5 DBA.

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6 My recommendation was to issue a letter 7 of warning and close.

MR. COCKROFT: So did they move or do

9 they have two locations?

MS. THOMAS: They have two locations.

11 MR. COCKROFT: So they can't really add

12 an address, can they? I mean, they can't have more

13 than one.14 M

MS. THOMAS: They didn't --

So they have moved. At one point, they

16 had two addresses.

17 MS. VEST: Let me try to help just a

18 little bit.

MR. ROBERTS: I'm not clear on this one.

20 MS. VEST: This individual did come into

21 the office and speak to us, Ashley and myself. There

22 was a civil penalty that --

23 MR. ROBERTS: You have to speak into the

24 microphone.25 MS.

MS. VEST: Well, I am, it's just not

1 voice by saying aye.

2 THE BOARD: Aye.

3 CHAIRPERSON HIXSON: All opposed. The

4 motion carries.

5 MS. THOMAS: I believe we just have to go

6 back to case number 4. So respondent company is

7 giving estimates for home automation systems, and for

8 the security portion he contracts out to a licensed

9 alarm systems contractor.

10 CHAIRPERSON HIXSON: Define home 11 automation.

THE REPORTER: Define what?

13 MR. ROBERTS: Home automation.

CHAIRPERSON HIXSON: Home automation.

15 MS. THOMAS: That's the only

16 information -- that's the only information he gave

17 about what his company did versus what the licensed

18 contractor does.

MR. COCKROFT: Typically home automation would be lights and thermostats.

21 MR. ROBERTS: Door locks.

22 MR. COCKROFT: Sprinklers.

23 CHAIRPERSON HIXSON: Cameras.

24 MS. THOMAS: So the bid includes audio

25 locations, TV locations, and then there's a security

Page 75 selling cameras and security but then contracting 1 with the installer. They are selling the equipment and they are not licensed. 3 MS. JONES: If they did it the other way 4 5 around, it would have been different. If the 6 security company had subcontracted the automation 7 company, that would have been all right. 8 MR. ROBERTS: It would be my impression that this respondent company needs to be licensed to 9 sell closed circuit television and security 10 11 equipment, because that is apparently what they are 12 doing. 13 MS. THOMAS: Okay. CHAIRPERSON HIXSON: So is your -- your 14 15 letter of warning going to --MS. THOMAS: Yes, it could be for the 16 unlicensed activity for -- it could be a letter of 17 warning for that. Like I said, I had it as joint 18 19 venture, but if we want to warn them as to the 20 unlicensed activity, we can do it that way. If you 21 think that this rises to the level that it requires a 22 civil penalty, of course. 23 MS. JONES: Did the complainant say they -- these two people had done it many times? 24 25 MS. THOMAS: The complainant is a Page 76 1 competitor. 2 CHAIRPERSON HIXSON: What? 3 MS. THOMAS: A competitor so another licensed contractor. 5 MS. JONES: Do they have proof that they have done it many other times besides this one? 6 7 MS. THOMAS: The statement from 8 respondent's witness indicates that they have done 9 this previously. They have included this in their

Page 73 1 systems on-line, a cameras line and then in-ceiling 2 speakers for all audio locations, pool audio surround 3 systems. Those are the things that are on the bid. 4 And for the camera and security portion they used an alarm systems contractor that is licensed by the 5 6 Board. 7 MS. JONES: But they didn't put a 8 security system in? 9 MS. THOMAS: I'm sorry? 10 MS. JONES: They didn't put a security system in? They just put cameras? 11 12 MS. THOMAS: No, security system is 13 listed on the bid as well --14 MS. JONES: Oh, I didn't hear that part. 15 MS. THOMAS: -- but the respondent 16 company did not complete that installation. That's what they hired the licensed company for. 17 18 MR. COCKROFT: And they are not licensed 19 as a general contractor or something like that? 20 MS. THOMAS: Not that I know of. No they 21 are not, I'm sorry.

MR. ROBERTS: Based on the information

that -- and my understanding of the information you

25 going out and selling a home automated sound system,

presented, what this company is doing is they are

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Page 74 they are selling a security system, and they are 1 2 selling closed circuit television. Then they are 3 subcontracting out the installation of the closed 4 circuit television and the security system, but 5 they -- that, in my opinion, would be in violation of 6 our ordinances because they are, in fact, going out and selling the security systems and the closed 8 circuit televisions and then just hiring somebody 9 else to do the installation. And that, in my 10 opinion, would be a violation of our ordinances. 11 MR. COCKROFT: I think it is a violation 12 of the ordinance, but I think the one difference in 13 what you might have stated, I think their feeling, 14 the reason they feel it's not is that the licensed 15 contractor is billing everything. But the way you 16 said it they were subcontracting. I think they are 17 actually selling it, and the other company is

the licensed company, but that's still a violation.
 CHAIRPERSON HIXSON: It's not the general
 contractor.

probably billing and doing everything in their name,

MR. COCKROFT: Right, they would have to be a general contractor.

24 CHAIRPERSON HIXSON: Right, but they are 25 not. They are a home automation, but yet they are

bids and contracted that out. 10 11 CHAIRPERSON HIXSON: I don't know that a 12 letter of warning would be fitting for this 13 situation. This seems to rise above just the --14 MR. ROBERTS: 1 -- I am inclined to agree 15 that I think this rises above just a letter of warning. 16 17 CHAIRPERSON HIXSON: Yeah. 18 MR. COCKROFT: To both the licensed 19 company and the unlicensed company? 20 MS. JONES: Yeah. 21 MR. ROBERTS: No. I don't know that the

licensed company -- again, based on the information

presented, it would not seem to me that a licensed

company is doing anything improper. If they are

25 acting as a subcontractor on doing the security

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1 closed circuit television installation as a

2 subcontractor, they probably are not doing anything

3 improper. If they are -- in fact, if it is a joint

4 venture -- and we don't have information on that one

5 way or the other -- then we do have a violation

6 there.

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MS. THOMAS: All we have is the statement 8 from that licensed company that says that they are contacted by respondent company and they estimate the 10 cost to provide the security systems, and then that 11 is included in the respondent's estimate to the 12 customer.

13 MS. JONES: I didn't mean the licensed 14 company. I meant the unlicensed company is who I 15 would make a motion that we fine them for unlicensed 16 activity.

MR. COCKROFT: If all the work's being 17 18 done in the licensed company name, you could almost 19 say this was like the other one where the 20 out-of-state company was being a security consultant 21 for the people. I don't think that's really what's 22 being done here. I don't know that we have a clear picture of, are they really dealing with the licensed

MS. THOMAS: I missed the first part of

1 Board -- is the motion to include a civil penalty in

the amount of \$500 or a thousand? I say "a thousand"

because the statute says \$1,000 for unlicensed

activity at a minimum.

5 CHAIRPERSON HIXSON: Yeah, we have 6 decided on those without making further reductions because that was adjusted several years ago, I believe. I don't know. I'm reaching out to you 9 because it seems -- I know we are saying that the 10 licensed alarm company isn't doing anything wrong, 11 but I would hate to see that company continue to be

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involved in an activity that is not aboveboard. 13 MS. THOMAS: To include the licensed

14 company we would have to establish a separate complaint against them and investigate their dealings 15 with this unlicensed company further. To pull them 16 into this particular violation under this complaint. 17 18 they did not have a proper opportunity to respond or offer a response. They offered a statement as a 19

20 witness to the respondent. 21 So I would say if the Board is curious as 22 to the licensed company's activity, that's a separate

23 complaint, separate and apart from this particular 24 one we are discussing now.

MR. ROBERTS: Madam Chairman, I make a

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24 company or not. I mean --

MS. JONES: You don't think the homeowner mason company knows they need a license so they are going to subcontract it out to somebody that does have one?

MR. COCKROFT: It sounds like -- it does sounds like they're trying to subcontract.

> MS. JONES: But going around a law? MR. COCKROFT: Yes, it sounds to me like

10 some sort of joint venture. It's hard to tell from the information we have whether or not the licensed

12 company is at fault there or not. If it's truly that

13 someone just calls up the licensed company and says,

14 Can you do a quote for these people? And then all of

15 the business is handled by the licensed company, the 16 licensed company didn't do anything wrong. But it is

17 sounds like there's more to it than that, like

18 there's an ongoing relationship.

19 MS. JONES: On what we have, I will make 20 a motion that we fine the unlicensed company and then we'll get more information, I promise you. If 21

22 nothing is going on, they are going to call and say, 23 Hey, wait a minute, we'll get a broader picture.

24 MS. THOMAS: From the unlicensed company?

25 All right. As far as unlicensed activity, is the

Page 80 motion that we authorize a formal hearing and -- but

would authorize a settlement of this with a \$500

3 civil penalty for engaging in unlawful -- I'm sorry? 4

CHAIRPERSON HIXSON: It's \$1,000. MS. VEST: The minimum is \$1,000.

CHAIRPERSON HIXSON: It's a thousand --

7 MR. ROBERTS: Is that statutory?

8 MS. JONES: It is. 9 MS. THOMAS: It is.

10 MR. ROBERTS: Then we'll make it \$1,000 11 for engaging in unlicensed activity.

MR. COCKROFT: Haven't there been other 12 13 cases where it was done at a lower amount?

MS. VEST: The statute says it's a 14

15 thousand dollars minimum.

16 MR. COCKROFT: I have wondered about 17 that, but I thought there were some other fees that 18 were --

19 MS. VEST: Well, you do have a fee 20 schedule here, but it's not for unlicensed activity.

MR. COCKROFT: Okay. I was thinking 21

22 there were some that were less than that.

23 CHAIRPERSON HIXSON: Okay. Do you have 24 anything else on your motion?

25 MR. ROBERTS: No.

1	Page 81 CHAIRPERSON HIXSON: We have a motion by	1	against the registered company here. That would be
2	Mr. Roberts to authorize a formal hearing with a	2	based on them engaging in a joint activity.
3	consent order of \$1,000 civil penalty for engaging in	3	CHAIRPERSON HIXSON: Okay. We have a
4	unlicensed activity. Do we have a second?	4	motion by Mr. Roberts to authorize a complaint to be
5 6	MR. HARVEY: Second. CHAIRPERSON HIXSON: And a second by	5 6	opened against the licensed company to determine their level of activity in a joint venture. Do we
7	Mr. Harvey. All in favor voice by saying aye.	7	have a second?
8	THE BOARD: Aye.	8	MR. COCKROFT: Second.
9	CHAIRPERSON HIXSON: All opposed. The	9	CHAIRPERSON HIXSON: And a second by
10	motion carries.	10	Mr. Cockroft. All in favor voice by saying aye.
11	Now, does the Board wish to open a	11	THE BOARD: Aye.
12	complaint against the alarm company that's involved	12	CHAIRPERSON HIXSON: All opposed.
13	with this unlicensed activity?	13	MS. JONES: I forgot to say aye.
14	MR. ROBERTS: I don't visualize in this	14	CHAIRPERSON HIXSON: The motion carries.
15	situation, particularly unlicensed activity on the	15	MS. THOMAS: After a lot of conversation,
16	part of the licensed company. It might be worth a	16	I think that will conclude the legal report.
17	little bit of further inquiry, a little bit further	17	CHAIRPERSON HIXSON: Thank you. You did
18	investigation as to the relationship between the two	18	an excellent job.
19	companies. But based on, you know, what's presented	19	Okay, can we take a break?
20	here, I just don't see that we have any reasonable	20	MR. ROBERTS: Madam Chairman, before we
21	indication of unlicensed unlicensed activity on	21	do that, let me take just a moment to compliment our
22	the part of the licensed company.	22	legal section. I think they are doing she's doing
23	CHAIRPERSON HIXSON: Would this require a	23	an outstanding job, and I, for one, would just like
24	complaint being opened?	24	to recognize the hard work she puts into this. I
25	MS. VEST: Yeah, I believe this would	25	think it's exceptionally well done.
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1 2	require a complaint being opened for me to get on the phone and ask these people about this complaint.	1 2	MS. THOMAS: Thank you very much. I appreciate that.
3	CHAIRPERSON HIXSON: That's what I said a	3	CHAIRPERSON HIXSON: And the fact that
4	minute ago. Did anybody want to propose a motion to	4	she stuck with this for two months too.
5	open a complaint to investigate the level of activity	5	Okay, we are going to take a 20-minute
6	of the licensed company with the unlicensed activity?	6	recess.
7	MS. JONES: I think the other company	7	(Short break.)
8	ought to drag them in. If there's a civil penalty in	8	(Keith Harvey left the meeting room.)
9	it and it goes to a hearing, I think that we'll talk	9	CHAIRPERSON HIXSON: We are going to call
10	to them, don't you?	10	back to order this meeting of the Tennessee Alarm
11	MR. COCKROFT: I do think that probably	11	Systems Contractors Board. I think we are going to
12	would happen, but I still think we should look into	12	skip down to Exhibit E on our agenda.
13	it. Is the issue is there some issue with opening	13	MS. VEST: No, it's under E. It's not
14	a complaint if we if you look into it and you find	14	the E. It's Mr. Hartbarger, Assistant of Operations
15	there isn't a violation, we can still close it	15	Technology Changes and Licensing.
16	without any prejudice against them or	16	CHAIRPERSON HIXSON: Okay. It's beneath
17	MS. THOMAS: If there's no violation	17	Exhibit E, it's an individual entry?
18	found, of course, we can always close that complaint.	18	MS. VEST: Right.
19	MR. COCKROFT: I guess we are hesitant to	19	CHAIRPERSON HIXSON: Mr. Hartbarger,
20	say we want to open a complaint.	20	would you like to come forward and address the Board,
21	MS. VEST: I do have the authority to	21	please.
22	close it administratively, so it would never be	22	MR. HARTBARGER: Chairperson and
23	presented to you.	23	distinguished members of the Board. I am here today
24	MR. ROBERTS: Then with that	24	to talk to you about licensing and what the future

25 for licensing may hold. You wink at me when I'm

25 understanding, I make a motion we open a complaint

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MR. COCKROFT: You might want to sit down at the mic over there.

MR. HARTBARGER: I am here to talk to you today about the future of licensing. We have seen over the course of many years that licensing has changed, and the certificate and the need for the certificate. And so every individual board that I have spoken with have unique needs for it. So what 10 we want to do is I am going to start a dialogue.

11 I'm not here today to suggest to you that 12 we know all the answers, but the point is to come 13 talk to you and to start a dialogue and to suggest to 14 you a couple of things, and to show you a couple of 15 items and see where your mind will go with that. And 16 making sure what your rules are, your statutes and 17 all those things are all aligned to be able to 18 deliver some of these technologies. And some of the 19 technologies I'll show you today.

So my point is to show you this. Not to 21 say this is the answer, just to show you this purely to get you to think about what the future might hold for you. Is that okay with you?

CHAIRPERSON HIXSON: Sure.

MR. HARTBARGER: So if you want -- I

for manicures -- they literally used Microsoft Excel

and a colored printer, and they were producing these.

And they looked better than the ones that we

produced, to be honest with you. They actually had

5 better coloration and better uniformity to it, so

6 it's actually better in their cases than the one we 7 have.

8 So this is where we start today. Where 9 we want to start to go to is the beginning of something that could be automated and something that could be leveraged. People do not stay in their 11 12 office. People are out and about all the time. So we need to get to something that's mobile. So I'll 13 14 tell you that in the beginning.

15 As the first step, we need to get to a 16 different style of license that is more legible when 17 someone walks in. If you look at the previous style, 18 you very quickly see that it was a -- the previous style which is just paper -- I'm sorry. If you look 19 20 at that style, you'll notice that the fonts are not 21 difficult to read. If you are very far way from it, 22 in many cases you can't read it. And, again, it was 23 kind of in the day of 1980, which we probably thought 24 that was the height of something that looked good and

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think you have the paper in front of you also. So if you want to know the first couple that we are going 3 to do, this is the one we are going to look at. It's the one that's the Old Style. It's the one I'm sure you are very familiar with. So that is a lovely 6 photograph taken on the floor of my office so that we 7 get the flavor for this.

This is not high-tech. This is a piece of paper, and it's printed on a form. And if you know anything about protected forms in the past, 11 protected forms were difficult to reproduce. There 12 wasn't the technology that exists today. Today, so 13 you can understand it, I can take this form, go to my 14 house with an Inkiet printer and some simple software and produce one of these that's indistinguishable to 16 you from the one that you are looking at in front of 17 you.

18 So in the past this was considered a 19 security measure. If you look at the form, you are 20 going to see the word "void." If you get the right 21 angle, you are going to see the word "void" in it so 22 that if it were photocopied. That used to be the 23 height of security for a form. Today it is not the 24 height of security because as we said, we know people that were manufacturing licenses -- I believe it was

Page 88 Today what we are trying to go for is

1 2 something that's very simple and straightforward, and

3 so this is a prototype. This is not the end result 4 that you would get to, but it's a prototype of

5 something suggesting let's use cleaner fonts, make it

more legible. And if you'll look at the area on the

7 form, the -- if you look at this area on the form,

8 you see a lot of blank area. 9

was esthetically pleasing.

So what we are trying to do is thinking 10 in terms of how do we create a form that could be 11 used uniformly amongst all the alarm and associated 12 people? And so anything that would be unique to you 13 would be located in this area. And so that -- you 14 will also notice there is code over here, and I am 15 going to talk about that in a second. But initially 16 we would probably print this here and send this to you, and it would be on the exact same stock that you 17 18 get today. So as you are looking at it, you are 19 looking at this form.

20 So it is something that provides us with 21 a different methodology of prints and something we can actually get -- the state has a requirement that 23 we -- any form that we send out must go through a forms committee. We can create one form that can be 24 used uniformly across all boards.

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1 So now the next thing -- and it is 2 something that I am actually working on and excited about personally because we're working on it -- is the next step is, do we need to print this here and stick it in postal? And then we've actually had many issues over the last month and a half or two months 7 between state postal and the US Postal Service. They 8 are getting really slowed down. And something leaving here that you would normally expect to be 10 there in two days, three days tops is being a month. 11 So in many cases, there were people calling and 12 getting duplicates, and they were getting -- there 13 were some, I think four or five duplicates on some of 14 the boards, and then literally all would show up on 15 the same day. They got backlogged somewhere in the 16 postal system and wouldn't show up. Depending on the 17 type of permit it was, some people were not allowed 18 to work as a result of that not being there. Don't 19 know if that would impact folks at your board, but it 20 did impact other people, would refuse to let them 21 work without this piece of paper in hand. So we 22 wanted to get to something that goes beyond that. ' 23 So next the step -- and it's something

that I am working on -- is take a look at this piece of paper. This would be something that you are going

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Page 91 shows up from the time that it's approved here, maybe 1 within 10 or 15 minutes later, showing up in your 3 inbox and you'd be able to print it. Some 4 professions, in terms of what they want to be able to 5 produce and put in a frame may or may not be suitable for the kind of paper I showed you today. There is 7 paper that we would recommend that you potentially go pick up. It's a little heavier card stock that you 8 9 can put in your printer if you wanted something just a little thicker so you could put -- proudly display 10

One of the reasons that we at this point 12 13 in our testing have limited it to a small amount of 14 color, if you print it on this kind of paper, if you 15 put a lot of color, the paper will buckle. I don't 16 know if you are familiar with that. Have you ever 17 printed a photo on plain white paper and you see it 18 all puckers up? So that's why we've limited the 19 amount of color on here, is so you will be in a position to print it and not have it do that to you. 20

21 So again, this is a prototype that we are 22 looking at, this particular form being something we 23 will be able to produce here. And this form, still on the same old card stock, it produces it in gray scale. But then when we allow you to produce it in

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1 to be able -- could be able to in the very near future be able to print at your office. So you go in 3 and renew your license or you apply for a new 4 license. When that process is complete and you've paid your fees, and if somebody's got continuing 6 education and there's a bond requirement or whatever 7 may be done, when the person on Cody's staff hits the 8 button that says approve this -- once you get an 9 E-mail and this is what was attached inside the 10 E-mail. So you know that that's not too far away. 11 something I'm doing here in a test mode that we are 12 doing this today. We are able to send this and it 13

shows up in your E-mail account. So all you would have to do is go into your VO account that you are aware of, that VO account, and you would select a little switch that says, I want to be able to receive documents and E-mails. And it's got a field that says E-mail address, and you would put in the E-mail address that you want to receive these documents. And from that point on, any document that we deemed to bill to you, to send to you electronically, when you said that you wanted it, it would show up in your E-mail account.

So now you are not waiting for days or 25 weeks or whatever to get your license. Your license

Page 92 your office, then you have the ability to have it pop 1 up in color with just a little splash of color for

3 you to go in the frame.

4 Something even a little bit more 5 exciting -- I mean, I could show you my phone, but that same certificate, as you can see, it took a 6 7 photo of the phone. It shows up on the phone. It 8 fits nicely in one of the phones for somebody to be 9 able to show it to them.

10 MR. ROBERTS: Does it work on flip 11 phones?

12 MR. HARTBARGER: There's no good answer 13 for this. No. It don't work on flip phones. You 14 need some type of Smart Phone to be able to display 15

MS. VEST: Paul, let me ask on this one 16 17 here that you handed out, the paper one. Where is the photo going to go?

18 19 MR. HARTBARGER: You know we did not --20 in this particular case we didn't save a lot of 21 space. But the photo would go -- actually, we would move it around to be similar. And if you look -- if 22 23 you line those up next to each other, you can see 24 that the photo would go -- still go here in the same spot. We've left space for it. It's not perfectly 25

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2 MS. VEST: Okay. I see. All right. 3 MR. HARTBARGER: So we are actually working on being able to take the photos that are 5 sent in, and the photos will be scanned and actually 6 printed directly on this piece of paper. In those 7 cases, it's the case very specifically that we would recommend you get the thicker paper. So when it 8 prints, it will be sharper images. So yes, we are going to attach the form, the photo that you would 11 use, and then when this prints it would actually print in this area. 12

And again, you would want to use probably 14 a little heavier paper so it did not pucker and distort the image. There's paper that's maybe a dime a sheet that you can print those on that would do a really nice job, that you could then cut out, either choose to laminate or not laminate or stick it in one of the holders and it would work great.

19 20 MR. ROBERTS: This is more secure? 21 MR. HARTBARGER: We are going to go into 22 a little bit more of the security because the point is what you have today is not secure. And so what we 24 want to do is go over some steps that give you a little bit more security. So I have purposely not

1 were talking about all this space over here, whatever, that's where their certificate would go -where their classifications -- excuse me -- would go. 4 MR. HARTBARGER: So in this case, whether 5 you be looking at that phone and someone scanned 6 that -- because you actually can take the phone and 7 lay it on the table and take another phone and scan 8 it. It will scan the code, and it immediately -- the 9 verify application -- are you familiar with the 10 verify application? -- it goes to the verify 11 application and looks up this individual and takes 12 you straight to this page, which is the information 13 about the licensee that would have been on that page 14 that are reflective of that QR Code.

15 And so the security that we are trying to 16 build into this is something -- it's completely easy 17 to take any paper form and duplicate it. And so what 18 we want to do is give something so that if someone 19 does duplicate it, when they create that QR Code, if 20 the QR Code doesn't match who you are standing in 21 front of, it pulls up another licensee or pulls up 22 something that says this person expired two years ago and I am looking at a piece of paper that says their 23 24 expiration date is a year from now, you know that 25 it's been tampered with.

mentioned this little code down here for a second, so

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that's where we are going to go next. It's called 3 the QR Code. If you are ever interested in it if you have the iPhone and the Android phones, the one I use is the one from a company called QR Reader. I am not endorsing it. It's called QR Reader by a company called Scan. And you can find it. And it works really well to scan these codes and pull up the 8 information. 9

10 So now let's talk a little bit more about 11 security. Something that we can do with security to make this work better is both from the phone or from 12 13 the printed document. What if someone could walk up with a phone, have a little app that we just 14 15 mentioned called QR Reader, pull over the bar code. 16 and it sits there for a second, and the next thing 17 that comes up is this on their phone?

And it's actually information about that licensee as of that minute. So it's got their license status, their expiration date, the original date, the names. And in this particular case, it lists their specialties and goes a step further. So -- are those actually listed on their paper certificate?

MS. VEST: Yes. That was -- when you

1 What we are trying to do is be able to 2 get people to utilize what is in everybody's hand 3 today, which are mostly Smart Phones, a few flip 4 phones, but put something in their hands so we can 5 leverage the technology on-site, whether it be in the 6 field, if it's an employee, could be scanning of the 7 alarm system employee, or it could be the contractor, 8 the main contractor, whoever. But when they scan the 9 code, it's going to go straight to the database and 10 tell you about them.

Other items we have talked about -- and. 12 obviously, it will be a board decision or other 13 decision all over the place -- is also on this same screen potentially listing disciplinary actions that 14 have been settled. It will list any disciplinary 15 actions, so if someone had been disciplined, someone 16 17 scans that code, it comes up, lists information about them, lists their specialties, and then right below that lists one line per each of the disciplinary actions that have occurred. And with potentially the ability to click on any of them and see more detail.

22 MR. ROBERTS: Now, that's assuming that 23 you have Internet connectivity when you scan the QR 24 Code?

MR. HARTBARGER: Yes, sir, that's

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MR. ROBERTS: We do have some that --3 where you don't have that connectivity. I just wanted to make sure I understood that correctly. Thank you.

MR. HARTBARGER: Yes, sir. That's why for the foreseeable future you are going to remain with the ability to be able to print the documents, 9 so that you have a document that you can carry it 10 with you. So in a situation where that occurred, you 11 would be able to rely on that.

12 MR. COCKROFT: And if it's an expired 13 license, it would pull up showing something void or 14 expired. I tried the code just now and it took me to 15 the search page, one of those generic ones but it 16 didn't show -- it just took me to the generic search 17 page.

18 MR. HARTBARGER: That's what's coded on 19 this QR Code, is the ability just to get you there. 20 We do not have it coded to a specific business at 21 this point. I don't have it coded there.

MR. COCKROFT: Okav.

23 MR. HARTBARGER: But each one of these on 24 every license would be a unique QR Code, that when you scan it, it would take you straight to the screen

1 company. He probably wears your company ID. He's 2 got mine in his back pocket in his wallet. It's just 3 a card.

4 MR. COCKROFT: Well, I guess we would 5 have the option that they could print it themselves and laminate it if they wanted to. You would have 7 the issue where someone may not have a Smart Phone.

8 MS. VEST: Well, now, what we are talking 9 about? Don't all these cards come to the company? So you are not talking about Johnny sitting at home 10 doing it himself? 11

12 MR. ROBERTS: Well, they do now, but, you 13 know, I am not sure how the new registration 14 terminations are. I don't know how they are handled. 15 Are they sent to the company?

16 MS. VEST: Everything in your case is 17 sent to the company except for criminal histories. That's something that we might -- we might -- excuse 18 19 me -- we might want to take a look at this, and with 20 this different -- this technology that's coming, we 21 may want to look at something --22

CHAIRPERSON HIXSON: Well, isn't this up 23 here at the top? Can that be -- come with the ID? 24 Couldn't that be used in --25

MR. COCKROFT: Right, they could still

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I am showing you, take you straight to that type of 2 screen. 3

MR. COCKROFT: And even if someone didn't have Internet connectivity, it's not worse -- it's as good as what we have now, so if they have Internet connectivity it's so much better.

MR. ROBERTS: Yes, absolutely.

8 MR. HARTBARGER: Not to get real 9 technical with it, but you can actually take a photo 10 of this, and you can use that app I was telling you 11 about, QR. If you are not connected, you can take a 12 photo of the QR Code, get back in range of Internet 13 connectivity, and you can say scan it now, and it 14 will actually go through and do it two hours later, 15 whenever you get back to some place.

MR. COCKROFT: I like all the benefits of 17 the electronic aspect. I know Cody probably would like us to only do that, but I still think we are going to need cards. Maybe eventually we wouldn't, but I think for the short-term --

20 21 MS. VEST: Well, why would you actually 22 need a card if the individuals you are sending out to my home has it on his telephone and I am a savvy consumer, I am going to ask for an ID, and he's going 25 to show it to me? You give him an ID anyway for your print it out and laminate it.

2 CHAIRPERSON HIXSON: He was saying if 3 someone didn't have Internet connectivity, you would 4 have this, that you could issue to the -- or give out to the --

5 6 MR. HARTBARGER: That would be your 7 backup. So I talked to Cody on several occasions that we're working on it, to take the photos that 9 they send in, scan those photos, and actually print 10 that all in one shot to that card. That's why I was 11 suggesting you might use a heavier card stock. When 12 you know you are printing those, you put the heavier 13 photographic file paper in, it prints on there and 14 gives you a much more durable and clean image. 15

CHAIRPERSON HIXSON: I always think about 16 people like parents in their 80s -- they don't have 17 Internet connectivity, and they are going to revert back. They want to see something that they can look 18 at, you know. If you were to ask my dad what a QR 20 scan was today, he'd look at you like you've grown a 21 third eye. So, you know, I think about older people 22 that still want to see an ID.

23 You know. I like the format, I think it's 24 an excellent idea, especially if you have a photo, but I still think that needs to be implemented and

Page 101 1 not rely on just that scan code. Because you are not 2 looking at one segment of the population. You have got to look at, you know, the whole spectrum. And a lot of our alarm systems are with the elderly, and, you know, I think about them, especially with my parents.

7 MS. VEST: I just don't understand that, 8 because Johnny is going into the home. What 9 difference if he shows you a card or shows you on a 10 telephone?

11 MR. COCKROFT: Right, and we do have the 12 option to still print the card. When I first started 13 saying something, I didn't think about that.

14 CHAIRPERSON HIXSON: Yeah, when you get 15 to be 86, you'll understand, and that's all I'm going 16

17 MS. VEST: I am pushing that myself, but 18 I don't --

19 CHAIRPERSON HIXSON: When you get to be 20 that age, you'll understand.

21 MR. COCKROFT: But it sounds like we 22 would still have the option -- the company still has 23 the option to print a card out. And I don't think 24 it's any less secure than this card, because this one 25 can easily be duplicated. Can we --

1 unsophisticated customers out there, and they are 2 going to look at that picture. They kind of like indicated a minute ago, they -- some of them wouldn't 3 have a clue as to what a QR Code is and they are using -- my wife uses a flip phone. She wouldn't 5 6 take anything for it. So the flip phones are out 7 there, I know.

MR. HARTBARGER: You can get parts for 8 9 another six months and then you are going to be out 10 of luck.

MR. ROBERTS: Then I'll be in bad shape. 11 12 Anyway, you know, people like them really look at a -- look at an ID and say, Hey, yeah, okay, that's who it is. And when they see a person's 14 15 picture on an ID, that probably means more to them 16 than anything else. They may not even know it's the 17 State of Tennessee, because they see the picture and 18 that just provides reassurance to the customer.

19 I think that the photos are a sig- -- I 20 know they are a lot of trouble and especially -- one 21 of the things that would be, I think, very helpful if 22 we could submit the photos electronically rather than send it in pieces of cardboard with a questionable 23 photograph on it that has to be hand-snipped out and 24 25 scanned and all that here.

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1 CHAIRPERSON HIXSON: I agree. 2 MR. COCKROFT: Because we have had 3 complaints and we've got issues where that happened. 4 MR. ROBERTS: Did the -- if we did it 5 with photographs and the photographs being printed on the card, which I think we'd really need, would it be possible to also incorporate that in the on-line so that when they pulled up the -- when they ran the QR

MS. VEST: Let me interrupt that. Why do photo ID. I don't ask to see that photo ID. So my question is, why are we putting -- who does that benefit? They have got their ID in the back pocket. They got your tag on that says I work for this

9 Code, the photograph would show up there also? 10 11 we need the photo? You've already got their ID on --12 I am just asking a question because it's in the 13 statute. I understand that rule. The man from, say, 14 Comcast comes to my house. He doesn't have that 15 16 17 18 19 company, so why are we putting a photo on it? 20 MR. ROBERTS: Well, I think for --21 especially for an unsophisticated customer -- and I 22 keep thinking of the lady that we dealt with the 23 complaint a little while ago that initialed 24 everything and was paying no attention to what she 25 was doing. You know, we have got some very

Page 104 1 MS. VEST: Well, I'll interrupt you there and attempt to tell you, yes, sir, that's the way we 2 are going. You will be doing your applications on-line. There will be no paper applications, and 4 5 you will upload your education, your photo, whatever document that you need to send to us you have to do 7 it on-line with the applications and on your renewal. 8 That's --9

MR. ROBERTS: Makes perfect sense. Yeah. 10 But so you have already got the photo in electronic format. It would be easy enough, I would think, to include it in the -- we want it on what's going to be 12 an ID card here. I just wondered if it could be 13 14 included ---15

MR. HARTBARGER: I will take it down as a 16 suggestion and see what we might be able to reach across there to be able to find that information.

17 18 MS. VEST: Are you saying -- I'm sorry. 19 I just can't get this straight in my mind. Are you 20 saying your -- whatever you call that individual that goes to the home, they knock on the door and say, 21 Hey, I'm Johnny Smith from ABC, or whatever, they whip out their state ID and say, This is my picture? You always use your ID when you go knock on Mary's 24 25 door?

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                                                            1 as a state-sponsored ID. It's got a great photo.
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          MR. COCKROFT: Theoretically I think you
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          MR. ROBERTS: Supposed to -- supposed to
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          MR. ROBERTS: The Code of Conduct says
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          CHAIRPERSON HIXSON: One other thing on
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           MR. HARTBARGER: We can change the
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14 coloration, yes, ma'am.
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           CHAIRPERSON HIXSON: Well, I mean, it
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16 would just draw someone's eye to it that they weren't
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18 MR. COCKROFT: You know, a lot of small 19 companies don't have their own ID's. I mean, you are 20 talking -- some of the large national companies have a company ID that has a photo ID. We have a lot of 22 small businesses that are licensed in the industry 23 that don't have their own company ID per se.

24 MS. VEST: Well, this is where I speak up 25 and say, In my office, I am dealing with 90 to

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It's difficult to duplicate in the -- in a home
   setting. You can send it to China and get it
   duplicated for a buck, but other than that.
           MR. ROBERTS: Well, these -- what you are
   proposing here printed in your office would be easily
   forged and duplicated probably a little bit more so
   than what we currently have, but I don't think
   significantly more so. It would be easy to take that
    and basically copy it, reproduce it, put a new QR
    Code on there, but the QR Code would be invalid. But
    that wouldn't bother my wife with her flip phone.
            No, I don't see that what you are
    proposing would be any significant problem. Like I
    say, I think the -- to me, probably the thing that
    would be the least convenient was now when we get our
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    card, get the cards back, they are laminated. And
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MR. HARTBARGER: You could.

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    95 percent versus those 5 percent that don't, and
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   media, to get to the news media, whatever, how this
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 6 has to be done, I think that's the direction we are
   going to have to go into. Yes, sir, you are right,
   we do have companies -- I've have got several guard
 9 companies, for instance, don't even have a fax
10 machine yet. Well, they are really out of date, but
11 I have to deal with that other 95 percent that do.
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            MR. HARTBARGER: I spoke with a couple of
13 groups, and people that have -- just in general read
14 literature. Some individuals in some areas are
15 requiring a driver's license because it is one of the
16 few ID's that they spend a lot of money -- the state
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    spends a ton of money to get that, as unforgeable as
    you can possibly get it. So there is some thought
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    process that I've read about, about asking that
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    people would show their driver's license. Just put
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    that out for your consideration.
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           MR. COCKROFT: It's a more secure photo
23 ID, then just have the other as a companion?
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           MR. HARTBARGER: Yep. Those are some of
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25 the case studies that I have read about, using that

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           MR. ROBERTS: Give one to each employee?
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           MS. VEST: We couldn't block that out?
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           MS. VEST: Is that what you're asking?
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           MR. HARTBARGER: We need to explore that.
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           MR. ROBERTS: Again, it wouldn't be
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    anything to keep me from printing off five of them.
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           MR. COCKROFT: I just can't see that that
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    would be a --
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           MR. ROBERTS: But if we got photos on
    them, then printing off five would be a little more
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    challenging, wouldn't have five different employees
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    with the same photograph and long hair.
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           MR. COCKROFT: Don't you think the person
    that was going to print out multiple times would also
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    be the same person that would just forge it? I mean,
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   it's --
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           MS. VEST: You'd deal with that in a
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    different way.
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MR. COCKROFT: Right.

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          CHAIRPERSON HIXSON: Are you going to do
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  like a consumer affairs campaign to -- a consumer
   affairs campaign to notify the public of the changes
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   that are coming so they'll know to look for this
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MR. HARTBARGER: I'm sure Cody is going to do that.

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8 CHAIRPERSON HIXSON: I don't know if you 9 all changed across the board --

MR. HARTBARGER: You know what? I kid 11 when I say that because I actually was the IT 12 director here for 12 and a half years, and so, of course. I would not have done that. But now as an assistant commissioner of operations, I would 15 absolutely involve Cody and the team as we try to put something together. There would be a campaign. So, ves, ma'am, we would.

18 MS. VEST: Yes, I'm sure we'd be doing 19 something of that nature because this is going to 20 affect all the programs that are under our 21 supervision.

22 CHAIRPERSON HIXSON: But I was just 23 thinking of the state website, if it was at a less 24 specific group than just the Alarm Systems 25 Contractors Board. If you are making these changes

I was saying. If you have it at a higher level on the website before you start going into the particular boards and licensing sections, then they 3 know past that point, you know, they can't get to 4 5 this point unless they see this banner first. 6 MR. HARTBARGER: The way the Internet 7 works today is that most people arrive at pages via 8 Google or something similar to it, and since you can 9 search that way if you were to search for alarm contractors, it's going to probably take you to your 10 web page and bypass all those intervening pages. And 12 so that's when I mentioned it being multilayered. You are going to need that to be on all those layers. So if you land at commerce and insurance, or if you 15 land at regulatory boards, or if you land at alarm 16

contractors --17 CHAIRPERSON HIXSON: It's there. 18 MR. HARTBARGER: -- each one of those 19 layers is there once you do something you can see. 20 CHAIRPERSON HIXSON: Yes. 21 MR. HARTBARGER: I don't know that you've 22 noticed that -- the on-line capabilities that we 23 have, we have recently added videos. When you go to the VO page, the main page to sign up for a new

account or renew your account, over on the right-hand

Page 110 systemwide, that perhaps it needs to be further up on the website, you know, where the consumers would come

to that before they would enter the particular -- the 4 boards.

5 MR. HARTBARGER: I think you would have to do something like that. We would obviously work 7 on that, but I would think that would be multi-layered. You would have something that would be generalized to gather people's attention, and then 10 try to funnel it into the area that was very specific 11 to them.

CHAIRPERSON HIXSON: That's what I was saying. You know, wait until you get down into the specifics but have something further up on the website, you know, so that it catches people's eye when they first go to that website.

17 MS. VEST: This change is going to affect 18 all regulatory boards.

CHAIRPERSON HIXSON: Yes.

19 20 MS. VEST: Yes, and I'm sure we will be 21 doing some on our website. I have asked for years to 22 have flashing red or something to get their attention 23 right then, other than going down and wait until they 24 get to the Alarm Board.

CHAIRPERSON HIXSON: That's exactly what

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side at this point there are three videos that we 2 have linked to. And so over time there will probably

3 be instructional videos or something specific like

4 this. So if someone was going to be instructed, I 5 want to receive my license via E-mail as opposed to

printing and having to wait for it, there's probably

7 a video to say if you want to start that process, go and click this box that says receive via e-mail, and

then go to this box that has the E-mail address and

use an E-mail address if you want to receive that 10

style of document. And then from that point on, when 11 12 you go and say print the document, it's going to act

13 like it's printing, but it's going to E-mail it to

you as opposed to printing it here, having to be

forwarded and stuff by the postal group or the 15 16

US Postal Service and sent to you.

CHAIRPERSON HIXSON: Okay.

MS. VEST: Any questions?

19 MR. COCKROFT: Is there a significant 20 expense now in making the cards? Would you have a 21 savings if you didn't make the cards?

22 MS. VEST: Yes. Whenever you consider 23 everything, the biggest thing is the employee time, 24 and then, of course, with IT they have to actually

print the certificates. You have that expense. And

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1 then you come into my office -- I have told you 2 before we'd have to cut the photos out with a pair of 3 scissors, and then we have to do the two-sided tape. 4 do the laminate. It's the only way you hold a

5 picture on to it, so it's very labor intensive. Then you do have the mail.

7 MR. ROBERTS: Do you use a flip phone 8 too?

9 MS. VEST: I have gotten rid of my flip 10 phone. I have an Android.

11 MR. COCKROFT: Here is where my thought 12 was going. If there's a difference in cost, if either the registration fee could be lower or we 14 charge more or charge a fee for having a card, if 95 15 percent of the people wouldn't print the card -- I 16 mean, wouldn't want an actual card, but for that 17 5 percent, if they could check off something and get 18 you to make the cards for those and send those out 19 where they pay an extra fee or if everybody else pays 20 a lower fee.

21 MS. VEST: Well, that may be something 22 that we can look at, but we are trying to get the 23 industry to go through this. But, like you said, 24 there may be a transition period that we could do 25 that. I don't know. I'd have to talk with Paul

1 I don't know why --2 MS. VEST: That everybody has to do. 3 CHAIRPERSON HIXSON: Yeah, I don't know 4 why you couldn't submit the electronic photo submission too. You could still do it for the smaller companies that might not have the great 7 technology. 8 MS. VEST: Madam Chair, we are getting 9 there. We're getting there.

CHAIRPERSON HIXSON: Thank you. Enough 10 11 said.

12 MR. ROBERTS: It would be good if the photograph could be included with the information 13 14 that comes after going through the QR Code. 15 MR. HARTBARGER: I made a note of it.

16 MR. COCKROFT: And they would probably need a way to crop it or something so that they are 17 18 picking just the face, because people are going to 19 upload pictures that are humongous and small.

20 MS. VEST: Oh, yes. We don't want your 21 wedding photo, thank you.

22 MR. ROBERTS: Got the family dog in it. 23 MR. COCKROFT: I would think for the staff's, you know, position, it would be nice if

somehow the person uploading it, cropping it or doing

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about that, how that would work; but that's an idea. 2 MR. COCKROFT: I like everything we've 3 heard, though. I probably personally would just print it myself and laminate it and that would be the 4 5 end of it.

6 MR. ROBERTS: I don't see anything that -- like I say, the photographs are significant, but I don't see anything with what you are proposing 9 here, the change that would be a real showstopper as 10 far as I would be concerned.

11 MS. VEST: All right. Let me see. I may 12 have misunderstood, Paul, but whenever you send me your renewal, for instance, your application, and you 14 have uploaded your photo, I am going to send it back to you with the photo already on it. So you won't 15 16 need to do the laminate -- I mean, put the photo on 17 it. 18

MR. HARTBARGER: Right.

19 MS. VEST: You won't really need to even 20 laminate it if you don't want to.

21 MR. ROBERTS: The photograph is part of 22 the records that are maintained here. That's the way 23 it should be.

24 CHAIRPERSON HIXSON: Yes. And, you know, 25 you've gone to the electronic fingerprint submission.

something to it.

2 MS. VEST: Well, the -- you could tell 3 them, like we have now, there's a passport style. Just tell them it's got to fit in this box, crop it 4 5 to fit.

6 MR. COCKROFT: I'm just thinking about if 7 there was an on-line tool where they upload the photo and then they can select it with a box and submit it 9 or something.

10 MR. ROBERTS: Do we stipulate a passport 11 style photograph? 12

MS. VEST: Yes.

13 MR. ROBERTS: Well, that should clear 14 that up.

15 MS. VEST: And even that is too big. All that simply means is it is a frontal photo; it's not the side. This right here, this is all we want. So if you get a passport, it is a one-by-one, and that 18 is too large for us to put on a license, so we still 19 have to cut it down with a pair of scissors. So this 20 21 is all we want, this right here.

22 MR. ROBERTS: When you are doing it electronically, though, you can print it any size you 24 want. That would be a huge advantage to you I'm 25 sure.

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          MS. VEST: We get big ones, we make it
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2 small.
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          MR. COCKROFT: Thank you very much.
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          CHAIRPERSON HIXSON: Thank you. You did
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   an excellent job.
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          MR. HARTBARGER: Thank you. Very nice to
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   speak with you today.
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          MS. VEST: Thank you, Paul. I appreciate
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           MR. HARTBARGER: You didn't tell them
11 about my fourth grade education.
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           MS. VEST: Third grade.
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           MR. HARTBARGER: Third grade.
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           MS. VEST: I'll have to tell you all that
15 story. Paul's already had a presentation with my PI
16 board, and I'm probably going to say this
17 incorrectly. I don't know how it came about, but
18 somebody said -- one of the members said, well, what
19 was it about sending -- a third grader could do that.
20 Oh, we need to get a third grader to come in and show
21 us.
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           MR. HARTBARGER: Come in and show us how
23 to do this.
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           MS. VEST: So I just turned to Paul and
25 said, "Well, there he is." And I apologized. I did
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   first. He did send in an E-mail.
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           Mr. Beaty, did you sign in? You did
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          MR. BEATY: Yes, I did.
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          MS. VEST: You did this morning?
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          I hope I pronounced that name correctly.
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          MR. BEATY: Beaty.
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          MS. VEST: Beaty, excuse me.
           CHAIRPERSON HIXSON: Go ahead, sir.
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           MR. BEATY: Sure. Basically I was
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   requesting license because -- it fits that they
    would -- that we would do this because we have had
    the product since 2012, and -- but it's a
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    do-it-yourself and monitored on your iPhone or your
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    Android.
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           CHAIRPERSON HIXSON: Make sure the thread
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   is on there or else you are not getting recorded.
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           MR. COCKROFT: You can also hold that
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   button if you want to.
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           MR. BEATY: And now we are offering a
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   premium monitoring service which is offered by UCC,
   and UCC is licensed in Tennessee. And -- but since
24 we have chosen to brand it with Iris monitoring --
25 Iris Premium Monitoring, it's now our product. So
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1 Exhibit E, if you want to kind of look that over

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not hear what the gentleman had said at first when I
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   pointed to Mr. Hartbarger. I did apologize.
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           MR. HARTBARGER: I didn't even know I
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   could make it to the sixth-grade level, so I was
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   hurt.
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           MS. VEST: Thank you.
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           CHAIRPERSON HIXSON: Thank you.
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           MS. THOMAS: Thank you.
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           CHAIRPERSON HIXSON: Are we ready for
10 your section? Do you want to do the appearances?
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           MS. VEST: I think -- actually I think
12 Mr. James Beaty is here. He is the gentleman -- if
13 you would go down to Exhibit E, he is with Lowe's
14 Home Center. I asked this gentleman to come in and
15 speak with you today. I could not decide what could
16 be -- whether he needed to be licensed or not.
17 Sometimes it gets so technical I am not able to do
18 that, so I did ask the gentleman to come in and speak
19 to you today about what his concerns are and what he
20 wants to do in the future with Lowe's Home Centers.
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           And I was afraid -- this is actual
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22 Lowe's, that everybody knows as Lowe's. This could

23 open up the door for other companies as well, so I

25 talking about. You do have a -- if you go to

24 wanted to make sure you knew exactly what he was

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   therefore, I think we should have to license with the
   State of Tennessee for that purpose. The licensing
   piece -- the monitoring piece of it is handled by
   UCC. It's kind of like the -- but since we are
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   branding it, it's ours.
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6 So that's when I applied. And then the 7 question had come up, well, should you license, should you not? The do-it-at-home kit has all these 9 pieces that you can purchase, including cameras, but 10 it's not monitored, it's not installed. We don't offer a premium installation. It's just the product 12 you buy off the shelf and install yourself, and at some point if you want it monitored professionally, 14 then you go on-line and you sign up for it through 15 UCC. 16 MS. VEST: Can you put the charge on your 17 Lowe's card for the monitoring?

MR. BEATY: I believe so. Well, I 18 19 don't -- you know, I would say so because its a VISA 20 card. 21 MR. COCKROFT: I think you are correct, that it would need licensing from the standpoint of 23 monitoring if Lowe's will be billing the customer.

But the do-it-yourself installation is, in my opinion fine. I guess the question comes into, then, what

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employees need to be licensed or what -- who's -- is
   anyone doing any consulting, anyone at the stores?
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   Do they have information, or is it all going to be
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   done on-line after they buy the do-it-yourself
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   equipment at the store?
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MR. BEATY: Right. Any professional 7 services like monitoring are going to be done -- all that will be enrolled on-line. There's a whole 9 process for that. As far as the employees that would 10 have to be licensed, of course, you don't want to 11 license every employee in the store. You know, it's 12 a skewed number to them. But the Iris team that 13 would be involved with the monitoring aspect of it, 14 in fact, that's my job, and --

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MR. COCKROFT: Are there employees that 16 would handle if someone wants to change their call list or they want to change their zone descriptions, and that sort of stuff? Is that your people? Ae they doing that on-line?

MR. BEATY: No, actually our developers wrote into the API for stages, which is the automation that UCC is using, and so you are just basically changing it through the UCC portal.

24 MR. COCKROFT: So you have employees. 25 though, that will have access to that information

program where they will refer a licensed contractor 1 2 to do that. Tennessee is not one of them.

3 MR. ROBERTS: Well, I think clearly the 4 idea of selling a box of parts that the homeowner 5 would install does not require any licensing. I

mean, that's real clear. The monitoring is being 6 7 done by a company that's licensed in Tennessee, UCC.

8 as you indicated. That's appropriate. If you have a 9 small technical team that was involved in customer support -- and I don't know whether you do or not.

11 Don't have anything like that?

12 MR. BEATY: Not for the monitoring aspect 13 of it. There's a support team for the devices. You know, like you can call for, you know, Hey, this box 14 15 is beeping. What do I do? There's support like 16 that. But that --

17 MS. JONES: That still needs to be 18 licensed.

19 MR. COCKROFT: What if the call-in says, 20 I can't get the monitoring to work? What do they do then? 21

22 MR. BEATY: Well, that would be -- if it has something to do with monitoring, it would have to be UCC. The device themselves, like the support line for the devices, which has been in place all this

somewhere, somehow? I mean, if a customer -- if they 2 want to somehow or another speak to a live person, 3 they can, can't they?

MR. BEATY: We have access to their billing information.

MR. COCKROFT: Okay.

MR. BEATY: Because I thought the same thing. Excuse me. 8

MS. JONES: What about employees that are subcontracted and they work for Lowe's? Let's say I buy so many squares of siding. And I can't put siding on, but I know Lowe's has got workers that you do subcontract and they'll come and put it in. How many of those people are going to be doing this?

MR. BEATY: None. At this point there is 16 no professional installation. This is the subject. 17 And, actually, that's how I got involved because I was working for UCC at the time that Lowe's approached us, and I warned them exactly about that. If you offer a professional installation, then now you are going to open up a can of worms that you are

22 going to have to meet certain requirements. 23 So there are some states where they may 24 do that, that don't have licensing requirements that would apply to them, where they'll have a referral

Page 124 time, since 2012, and been sold in Tennessee, just 2 like the ones that you bought at Radio Shack or

anywhere else. The reason that I don't think that

that has a licensing requirement is because -- well,

5 it's no longer the call-in Bosch support or ADL -- or DENFEL support or anything like that. If you call

them, they are not licensed in Tennessee. If they

are having a problem connecting or the monitoring is not working, I imagine their first call would be Hey.

10 it's not working. Then it would be passed on.

MS. JONES: The reason I ask is, I have 11 12 knowledge of a former employee that worked for a contractor and he -- for -- I am going to say 10. 12 years. And they didn't get along. He wanted to 14 15 take over the company and so forth. He goes to work for Lowe's. He's providing technical support for this system that you are selling. If they call in 17 and say Hey, this isn't working. Why? Well, you 18 should put it in the corner so you could -- he should 20 be licensed. He's not. He was only a registered

employee. 21 22 But he's got a badge because he didn't 23 turn it in, and it doesn't have an expiration date on it. So he's running around with a badge at Lowe's. 24 25 And Lowe's has investment in him because they really

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   don't understand that he's not an alarm contractor.
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   They think because he's got that badge and his
   picture and no expiration date that he's good to go.
           MR. BEATY: I have no knowledge of this.
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   Our support team is in Kansas.
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           MS. JONES: Well, I mean, if I know that
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   it's happening, other people know that it's happening
   and they know to call him. So everybody that
   purchases that system in that town, they say Oh, you
10 need to call this Lowe's over here. They've got
    somebody in there sponsored by the state. He knows
12 what he's doing. He'll come out and work on it for
    you. So after hours he goes out and works on it and
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    he gets money.
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           MR. BEATY: Does he charge?
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           MS. JONES: Of course he does. Why would
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    he go after hours?
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           MR. BEATY: Does he charge as an
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    individual?
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           MS. JONES: Charges the individual that
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MR. COCKROFT: That sounds like that's a

MS. JONES: Its something that could

happen all the time. I mean, that's why I was

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licensed because we are selling a monitoring product
   even though we are selling it on-line and all that.
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           MS. THOMAS: Kent, I'm sorry, Mr. Beaty,
   I don't mean to cut you off. To that point, I think
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   his initial question is what classification should
   his company receive or apply for when they submit an
   application to the Alarm Board? And then there's a
   second component that I'm not sure if the Board has
   considered. This system, Mr. Beaty -- if I can ask
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   you this -- is offered at all Lowe's locations? They
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    can purchase this anywhere?
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           MR. BEATY: Yeah, this is -- this system
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    has been on the market since 2012.
           MS. THOMAS: And with the addition of the
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    monitoring option, once that happens, I guess my
    question to the Board at that point is, once this
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    company is licensed under whichever classification
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    the Board decides, there has to be a qualifying
    agent. Does that need to be for every Lowe's
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    location where this system is sold, or would that be
    for Iris Home Management solely? I think that's
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    something else the Board needs to consider as well.
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           MS. JONES: Well, Iris is the way it
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    works for us. We have a different building and we
    are selling stuff. We have a different QA. So each
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Page 126 talking about siding, the people that put siding on. I didn't want to go here, but now I am here. You have people that do that, and you are going to have 4 people that do this. MR. BEATY: Well, you know, I fought the whole DIY thing from day -- because I have been in the industry for 30 years. So, you know, professionals install alarm systems. That's why, you 9 know, we have boards and that's why we do what we do. 10 But times have changed. You put it on a Smart Phone. It's not being monitored. It's not -- you know, you 12 install it yourself. We can't legislate too much. 13 Now, anytime a police officer or fireman 14 is dispatched, yes, we can legislate that. So I 15 understand your concerns, and, you know, if you'd share a name, I could do something about it, since 17 it's the company I work for. But the -- you know, 18 people are going to break rules. We just have to 19 catch them. 20 MS. JONES: Exactly.

MR. BEATY: Yeah, and, you know, so I

purpose was to come down here and just make sure that

we fit that piece because, you know, I agree that I

25 think we should be licensed. I think we should be

22 don't disagree with that at all. Like I said, my

Page 128 individual building storefront has to be licensed and 2 has to have a QA. So that would mean many --3 MS. THOMAS: Right, and that's --4 MS. JONES: I mean, once you open this 5 floodgate, it's hard to get the cattle back in once 6 they get out. 7 CHAIRPERSON HIXSON: But doesn't all the 8 monitoring go to one central location, but Lowe's is 9 putting their hands in the process to collect the 10 billing? 11 MR. BEATY: Yes. Basically since the 12 decision was made to do the billing, they have

inserted -- I say "they" because I was sitting on the

UCC side. Because if they would have just left it

with UCC, there's not an issue. Once they put their
name on it, they want to bill it because they are
billing now. Once they did that, it put them in that
situation.
Now, here's the way I look at it is,
since you don't register at the store, you do it
on-line, it's no different than Amazon or anything

20 since you don't register at the store, you do it
21 on-line, it's no different than Amazon or anything
22 else. It's one entity. So -- and you guys can make
23 the decision, but I am just saying that's my thought
24 is, it's one entity, it's one monitoring center.
25 MS. JONES: Okay. Many locations you can

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CHAIRPERSON HIXSON: Do all of the locations in Tennessee for your monitoring service, does it all go to one address in Tennessee, or does it go to individual Lowe's stores in Tennessee?

MR. BEATY: No, it goes to one address. MR. ROBERTS: And where would that

8 address be at?

9 MR. BEATY: That address is actually in 10 North Carolina.

MS. JONES: They are selling it in every 11 12 store.

13 MR. ROBERTS: Okay. So here's the way I 14 would view that. You are selling a product over the 15 counter, you are exempt. That's clear from day one. 16 You sell the product. If it happens to be a motion 17 detector, it's no different from selling a hammer as 18 far as our board is concerned. If you are not 19 providing consulting services, if you are not going 20 out and doing some sort of installation, you are just 21 selling a product over the counter, you are exempt. 22 And that would apply to all of the Lowe's stores.

23 CHAIRPERSON HIXSON: Do the salespeople 24 in the individual stores where these do-it-vourself systems are sold, do they sell the monitoring inside

1 contacts, how many motion detectors, whatever you want if you want to put a camera on or whatever. You go home and you install the system, and you register it on-line. It's basically IP. 4

5 MR. COCKROFT: Doing it on your phone. 6 MR. BEATY: And you now have a -- you are 7 now monitoring it on your phone. So that's the basic 8 system. So it goes off when you are at work. You get it up. You see the kids came home and tripped the alarm. Everything is great. Now you go on vacation. You decide that you want to -- well, you 11 12 don't know anybody in the neighborhood or something 13 like that. You don't have anybody to check on your

15 You pull it out and there's a little card in there. You want to sign up for the premium 16 monitoring. You go on-line. You enroll. You go through all of the whole thing. And that is basically UCC managing that site.

house if the alarm goes off. Where is that box at?

And once that's done, there will be a testing thing that has to happen to make sure signals are going through. And once you do that, you'll get a notification that your signals are being received and you can actually see them through the portal. Because like I said, what our team did is they

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MR. BEATY: No. There was a discussion at one point of doing a kiosk at the stores, but that's not happening.

MR. COCKROFT: Will there be any in-store like a display?

MR. BEATY: There's paperwork in the box for the premium monitoring option, and the premium monitoring option, by the way, which also is so 10 different, it's on demand. It's not even a contract. 11 I mean, as far as like a one-year contract or a 12 six-month contract or anything. It's on demand.

13 CHAIRPERSON HIXSON: So when they check 14 out of the store, when they go through the checkout 15 line and they buy this system, they don't purchase monitoring on their way out the door? 16

17 MR. BEATY: No. they can't purchase it. 18 They have to go home or on-line --

19 CHAIRMAN HIXSON: It's done after the 20 fact outside the confines of Lowe's.

21 MR. COCKROFT: Why don't you walk us 22 through the whole process. You walk into the Lowe's 23 store and what happens?

24 MR. BEATY: You walk into the Lowe's stores. You pick out what you needed, how many

Page 132 wrote to the API stages, so that basically you are just looking at UCC's portal and you are seeing

3 basically what the dealer would see.

MR. COCKROFT: I mean, I think you are on 4 5 the right track. I commend you for coming forward 6 and thinking you need to be licensed. I just think that we are a little different somewhere. I think 7 8 there's probably some more people in Lowe's 9 somewhere. Because UCC's got a problem with a 10 customer. This customer's irate or whatever, there's some issue. They've got to have somebody even if 11 12 it's -- maybe you handle all of it, but they have to have someone that they call and say Look, I can't go 13 14 anywhere with this customer. You need to handle it. 15 There's got to be someone.

16 MR. BEATY: Well, that's part of my job 17 is to make sure that the monitoring is what our anticipation is, and make sure that -- you know, work 18 19 with the -- you know, initially it was to work with 20 the developers on the API and so forth. So any 21 issues that we have there. I have to make sure that UCC is addressing that. 22

23 And I don't see that as our problem when it's the monitoring. It's our problem as far as it's 24 25 our customer, but, you know, I have got to have the

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monitoring company respond to why --2 MR. COCKROFT: There's got to be a "buck 3 stops here" somewhere.

4 CHAIRPERSON HIXSON: I'm sorry, are you 5 talking about problems with the monitoring or are you 6 talking about problems getting the system up and 7 running?

MS. JONES: Either/or.

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9 MR. COCKROFT: Both. Say the customer 10 can't get the system -- typically the central station 11 isn't going to do -- he may have something worked out 12 to where they are going to do tech service for them.

13 MR. BEATY: If they can't get the system 14 running, we do have a support phone line.

MR. COCKROFT: Whose employee is that?

MR. BEATY: Do what? 16 17 MS. JONES: Who?

18 MR. COCKROFT: Who pays their paycheck?

19 MR. BEATY: Lowe's.

20 MR. COCKROFT: That person needs to be 21 licensed. That needs to be a registered employee.

22 MR. BEATY: Support for the DIY product?

23 MS. JONES: Yes.

24 MR. COCKROFT: Because that's who they

25 are going to call when they can't get the -- get it

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connected monitoring-wise. I mean, unless -- all

2 they are going to say is --

3 CHAIRPERSON HIXSON: They are not calling 4 Iris; they are calling Lowe's.

5 MR. BEATY: Right. They are calling --6 well, Iris is Lowe's, right? It's just a DBA.

7 CHAIRPERSON HIXSON: I know, but you are 8 still calling Lowe's.

MR. BEATY: Yeah, okay. You are calling 9 10 Lowe's because you are having problems with the installation. But see, the way I look at it is, or 11

the way I have always seen this is it's the same 12

13 thing with Ademco. Ademco is not licensed in 14 Tennessee and Bosch is not licensed in Tennessee.

15 and --

16 MR. COCKROFT: But they don't have access 17 to the central station information.

18 MR. BEATY: Yeah, separate things. You said if they had a problem with their installation. 19 20 If they have a problem with their installation, who 21 would they call?

22 MS. JONES: No, the customer doesn't call 23 Ademco and Shields and the supplier. The customer

24 calls the alarm contractor, which is us, and we call

25 our supplier. We would be calling Lowe's not the

1 customer.

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2 MR. BEATY: Well, again, this is new. We 3 are talking about something that's not really --4 otherwise, I wouldn't be here. It's new, so --

MS. JONES: You need some licensing.

MR. BEATY: Okay.

6 MR. COCKROFT: And I think even the 7 8 in-store stuff could be -- I think where Ken was 9 eventually going -- I don't know. I don't want to 10 speak for Ken, but some of the in-store could be 11 borderline. If it's absolutely selling equipment,

12 you are not selling monitoring, you are not promoting

13 it, there is not a sign that says monitoring

14 available, if it's all strictly you buy this box, you

take it home and then Oh, I can get it monitored, and 15

then call a number from there, and the store has 16

17 nothing to do with it -- you ask a person in the

18 store about how does monitoring work? And they say

19 Oh, I don't know. You have to handle it on-line, 20 that would be okay.

But if they say Oh, well, you do X, Y, Z, 21 22 and all this other stuff, they are selling it. They are selling that service. They are telling them 23 24 about -- that's what selling is, is you know --

MR. BEATY: Right.

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1 MS. JONES: Every alarm contractor that has a business -- let's say I have a business in

three towns -- for each town, even though I am

Lowe's, or I am ABC Alarm Company, I have to have a

QA for that storefront that's advertising, Hey, we've

got monitoring, we've got alarm equipment. I would 7 have to have three licensed individuals in those

storefronts that people were able to walk in to and 9 buy equipment.

10 MR. BEATY: Okay. So as long as no one at the store or there's no advertising at the store 11 out front advertising monitoring --12

13 MS. JONES: Then you can't have a support 14 line or anything like that. You've just got to be able to sell them equipment and they are on their 16 own. Then if they have trouble, they're going to 17 call the alarm contractor.

18 MR. BEATY: They have an 800 number in 19 the box that shows --

20 MS. JONES: They've got to be licensed. 21 MR. ROBERTS: I am not sure I agree with that. I'm not sure I agree with that. They sell the 22

23 product over the counter. They sell a box of parts. They are not doing any installation. They are not 24

telling the customer how many motion detectors, how

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Page 137 many glass breaks or smoke detectors or whatever. 2 CHAIRPERSON HIXSON: Until it comes to 3 the monitoring.

4 MR. ROBERTS: And I guess I'm looking at 5 it from different aspects or different parts. In 6 terms of selling the product, they are not doing 7 anything other than what Radio Shack and others have 8 done or, for that matter, you can buy the parts over 9 the Internet. And so I see no requirement for Lowe's 10 licensing. I see no -- in terms of sales, I see no 11 requirement for the Lowe's store there in McMinnville 12 to have a qualified agent or registered employees or 13 any of that. You just sell the product over the 14 counter. And I would see this as clearly exempt 15 within our statutes.

16 Monitoring is a little different 17 situation. The fact that you have a licensed monitoring company providing the monitoring services, they are licensed, they have registered employees, 20 then that's good, and that's exactly the way it 21 should be.

22 Now, as to you and the group of people 23 that are identified as Iris and providing the 24 monitoring, and you are providing the branding for 25 that, that's kind of a gray area in my opinion. The

1 MR. ROBERTS: If the box sells monitoring 2 available, fine. If the box says on the inside monitoring available, so what? If it says it on the outside, I don't care. If they put out a sign up next to it, Monitoring Available, it's still the customer's buying the parts. The customer's doing 7 the installation. The customer's actually hooking up 8 the monitoring on-line. I don't --9 MS. JONES: And if it doesn't work, who 10 do they call? MR. ROBERTS: If it doesn't work, they'd 11 probably take it back to the store and say, You know, 12 13 this doesn't work. 14 MS. JONES: No. Lowe's -- if you take your hammer back and say There's something wrong with 15 this hammer, do they give you another one or -- they

17 don't make you buy another one. They've got somebody 18 there to help you. 19 MR. ROBERTS: You know, I personally hold 20 Lowe's in high regard. My dealings with them have

been excellent. We buy a fair amount of stuff from Lowe's. That's aside from the issue at hand, but, no, I think that if you -- if you are licensing in the monitoring category, you are branding location where you are doing your billing and all that, I

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1 fact that you have come forward and will go through 2 the licensing process, have a qualifying agent and 3 registered folks, I think that is -- that would 4 eliminate any doubt in my mind. I think it's probably a fairly limited number of employees. Maybe 6 a handful, I don't know. That, I think, would eliminate any question in my mind that you are doing what would be required at a minimum. I think you are doing the right thing, but you know -- and it would

10 be in the monitoring category. 11 MR. BEATY: Right. 12 MR. ROBERTS: It's a bit of a gray area. 13 MR. BEATY: It is. And that's why I 14 came, because it is gray. This is new. There's 15 nothing in the legislation specifically for this, so 16 we are either going to have to work within it or, you 17 know, down the road --

18 MR. ROBERTS: And you are trying to work 19 within it, and I think it's the thing to do. I think 20 if you do that, you are doing the right thing. MR. COCKROFT: Ken, what would be your recommendation, though, from the standpoint of

21 22 23 selling monitoring in the store? I mean, you know 24 they are going to want something when they sell the 25 box.

1 think it would be adequate in my opinion.

2 MR. BEATY: And one thing is -- and I get 3 your point, but the thing is, since 2012 they have 4 been selling this box and calling a support line, and 5 they haven't had a licensing requirement until the 6 monitoring came into play. And that's -- to me, 7 it's -- you know, I look at it like you guys. You 8 know, I am an industry person, and this is what I am 9 doing now. So I am supporting my company and trying 10 to help them to fit in within -- so when they want to 11 do this -- when Tennessee was a target state. I did the same thing in Florida, is, I said, Well, hold on.

13 There's things you are going to have to do in 14 Tennessee. And this is -- and they hired a big 15 consulting firm, the one that's advertised in all the

trades, and they came up with their version. But 17 their version was is Oh, you can do it, and then no.

18 CHAIRPERSON HIXSON: How does the billing 19 work? Is it billed to your Lowe's card?

20 MR. BEATY: Right now when you bill, you 21 can do it -- putting a credit card on-line is the way to do it. So you can use your Lowe's card. You can use a VISA, Master Card, American Express, whatever. 23 24 MS. JONES: I'm sorry, I was telling --

25 MR. COCKROFT: I'll repeat what she was

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MS. JONES: I think so we -- I said, so 3 we can sell parts to people. There is a lot of people that come say, I don't need you for my wiring, 5 (inaudible), and we can mount the devices blah, blah, 6 blah. I say, no, you can't do that. We've got to do it. So I ask him, so we can just sell parts to people and let them put it in theirself and not have 9 to have a license?

MR. COCKROFT: You could if you were just 11 in the business of selling parts. You could have a store that was, you know, the alarm store. 12

13 MS. JONES: I'd love to, but somebody is 14 going to come back and say, This don't work, fix it. 15

MR. COCKROFT: And you hand them a new 16 one and they --17

MS. JONES: No. They say Come fix it. MR. COCKROFT: They say Come fix it, and 19 you say I'm sorry, we don't have installation people.

MS. VEST: What does Florida do, sir?

21 Are you licensed in Florida? 22

MR. BEATY: Licensed in Florida as an 23 alarm contractor.

MS. VEST: You are? Lowe's is? 24 25 MR. BEATY: Yes, it's just an

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1 alarm company --

2 MS. VEST: What is the Board saying? 3 Just Lowe's gets one license, one QA? MR. COCKROFT: I think we have a 4

differing opinion --

MR. ROBERTS: Registered employees in the monitoring category, and I think that would be sufficient. It would certainly satisfy what I would 9 feel like would be appropriate.

MR. BEATY: And the way I approached this 11 was anyone that would have access to that portal 12 within UCC that isn't a Lowe's employee would have to 13 be licensed.

MR. ROBERTS: That, to me, would meet the 15 requirements, and that also -- in the monitoring 16 category. And I think that would preclude somebody 17 later on complaining Hey, Lowe's is providing 18 monitoring services because of the Lowe's branding. 19 And then you have got a license. There wouldn't be 20 any questions. I think it would be sufficient.

21 Do we need to put that in the form of a 22 motion of some sort?

23 MS. VEST: That registered -- excuse 24 me -- that registered employee, where is the license 25 going to go?

MR. COCKROFT: The license will go to 1 2

wherever his -- location to him.

3 MS. VEST: To North Carolina? MR. ROBERTS: Could be in North Carolina, 4

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6 MS. VEST: That's where the employee's going to be doing the monitoring, in North Carolina? 7 8 MR. BEATY: That's where the billing will 9 be coming from.

10 MS. VEST: No, where is the person sitting that's doing the monitoring? 11

MR. ROBERTS: That's UCC.

13 MR. BEATY: It's contracted through UCC. 14 MR. COCKROFT: And they are a licensed

15 contractor already?

16 MR. BEATY: Yes. But that's why I said 17 the billing. I figured the billing would be -because the powers that be have insisted on branding 18 19 that so --

20 MR. ROBERTS: Let's put this in the form 21 of a motion to kind of wrap it up, if you all are in 22 agreement.

MR. COCKROFT: I think we need to be 23 pretty clear about the standpoint about the location. 24

that there doesn't need to be any consulting or sales

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at the site of the monitoring. 1

MR. ROBERTS: Yes. Why don't we make a motion to the effect that based on the information 3 presented, Lowe's is only selling the product over 4 the counter at their stores, providing no direct monitoring service from the stores or consulting or installation from the stores. Therefore, the stores would not require licensing in any of the alarm 8 9 categories.

Secondly, that the company is providing monitoring services through a subcontractor in that location where the monitoring is being handled in terms of the billing process, which, based on what 13 you have told us, is in North Carolina. We would have that entity licensed as an alarm contractor in the monitoring category, and they would need a qualifying agent, and the employees there would be registered employees. So that would -- if we accept that in the form of a motion, maybe that will settle this issue.

21 MR. COCKROFT: Do you have something 22 else?

23 MS. JONES: I think they analyzed it. 24 CHAIRPERSON HIXSON: I'm still hanging 25 up. The billing doesn't go to, like, a Lowe's in

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   Concord, North Carolina. It would go to UCC in
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  North Carolina, but Lowe's is --
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           MR. BEATY: No, the billing -- basically
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   UCC -- it's just like a dealer arrangement for an
   alarm contractor, a contract monitoring company,
   because that's what UCC is.
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           MR. ROBERTS: Third party.
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           MR. BEATY: Yeah, third party.
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           CHAIRPERSON HIXSON: But you are
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    paying -- I am paying my alarm systems contractor --
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           MR. COCKROFT: You are paying Lowe's.
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           MR. BEATY: You are paying Lowe's. If
13 you go buy one today, which the premium monitoring is
14 not offered in Tennessee right now, but if you went
15 and bought one today, the basic package is like 9.95
16 a month. Now, that's not monitoring. That's
17 basically paying for the app, the connectivity to
18 your home. But, you know, it's got the automation
19 features too, where you can adjust your temperature
20 and turn lights on and all that sort of stuff, just
21 like the other one.
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           But, you know, and that's the way it's
23 been for years. It's just they are adding this one
24 element. So the bill currently -- if you pay that
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25 bill today, it goes to Mooresville, Carolina, and the

2 it would just also be paying for the premium

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Does that make sense?
          MR. ROBERTS: The Lowe's -- and I
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          MR. BEATY: And they have --
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          MR. ROBERTS: -- it would be the Lowe's
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   center there in North Carolina.
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          MR. BEATY: Right, just as they have now.
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           CHAIRPERSON HIXSON: And you are going to
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    register those people, correct?
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           MR. BEATY: Register the people doing the
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   billing?
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           CHAIRPERSON HIXSON: That's -- yeah.
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           MR. BEATY: Every --
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           CHAIRPERSON HIXSON: That's got access to
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   customer information.
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           MR. BEATY: Customer information.
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           CHAIRPERSON HIXSON: Am I out of line on
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   this?
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           MS. JONES: No.
           CHAIRPERSON HIXSON: Well, when we have
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   billing for this, one of the key things is protection
   of the customer. And if you've got somebody that's
   got access to people's billing information for alarm
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pay Lowe's for this, who's got access to the

customer's billing information for the monitoring?

Page 146 only thing different with the premium monitoring is

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3 monitoring. It's the same as it was. It's just that
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   that's the element.
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           MR. COCKROFT: And then UCC -- the
6 third-party monitoring company invoices Lowe's for
   all of the customers involved.
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           MR. BEATY: Exactly. Every time they
9 enlist one, they just add that to their bill since
10 it's on demand, it's not full-time. Because at
11 full-time it's better to just go -- in my opinion,
12 it's better to just go to an alarm contractor. The
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    on demand thing, that's the marketing thing they went
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    for here. The on demand, you only pay for it when
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   you need it or you want it.
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           MR. COCKROFT: Have you got a clear
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   picture of that now?
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           CHAIRPERSON HIXSON: Yeah, Yeah, okay.
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           MS. JONES: UCC is not getting the money;
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MR. ROBERTS: Right.

about -- I pay my licensed alarm contractor who I

25 billing information. My catch in this is when you

know he has limited -- you know, he has access to my

CHAIRPERSON HIXSON: I know, but I think

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Lowe's is.

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 1 services, we don't pay John Q out here. It stays
 2 inside the system where we either pay our alarm
 3 system contractor, or you pay directly to the
   monitoring company, because you have got confidential
   information that's being passed along.
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          MR. BEATY: And we do now. So -- you
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   know, because -- that's the part -- that's the logic
   I am not following, is we have that information --
   that customer information now, but we are not
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   required to --
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           CHAIRPERSON HIXSON: But you are going
    into monitoring which makes it licensed required.
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           MR. BEATY: Okay. So that's the reason
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    that you are saying that.
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           CHAIRPERSON HIXSON: Yeah.
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           MR. BEATY: Okay. So if we limit it
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   to --
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           CHAIRPERSON HIXSON: If I pay $10 to use
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    an app, okay, but when you start entering into --
    like into monitoring, which is a licensed field.
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    there's certain requirements that people involved in
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    that process have to follow, which means --
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           MR. BEATY: Lunderstand, Lunderstand.
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           CHAIRPERSON HIXSON: You know, if UCC was
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25 a licensed monitoring company and the customers were

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paying UCC directly, where everybody's registered in
2 the monitoring post and all that, that's one thing.
3 But you are circumventing and going through Lowe's.
4 which gives them access to customer's confidential
5 information. Am I correct, Ashley?
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           MS. THOMAS: Yes.
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           CHAIRPERSON HIXSON: Thank you.
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           MR. BEATY: So if we throw the monitoring
   license in there, it wouldn't require that.
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   Understanding, though, that that's still a small
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    amount of people.
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           MR. ROBERTS: Yes.
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           MS. JONES: It doesn't matter if it's
14 just one.
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           MR. BEATY: Well, I understand. That's
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    what I am saying. That's fine. I guess what I'm
    saying is it's doable.
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           MS. JONES: Yeah.
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           MR. COCKROFT: Well, that's why I wanted
20 to understand if it was a large amount of people, and
21 I figured it wasn't a large amount of people.
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           MS. JONES: It's not now because it's
23 new. It will be.
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           MR. BEATY: No, no, it's still -- once
25 you've registered --
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legislation out there that actually covers it, so
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   that it's outlined --
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          CHAIRPERSON HIXSON: I think you are
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   correct. You need to go as an alarm systems
   contractor for Lowe's in Tennessee, and anybody
   that's involved in the monitoring process needs to be
   licensed and registered, correct?
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          MS. JONES: Who will be their QA if they
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   have to have a license as a company?
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           CHAIRPERSON HIXSON: Are you not
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    qualified to be a QA?
           MS. JONES: Who's going to be their QA?
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           MR. BEATY: I can.
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           MR. ROBERTS: Does that sound like a
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    doable process, Mr. Beaty?
           MR. BEATY: Yes.
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           MR. ROBERTS: Does that seem unduly
18 burdensome?
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           MR. BEATY: It's a -- as long as we don't
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    have to do each store or I have to get everybody at
    corporate, because that's where corporate is, yeah, I
    think we can do it, because I think I can limit it --
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           MR. ROBERTS: I think we can go that
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   route.
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           CHAIRPERSON HIXSON: You've already got
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Page 150 1 MR. ROBERTS: Just get a larger computer. MR. BEATY: Yeah, exactly. 2 3 MR. COCKROFT: It sounds like a lot of the content is it is going to be self-serviced. There won't be a lot of employees on Lowe's end of 6 it. 7 MR. BEATY: Yeah, it's pretty much automated. 8 9 MS. JONES: There's another device out there. I don't know whether Lowe's sells it or not. but, I mean, it tells me when the -- it is lit up. I 12 have a rental house and I've just got one small one 13 in my house. It tells me when -- it tells me when 14 the temperature goes up and down, when somebody opens 15 the door. When somebody comes in, I can even push a 16 button on my phone and talk to them. I did that 17 once. I said, It's not your day to be working. They 18 are just looking around. But they are going to get 19 larger. You can put four of those devices on an app now, but when they go into monitoring, then they are going to have to step into this same home theory 21 22 in --23 MR. BEATY: I'd recommend that -- like I 24 said, everyone's going to try to fit in somewhere. 25 It's either that or just, like I said, let's put some

Page 152 it in Florida, correct? And I take it from the way you described it, it is very similar to what we are asking or telling you, you need to be in Tennessee, correct? MR. BEATY: Right, the test is just a lot tougher. That doesn't mean --CHAIRPERSON HIXSON: In Tennessee. MR. BEATY: -- that -- that don't mean that it don't make it right. MR. ROBERTS: Actually, it's the people 10 he has to deal with; that's the problem. He was just 12 too polite to say that. Do I need -- do we need to restate the 13 14 motion or? 15 CHAIRPERSON HIXSON: Based on the information that Lowe's is only selling over-the-counter equipment at stores, no monitoring, consulting or installation at individual stores, yeah, you should probably do so to make sure we cover 20 on the monitoring part. MR. ROBERTS: I was afraid of that. You 21 22 got the first part, that as long as there's not --23 they are selling a product over the counter in the

24 stores, they are not providing installation, they are

25 not providing consulting, they are just selling a

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   product, and therefore, there would be no licensing
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   required for those activities in the Lowe's stores.
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           The monitoring aspect of this is being
4 done by a licensed sub -- by a licensed third-party
5 monitoring center, so we have no issue with that.
6 Lowe's with their branding, wherever they are
7 located, whether it's North Carolina, wherever, would
8 be licensed in the monitoring category and alarm
9 contractor in the State of Tennessee, and they have
10 to have qualified agents, and the key people that
11 were involved with the monitoring and billing process
12 would be registered employees.
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           CHAIRPERSON HIXSON: Okay. Did you get
14 all that on the record? Do we have a second to Ken's
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   motion?
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           MR. COCKROFT: Second.
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           CHAIRPERSON HIXSON: And a second by
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   Mr. Cockroft. All in favor voice by saying aye.
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           THE BOARD: Aye.
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           CHAIRPERSON HIXSON: All opposed. The
21 motion carries.
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           MS. VEST: Okay. Let me ask that
23 question, sir. Lowe's was going to register Lowe's
24 home center doing business as Iris Small Home
25 Management?
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          MR. FISHER: Good afternoon, Board.
2 Thank you for allowing me to speak. I have an
   application in front of you for qualifying agent, and
   in that application I listed my RCDD as the
   industry-approved certification.
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          CHAIRPERSON HIXSON: Make sure you are
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   speaking directly into that.
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          MR. FISHER: Okay, better? I have listed
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   my RCDD as the industry-approved certification.
   That's a BICSI certification, requires several years
    of experience, to be exact, ten, several
   recommendations from customers and previous employers
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   to get it. And the course of study for the exam
   includes the NEC information from RL Laboratories,
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           THE REPORTER: I'm sorry, TRA what?
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           CHAIRPERSON HIXSON: Mr. Fisher, she's
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   the court reporter.
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           MR. FISHER: Right, I know.
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           CHAIRPERSON HIXSON: So when you say
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    "RCDD," will you please not use acronyms so that she
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    can figure out what you are talking about.
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           MR. FISHER: Okay. Ready?
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           CHAIRPERSON HIXSON: And speak slowly.
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           MR. FISHER: Registered Communications
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Page 154 1 MR. BEATY: Smart Home Management. 2 MS. VEST: Smart Home Management? 3 MR. BEATY: Yes. 4 MS. VEST: That would be their DBA. 5 MR. BEATY: Yes. 6 CHAIRPERSON HIXSON: For the State of 7 Tennessee. 8 MS. BELL: Thank you, Mr. Beaty. 9 CHAIRPERSON HIXSON: Do we have any more 10 appearances here? 11 MS. VEST: Yes, we do. Is Mr. Barnes 12 here? Okay. How about Mr. Fisher? You want to come up, sir. You want to take just a real small short 13 14 break for the court reporter whose fingers are coming 15 off? 16 CHAIRPERSON HIXSON: Yes. Thank you. 17 (Short break.) 18 CHAIRPERSON HIXSON: Are either of our 19 appearances here? 20 MS. VEST: We have two appearances. It's 21 going to be Mr. Fisher and Mr. Warford, but Mr. Fisher is first. That is Exhibit G. He wants 23 you to -- wait a minute. We are on the record now? 24 Yes, his application is for qualifying

25 agent, and he wants you to review his experience.

Distribution Designer. That's issued by BICSI, which is Building Industry Consulting Services International. To receive that, the study materials are the TDMMs, which is Telecommunications Distribution Methods Manuals, the NEC, which is the National Electrical Code, as well as codes and standards from RL Laboratories, TIAEIA, which is 7 8 Telecom Industries Alliances and Electronics Industries Alliances. And IEEE, which is Institute 10 of Electrical and Electronics Engineering. 11 So in order to receive that certificate, 12 I had to study those materials as well as have ten 13 years of experience. The qualifying agent 14 applications that I have in front of you are for CCTV 15 and burglar alarm. Specifically my experience is the design and installation of surveillance systems and 16 access control systems. So not burglar alarms per 17 18 se, but access controls where you have a card swipe 19 to open a door or gate. 20 All of these systems now have gone to IP standards, meaning they all run over traditional data 21 cabling for the most part. It's all low voltage. 22 23 And an RCDD certificate allows me to design and approve the low voltage installations as per code. 24 25 So I am asking the Board to allow me to use that as

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MS. VEST: Sir, did you bring that with you? I don't have that in your packet. I don't think it's in the information they have.

MR. FISHER: Yes. ma'am. I do.

6 MS. BELL: That's not anything I'll have 7 to look at because we were reviewing his experience because he hadn't submitted the training yet. But 8 that would take the place of the burglar alarm and 10 the CCTV training?

11 MR. FISHER: Yes, ma'am, and I did also 12 pass the Board tests.

13 MS. BELL: We have a copy of your exam 14 scores, but we never got your training certificate. 15 And we haven't been able to verify your experience 16 because you've never been registered in Tennessee 17 even though you've worked here for several years.

18 MR. FISHER: Most of my experience in the 19 State of Tennessee was with two fully certified electrical contractors, so I was not required to be 21 registered.

22 MS. BELL: Except for the AT Net 23 Services.

24 MR. FISHER: With AT Net Services. I was registered with the company that AT Net Services

MR. FISHER: Staley and AT Net, I have 1 2 listed. And there's one other company that --

further back that I didn't list in the experience.

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MR. COCKROFT: Okav. Just briefly tell 5 us what you did at both of those places. Is that 7 what you were already describing, both the places. doing data and camera, system design, access control? 8

9 MR. FISHER: Yes, sir. With SDI Networks I was regional director of infrastructure and 10 security. My scope of work included designing. 11

12 speccing and designing the systems, and that was 13 systems --

14 CHAIRPERSON HIXSON: What systems? 15 MR. FISHER: Anything from voice data to

16 surveillance to access controls, audiovisual systems. 17 I also had sales responsibilities. So I had a

18 customer load and a quota that I had to meet, but 19 then I worked in the design aspect for the other

salespeople in the company. And then I would oversee 20 21 the project, project manage it to completion.

22 And then while at Staley, I was a project 23 manager at Staley. Most of the projects I did for

Staley were out of state. They are a national 24

contractor. They are licensed in 48 states. I would

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  purchased which was SDI Networks.
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MS. BELL: I didn't find any record you 3 have ever been registered in Tennessee.

MR. FISHER: It was in 2008.

MS. BELL: Did you ever get your card back?

7 MR. FISHER: I honestly don't remember. 8

MS. BELL: I don't think they ever submitted it. I looked yesterday three times, 10 couldn't find you in the database.

MR. FISHER: Wouldn't necessarily 12 surprise me. I did fill out all the paperwork. I filled out the forms for the background checks. I

did the fingerprints and I submitted it all to our 15 human resources. So it should have been filed, but

16 that it wasn't is not surprising. You do find that 17 SDI was a registered --

18 MS. BELL: The SDI was until they got 19 bought out.

MR. FISHER: Okay. Right.

21 MR. COCKROFT: I don't necessarily hold 22 it against you that they didn't turn the paperwork in, but I am speaking for myself. But what all did 24 you do at the -- you have been at -- the experience

25 is what at Stanley? And is it A-1 or AT?

Page 160 design and oversee the projects. Most of those were 2 voice data, but there were several customers where I 3 installed surveillance cameras and access controls.

4 CHAIRPERSON HIXSON: But throughout all 5 your experience you have none with burglar alarms?

6 MR. FISHER: Not burglar alarms per se. 7 but access controls, which is -- according to my

understanding, I have to have -- AT Net has to have

the burglar alarm certification in order to sell 9 access controls. We don't sell burglar alarms. 10

MS. JONES: Are you going to have a locksmith license and still access control?

MR. FISHER: Pardon me?

MS. JONES: You can have a locksmith

15 license and install access control also.

16 MR. FISHER: I saw that and I questioned 17 that. I think -- y'all might want to change that.

18 MS. BELL: Only for a single entry point.

19 MR. FISHER: It's an access control, so

20 it's a card swipe and a magnet that releases or --21 MS. JONES: A locked door.

MR. FISHER: A locked door.

23 MR. COCKROFT: I didn't think the 24 locksmith covered a multi-door access --

25 MS. BELL: It doesn't cover integrated

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1 access control at all.

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MS. JONES: It says it on my license, access control.

4 MS. VEST: I think we are getting off 5 topic here.

CHAIRPERSON HIXSON: I agree.

7 MR. ROBERTS: Cody or Beth, can you help 8 me identify the items that we are supposed to be 9 specifically reviewing here?

MS. BELL: Well --

MS. VEST: He's here to review his 12 experience.

13 MS. BELL: And we hadn't received his 14 training until today, and he wants to use the BICSI training to replace the required national recognized 15 training in burglar alarm and CCTV, which we didn't 17 know until today.

18 MR. ROBERTS: I'm not familiar with the 19 BICSI training. Can you explain to me what that is? 20 MR. FISHER: Sure. BICSI is an

21 organization that maintains the codes and standards 22 for the communications infrastructure industry. So

23 BICSI is an acronym. It stands for Building Industry

24 Consulting Services International. In order to

25 receive the RCDD, you have to certify that you have

1 Of course he's got a license that says he can also

2 install a burglar alarm. That's some of the -- he

don't really want that, but that's what he has to get

to do access control. My guess would be that he probably has better knowledge than some alarm

installers on IP stuff. I would think it would be.

7 MR. ROBERTS: You would feel like then 8 that it is equivalent to a national training course?

9 Basically that's what you are telling me, is it not? 10

MR. COCKROFT: Yes.

11 MR. ROBERTS: Okay, okay. Again, since I wasn't personally familiar with it, that's fine. I

just needed to kind of understand that.

14 MR. FISHER: In addition to the initial 15 training and taking of the exam, we have to maintain

continuing education on it as well. I have to get 45

continuing education hours every three years, 17

18 mandated that we attend the conference. They make us

19 keep up with changes in the industry.

20 MR. ROBERTS: I am well familiar with credentials. I am just not familiar with that 21 22 particular one.

MR. FISHER: That's fine.

24 MR. ROBERTS: So if we are willing to

25 accept that as the training, then the question comes

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ten years' experience in the industry. You have to 2 have written letters from a previous employer, a 3 customer, and then a third that's just a general

written letter of recommendation. Mine was from a

5 distributing partner.

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You study three three-ring binders that 7 are about yea thick. I studied for six months. You also study the National Electrical Code and then 9 codes and standards from the other regulating bodies, 10 the TIAEIA and IEEE. And then you sit for an exam. It's about a four-hour exam. There's 150 questions 12 or so. If you pass, you pass. If you fail, they let 13 you know you failed and what your score was. So I

passed. They told me I passed. 14 15 MR. COCKROFT: Ken, I'm familiar with it. It is fairly extensive and it's fairly common for the 17 data, but I think it would -- it definitely is a very

18 comprehensive training and certification on data 19 wiring and IP protocols.

20 CHAIRPERSON HIXSON: They are not burglar 21 alarms.

22 MR. COCKROFT: Everything that he's 23 installing, it's all -- so much of it is IP, I mean 24 camera systems, the access control. I personally

would think it would apply, you know, in his case.

Page 164 down to the experience. And the certificates -- I am

2 trying to sort through this. The certificates we

have would indicate -- you are applying, what? --

for -- in the burglar alarm category, burglar alarm 4

closed circuit TV, those two categories? 5 6

MR. FISHER: Yes.

7 MR. ROBERTS: Would you help me identify what your installation work has been in those 8 9 categories then? 10

MR. FISHER: Yes, sir.

11 MR. ROBERTS: I know you touched on it. 12 but I was reading at the same time.

13 MR. FISHER: I assume from what you all are looking at that you have my QA application in

15 front of you, so it's Addendum A is my experience.

16 It's Part 2. I listed work while I was at Staley. 17 Incorporated. While there, I designed and installed

a security surveillance system and an access control

system at Tennessee Packaging, which was a -- they 20 make corrugated boxes. They are in Loudon,

21 Tennessee. It was seven doors and 25, 30 cameras.

22 Kirkland's Home Stores was a customer of 23 mine. They are headquartered in Jackson, Tennessee.

24 I did work for them all over the country, did about

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1 they would put six cameras in the store. And I didn't design that system, but I did oversee the 3 installation of all of those jobs.

4 While at SDI/AT Net -- and these were all 5 actually contracted and awarded to us when we were 6 SDI. I designed and installed a surveillance system 7 for the Hawkins County schools, seven schools and a 8 little over 300 cameras total. That was a fully 9 integrated IP system with servers at each site, new 10 cable and infrastructure, new cameras installed. The 11 North City Utility Board as a customer, we designed 12 and installed surveillance system and access controls 13 for them, 49 cameras and a dozen or so doors and a 14 couple of gates. So drive-up gate access where you 15 flash a card and the gate will open.

16 Letcher County Health Department, that's 17 in Kentucky, but I designed and installed 18 surveillance system and access control system for 19 them. Knox County Health Department, that's Knox

20 County, Kentucky, same thing, access control system 21 and surveillance. Both of those are small. Eight 22 cameras at one, 10 cameras at another, and four doors

23 at each of them, so smaller installations. 24 And then Johnson University which used to 25 be Johnson Bible College, we designed and

carries. Congratulations. 1

MR. FISHER: Thank you.

MS. BELL: Is his BICSI certificate still 3

4 up there?

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MR. ROBERTS: Yes, it is here. I put it 5 6 up here where it would be out of the way.

7 MS. BELL: I need to make sure I've got it to put it in your file. 8

9 MR. ROBERTS: She needs a copy of it. MR. FISHER: You can have that one. 10

CHAIRPERSON HIXSON: Do we have another 11 appearance here? 12

MS. THOMAS: We do.

MS. VEST: Yes, we do. We have

15 Mr. Warford.

16 CHAIRPERSON HIXSON: Exhibit H.

17 MR. WARFORD: Hello. I go by Brian, if 18 that makes any difference, and I have some more

19 information for the Board. I've got seven copies.

20 How many would you like?

MS. VEST: We need five and then six, and 21

22 then we need one -- we need seven.

23 MR. WARFORD: I may need one of those to 24 reference myself.

25 MS. BELL: Okay. Mr. Warford is

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- 1 installed -- actually, we designed and installed and
- 2 then uninstalled an access control system. We were
- 3 the first company in the southeast to install Cisco's
- 4 access control system, and we were the first company
- 5 in the southeast to uninstall Cisco's new access
- 6 system, because it didn't work. That's what I have 7 listed. That's five of each them as was required per
- 8 the rule book.

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MR. ROBERTS: Do we have any other questions?

MR. COCKROFT: I don't have any other 11 12 questions. You?

MS. JONES: No.

13 MR. ROBERTS: Madam Chairman, I make a 14 15 motion we grant -- we grant Mr. Fisher's license as a 16 qualified agent in the burglar alarm closed circuit 17 television category.

MR. COCKROFT: Second. 18

CHAIRPERSON HIXSON: We have a motion by

20 Mr. Roberts, a second by Mr. Cockroft to grant

Mr. Fisher's QA license requested in the categories

22 of CCTV and burglar alarm installation. All in favor

23 voice by saying aye.

24 THE BOARD: Aye. 25

CHAIRPERSON HIXSON: All opposed. Motion

1 Exhibit H.

MR. COCKROFT: There's a lot of stuff to 2 3 look over. We'll just take a minute to go through

4 everything.

MR. WARFORD: That's fine, take your

6 time.

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7 MR. COCKROFT: So what are we looking at? 8 Is our main concern experience, qualified experience?

9 MS. VEST: Yes, I believe that's why he's here. And you're going to take his unlicensed

11 activity as experience.

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MS. BELL: Well, he has other experience, but it's not exactly in alarms. It's in a variety --

14 it's similar.

15 MR. WARFORD: That's correct. I have 16 been working in the low voltage field with home

17 audio-type products since 1990. I was at Nicholson's

18 Hi-Fi, not far from here, for 16 years, where I did

19 design, sales and installation of all kinds of low 20 voltage systems.

21 MR. COCKROFT: What all kind of systems 22 did you do?

23 MR. WARFORD: At Nicholson's?

MR. COCKROFT: Uh-huh. 24

25 MR. WARFORD: Well, we distributed audio

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   and video, so whole house music, TVs in multiple
2 locations. We did very large homes with complex
3 lighting systems with computerized panels to control
4 the lights throughout the house. We did touch
5 screens where you can control the lights and the
   temperature and the music and tie all that together.
   So we did the highest levels of home automation that
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   are available, and I have continued to do that since
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   I established my company in 2007.
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           MR. ROBERTS: This license application is
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           MR. WARFORD: Security and CCTV.
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           MR. ROBERTS: Do you have any sort of
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   experience in the closed circuit TV installations?
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15 MR. WARFORD: Yes. The large home that I 16 list on this security, it's the first set of 17 pictures. You can see the -- that's the gate control which I did not do, but there's two cameras built 18 into the gate control, one of which you can see 20 hanging down below it. There are six other cameras 21 on that property that are, you know, just -- they are 22 not Internet cameras; they have a local DVR. 23 You know, we started doing video

24 doorbells back as early as the mid-'90s at25 Nicholson's, so I have been doing CCTV for a long

1 face. 2 MR. WARFORD: That's right. So I regret 3 that I didn't have a license, and that's what I am trying to make right. And once I did realize that, I stopped marketing it, you know, until such time as I 5 6 could get right with the state. 7 MR. ROBERTS: The fact that your experience was unlicensed experience doesn't negate 8 9 the fact that it was experience. I personally, after looking at the documents presented here would feel 10 11 like that Mr. Warford's experience would be adequate to meet the licensing requirements. Like I say, the 12 13 fact that some of it was not licensed experience doesn't negate the fact that it was experience. The closed circuit TV experience is a little thin, but as 15 16 Scott mentioned, I think it would probably be 17 adequate. 18 So I would make a motion that we accept 19 Mr. Warford's experience as meeting the requirements 20 and that would -- there are other requirements that 21 still have to be met in order for his license to be 22 issued. 23 MR. WARFORD: Right. I need to take the

Page 170 1 time. Not a whole lot on it, but for a long time. 2 But more and more -- because of the Internet-based cameras like the gentleman was talking about before, more and more people are asking for it because it's not cost prohibitive like it used to be. 5 6 MR. COCKROFT: I would feel like the AV 7 experience would come under the CCTV, would be comparable there. We do have the issue kind of a Catch-22 where we have got unlicensed activity being 10 the experience required. I don't doubt that -- you know, that you can do the CCTV, and obviously you 11 12 have done some alarm work.

MR. WARFORD: Right.
MR. COCKROFT: I think we are just kind
of in a sticky situation as far as your experience.
MR. WARFORD: Sure, I understand that.

And if I need to pay a fine or something for that

unlicensed activity, I'll just say as a personal

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word, it was really interesting to me that I was able
to go to local distributors and sign up to buy the
equipment, that I was able to hook up with a central
station company, that I was able to get an alarm dot
com account. And nobody said, Do you have a license
in --

MR. ROBERTS: You just have an honest

experience, I would feel like I could accept what he has presented as appropriate documentation.

MR. ROBERTS: But in terms of the

3 So I make a motion that we consider
4 Mr. Warford's experience as presented for the
5 security alarm closed circuit television categories
6 as adequate.

7 CHAIRPERSON HIXSON: We have a motion by 8 Mr. Roberts. Do we have a second? Okay, we have no 9 second.

10 MR. COCKROFT: Well, I would like to
11 second -- and I guess for discussion, I am inclined
12 to agree. I mean, I feel like the experience is
13 adequate, but I guess I would like to discuss it, if
14 we've got other thoughts on the Board.
15 CHAIRPERSON HIXSON: What are your

15 CHAIRPERSON HIXSON: What are your 16 thoughts?

17 MR. ROBERTS: This would not be directly 18 granting his license. This would just be accepting 19 his experience.

MS. BELL: He still has to have the training and pass the test. He's had one burglar alarm qualification course.

alarm qualification course.
 MR. WARFORD: I have a copy of it here,
 and then a copy should be in your packet. I passed
 the LERC on-line, one of the ones that was acceptable

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courses and stuff.

Page 173 Page 175 1 to the State of Tennessee. You know, my next step, 1 thing. 2 after coming today where you guys to grant my 2 MR. WARFORD: I am trying. And, you 3 experience as adequate, would be to take the 3 know, whatever I need to do to comply with the 4 state-recognized CCTV and security service courses, 4 complaint, I will do. This was -- adding into my 5 and, of course, do my best to pass those before I business was customer-driven. It was customers that 6 would do any other activity. were frustrated with the big guys like ADT and 6 7 Comcast and AT&T that said, Can you help us? And I (Ms. Jones stepped outside the 7 8 boardroom.) just -- it's my personality that I just try to plunge 9 MS. VEST: There goes my quorum. We need 9 in and help people, especially when they are already 10 to hold on. my customers. So that's -- it wasn't something that 10 11 MR. ROBERTS: You still have a quorum 11 I planned on; it just kind of happened. 12 unless it's challenged. 12 MR. ROBERTS: Some companies are a little 13 MS. VEST: Okay. 13 more customer-oriented than others. 14 MR. COCKROFT: Are we just waiting a 14 MR. WARFORD: That's correct. I am a 15 minute, I guess, until she comes back? one-man shop and known for my customer service. 15 16 MR. ROBERTS: We have a motion and a Thank you very much. 16 17 second. 17 CHAIRPERSON HIXSON: Thank you. 18 CHAIRPERSON HIXSON: Okav. 18 MS. BELL: Thank you. Keep me posted. 19 19 MR. ROBERTS: Go ahead and vote on it. Let's take a break and eat. 20 CHAIRPERSON HIXSON: I was going to give 20 (Lunch break.) 21 her a couple minutes to see if she's coming back. 21 CHAIRPERSON HIXSON: We are going to call 22 MR. ROBERTS: Okay. 22 back to order this Thursday, October the 20th, 2016 23 MR. COCKROFT: Is she just not feeling 23 meeting of the Tennessee Alarm Systems Contractors 24 well? She didn't have a problem with this, did she? Board. Ms. Vest, I am going to defer to you if you 25 CHAIRPERSON HIXSON: Let's go ahead and 25 want to go next. Page 174 Page 176 vote on Mr. Warford's -- it is Warford? 1 1 MS. VEST: Thank you. Now, we do have 2 MR. WARFORD: Warford. 2 two other appearances that did not appear, obviously. 3 CHAIRPERSON HIXSON: Mr. Warford's Did you want to look at their paper application or do 4 experience. Just experience only. He would still you want to wait --5 have to --5 MS. BELL: One of -- Barnes was supposed 6 MR. ROBERTS: Meet other requirements. to be here, the QA, and Vanhorn said he was coming. 7 CHAIRPERSON HIXSON: -- meet all the 7 but all we are looking at on him is his criminal other requirements from the training as well as 8 history. 9 testing in order to qualify for the qualifying agent 9 MS. VEST: So we can go ahead and finish 10 in CCTV and burg. All in favor voice by saying aye. up with these if you'd like before we go into mine. 11 THE BOARD: Ave. So I think what we are going to take is Exhibit F. 11 12 CHAIRPERSON HIXSON: Motion carries. 12 CHAIRPERSON HIXSON: And this is for his 13 MR. WARFORD: Thank you very much. 13 QA review? 14 CHAIRPERSON HIXSON: Thank you, sir, for 14 MS. BELL: This is to review his degree. 15 coming. 15 He's trying to qualify with an associates degree and 16 MR. COCKROFT: We appreciate you coming four years of experience. I was finally able to 17 forward and making an attempt to comply with license. 17 document enough experience, but his degree is a 18 There probably will be -- you know, they will open a 18 little different. Actually, the law just says an 19 complaint as far as the unlicensed. We can't really 19 associates degree in engineering technology. It 20 address that today. 20 doesn't really specify. 21 MR. WARFORD: I understand. Okay. 21 CHAIRPERSON HIXSON: His is in mechanical 22 MR. COCKROFT: Don't take that 22 engineering, I think.

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23 personally.

MR. WARFORD: I won't, not at all.

MR. ROBERTS: And you are doing the right

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MS. BELL: Which might be even more

appropriate than electrical engineering technology.

depending on what he's working on.

Page 179 Page 177 CHAIRPERSON HIXSON: All opposed. The CHAIRPERSON HIXSON: So are we looking 1 2 motion carries. 2 just at the education and not the experience? 3 3 MS. VEST: Good. Thank you. Now we'll MS. BELL: His experience -- he's got at 4 go to Exhibit I. 4 least four years, which is all he needs with this 5 MS. BELL: What about B, C and D? degree. He also has the training. And he's passed 6 MR. ROBERTS: That was Exhibit I. 6 the test, but his degree is just a little bit 7 MS. VEST: I'm sorry. 7 different than what the statute says. And generally 8 MR. COCKROFT: I think it's labeled 8 we bring these to you guys. Unless it strictly and straight up says electrical engineering technology, 9 different in different places. 10 CHAIRPERSON HIXSON: It's I on all of 10 we bring them for review. 11 MR. COCKROFT: I would make a motion that 11 mine. MR. COCKROFT: Okay. I saw F on the 12 we accept Mr. Barnes' mechanical engineering 12 13 filing. 13 technology degree for his requirements. 14 CHAIRPERSON HIXSON: Okay. We have a 14 CHAIRPERSON HIXSON: So we have --15 15 motion by Mr. Cockroft. Do we have a second? MS. VEST: I think now we are at my point 16 MR. ROBERTS: Second. 16 in this. CHAIRPERSON HIXSON: So you want to go to 17 CHAIRPERSON HIXSON: And a second by 17 18 yours instead of the employee? Okay. 18 Mr. Roberts. All in favor voice by saying aye. 19 THE BOARD: Aye. 19 MS. VEST: If you don't mind, we are 20 CHAIRPERSON HIXSON: All opposed? The 20 going to go to Exhibit B, which is the disciplinary 21 motion carries. action report. This form -- I don't know if I 21 22 MS. VEST: All right. The next one we 22 presented it to you the last time like this. It is 23 are going to go to is H -- no, I'm sorry. It's I. 23 somewhat different from the old form that we used. 24 Anthony Vanhorn. This here, you are reviewing the Disciplinary action for all guests, you did not have 25 criminal record on Mr. Vanhorn. 25 any. September, you did not have any activity, but Page 178 Page 180 1 CHAIRPERSON HIXSON: So in this case, he you can look at the -- you can look at the form and 2 has the experience and training. It's just his see the other programs do. 3 criminal record we are looking at? 3 We can go to Exhibit C. Of course, if MS. BELL: Yeah. I finally got proof of 4 4 you have any questions, please ask me. Exhibit C is 5 his experience enough yesterday not to have to worry your monthly report for the month of August and about that. He owns his own business in Kentucky and through September. This is a report that I furnish 7 has for years. And finally he got a letter from 7 every month to the Assistant Commissioner's Office, Sentrynet documenting how long he's been operating tells what we have been doing in the office. Your 9 his own company, so I didn't need to bring that. program still has Karen Jones and McKenzie Roberts. 10 CHAIRPERSON HIXSON: What category is he? These Board members continue to serve until 10 11 MS. BELL: Burg and CCTV. 11 reappointed or another appointment has been made. 12 CHAIRPERSON HIXSON: Have you had a 12 because both terms expired 12-31-15. 13 13 chance to review it? You want to make a motion on On September the 21st through September 14 it? 14 the 23rd, Beth Bell and I went to the Tennessee MR. COCKROFT: I make a motion to 15 Electronic Security Association. We had a booth and 16 approve -- this is file 1961 -- approve his 16 we did a presentation. 17 application. 17 MR. ROBERTS: An excellent presentation, 18 CHAIRPERSON HIXSON: Okay. Excuse me. 18 I would add. 19 We have a motion by Mr. Cockroft. Do we have a MS. VEST: Thank you. 19 20 second? 20 MS. BELL: Thank you. 21 MS. JONES: I second. MS. VEST: We appreciate that. It was a 21 22 CHAIRPERSON HIXSON: We have a second by good turnout. We really enjoyed it. And out of that 22 23 Ms. Jones to approve file number 1961. All in favor did come some other -- something else. We are going 24 voice by saying aye. 24 to -- for security personnel, security guards and 25 THE BOARD: Aye. 25 trainers and companies -- have a seminar on November

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the 9th. It's to help individuals know how to navigate our new computer system, our on-line applications, the renewals, their electronic fingerprinting, the changes we want to make in the 5 applications. All that's going to be done in the 6 seminar in different parts of the state.

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What came out of this one -- we went up there for that -- was that I was asked perhaps we could do that for some of the alarm and company's 10 actual employees that work on the applications or 11 hire the individuals. You might have a compliance person that does that. So Beth and I will be working 13 on having another seminar just based on the alarm 14 industry later, probably after next year -- after 15 this year, excuse me. Next year is 2017.

MS. BELL: But I already have people calling me wanting to know when it's going to be.

MS. VEST: Well, we have not set that up 19 yet. We are doing it one at a time. So we are 20 really excited about that, that they are really 21 interested enough to listen to us talk again. And actually, like Paul Hartbarger had said earlier, if you go out on this website, you can click on the 24 little video that they did. It's very, very helpful.

Okay. So if you don't have any questions

1 where we go for the edits and expenses of our 2 computer.

Administrative cost backs -- that's for 3 4 our office and the Assistant Commissioner, the 5 commissioner, whomever else that includes. Now we have how much your attorney sitting next to me costs. 6 7 Legal cost backs.

MR. ROBERTS: Wow.

CHAIRPERSON HIXSON: Why is there such a 10 great difference between July and August? Is that cumulative or is that --11

12 MS. VEST: It's supposed to be actually what is charged per each month. If you have 13 14 investigations that you have to have for these 15 complaints -- this is what we were talking about earlier this morning about, that 70. It will be a 16 17 terrible expense on this program if we kept that up.

CHAIRPERSON HIXSON: Okav.

19 MS. VEST: You have your investigation 20 costs. Field enforcement. I don't believe we have any of that. In the customer service center is a new 21 22 telephone system, the Zendesk. We have one person 23 that is designated in our office seven and a half

hours a day to answer the telephone for all our 24

programs. And they do have it -- several people that

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about that, we'll just move on to Exhibit D, my 2 budget review. Excuse me. This is a new form and 3 new way that we are doing this as well. You are going to be given this sheet that says Alarm Surplus/Deficit, Fiscal Year Ending in July -- or begins in July 2016 and ends in June 2017, and each 7 month they are going to be able now to break down 8 your revenue versus your expenses.

MS. BELL: I have this one up on the screen if it will be easier for y'all to see it that way.

MS. VEST: All right. So let's don't --13 we really don't want to get too alarmed on what we see, because this is for the whole year. So each month is going to be somewhat of a variance there because right now it's showing that you are in a deficit of \$7,617 -- no. 7,617.

MS. BELL: It was dollars.

18 19 MS. VEST: Okay. But the month before 20 you had 21,862, so as the month goes, you have --21 you'll be in a negative or in a plus. I am not 22 really concerned about that. This program has already had enough moneys that they are 24 self-sufficient, but you can see it breaks down your 25 expenses. It has never been able to do that before, Page 184

1 answer the phone in customer service as well. 2 I do not have any legislative update to bring to you. That was next on the agenda there, but 3 I don't -- there has not been any. So if you don't 5 have any questions, I believe we'll just go down to 6 the alarm employee application review if you'd like. 7

CHAIRPERSON HIXSON: Okav. MS. VEST: And I believe we can start with J. We are going to review his criminal record, this gentleman's criminal record.

This gentleman was convicted of

12 disorderly conduct on 10-23 of '16. February 23rd of 13 '07, it was criminal intent, theft of property. 14 Aggravated robbery was reduced down to a lesser offense of attempted aggravated burglary, amended to 15 16 simple assault. And it's a nine-year-old charge. He does tell you on his application a couple of these. 17

18 Okay, I am going to make a correction to this.

19 The first thing I said, it should have 20 been 10-23-05 instead of '16. Since it's only nine 21 years old. I wasn't able to approve it in the office. 22 He does have the written explanations included. And 23 then you do have -- there's actually just a master 24 output. It's a printout from the computer -- about 25 his charges and his convictions.

Page 185 Page 187 MR. ROBERTS: Madam Chairman, I make a gentleman live, do we know? 1 1 2 2 MS. BELL: Chattanooga. motion that we do not grant this application as a registered employee. CHAIRPERSON HIXSON: And most of his 3 4 CHAIRPERSON HIXSON: We have a motion by 4 arrests have been in North Georgia. Middle Georgia. 5 5 MS. BELL: He might live in Georgia. Mr. Roberts to deny this registered employee application. Do we have a second? 6 CHAIRPERSON HIXSON: Yeah, he's in 7 7 MS. JONES: I second. LaFayette, Georgia. 8 CHAIRPERSON HIXSON: And a second by 8 MS. BELL: Yeah. 9 9 CHAIRPERSON HIXSON: Okay. Are you going Ms. Jones. 10 MS. BELL: Under what grounds? 10 to make that into the form of a motion to have him 11 MR. ROBERTS: The extensive criminal 11 appear? 12 history. 12 MR. COCKROFT: Yes. I'll make a motion 13 MS. BELL: So it would be under the poor to ask Mr. Fowlkes to come appear before the Board at 13 14 moral character clause. 14 the next meeting. 15 THE REPORTER: The what? MS. BELL: With his DQA? 15 16 MS. BELL: Poor moral character. 16 MR. COCKROFT: Yes. 17 CHAIRPERSON HIXSON: We have a motion by 17 CHAIRPERSON HIXSON: Okay. We have a motion by Mr. Cockroft to require Exhibit K and his 18 Mr. Roberts, a second by Ms. Jones. All in favor 18 19 voice by saying ave. 19 DQA to appear before the Board. Do we have a second? 20 THE BOARD: Ave. 20 I'll second it. All in favor voice by 21 CHAIRPERSON HIXSON: All opposed. The 21 saying aye. 22 application's denied. THE BOARD: Aye by Mr. Cockroft and 22 23 MS. VEST: All right. Thank you. Now 23 Ms. Jones. 24 we'll go to K. This individual here. November the 24 CHAIRPERSON HIXSON: All opposed? Are 25 18th of 2000 had a DUI, was guilty, got 12 months' 25 you going to vote? Page 186 Page 188 MS. BELL: Does that mean you abstain? probation; 8-8 of 2009, a DUI, guilty, 12 months' 1 probation; 5-20-14, a DUI, amended to non-finger 2 MR. ROBERTS: It just means I didn't printable criminal charge, 6-25-16, a DUI. He did 3 vote. not provide any written explanations. 4 4 MS. VEST: Moving right along. Did the 5 MR. COCKROFT: What is the applicant? 5 motion carry? 6 CHAIRPERSON HIXSON: K. 6 CHAIRPERSON HIXSON: Yes, ma'am, it did. 7 7 MS. BELL: K. MS. VEST: Moving right along to the next 8 MR. ROBERTS: Madam Chairman, I make a one. It's going to be L. 9 motion we grant this application. 9 Vehicular theft, guilty, three years' 10 CHAIRPERSON HIXSON: We have a motion by 10 probation; 7-17-1999, he was held for a Colorado Mr. Roberts. Do we have a second? 11 charge for a bad check, and they classified it as a 11 12 Okay. The motion fails for lack of a felony. On 3-22-2007, unlawful carrying of a weapon. 13 second. Do we have another motion? We need a got community service and he was discharged. 13 MR. COCKROFT: I'll make a motion to 14 motion, folks. 14 15 MS. VEST: I think you need a second. 15 approve file 35394. 16 MS. THOMAS: No, it died. 16 CHAIRPERSON HIXSON: Okay. We have a 17 MS. VEST: Okay. It died for lack of a 17 motion by Mr. Cockroft to approve Exhibit L. Do we 18 second. Sorry, I didn't hear that. 18 have a second? CHAIRPERSON HIXSON: We need a motion. MR. ROBERTS: Second. 19 19 20 MR. COCKROFT: I feel like it would be in 20 CHAIRPERSON HIXSON: And a second by 21 order to ask the person to come appear before the 21 Mr. Roberts. All in favor voice by saying aye. Board. It's very recent, this charge. 22 THE BOARD: Aye. 22 23 CHAIRPERSON HIXSON: Are you putting that 23 CHAIRPERSON HIXSON: All opposed? The

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24 motion carries.

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in the form of a motion?

MR. ROBERTS: Where is -- where does the

MS. VEST: All right, thank you. Now we

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1 will move down to the last one, which will be M. We
2 do have a written explanation on this one. On
3 9-3-2003, forgery, guilty. Receiving stolen property
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4 was nolle and bad checks. There were seven checks so that you got for forgery, you got pretrial diversion.

and it is over ten years old.

7 MR. ROBERTS: Madam Chair, I make a 8 motion that we grant this application.

9 CHAIRPERSON HIXSON: We have a motion by Mr. Roberts to grant Exhibit M. registered employee 11 application. Do we have a second?

I'll second it. All in favor voice by 12 13 saving ave.

14 THE BOARD: Ave.

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15 CHAIRPERSON HIXSON: All opposed. The 16 motion carries.

17 MS. VEST: All right. Thank you. Now I 18 believe we can move on down to the alarm employee 19 application review.

MS. BELL: We just finished that.

21 MS. VEST: I'm sorry. I am just all over

22 the place here. I guess we are down to the

23 education, which would be Ms. Beth.

24 MS. BELL: I know I've sent everything to 25 Karen, Keith, Ken, and Scott. Did anybody review? I 1 seen one certificate for that course. And it wasn't

for a qualifying agent; it was for an employee

training. Most of the certificates we get in are for

either the NTS courses which they held and have a new

5 proctor that's an on-line, kind of a machine that

proctors use, and you have to -- you have to be --

you have to be at your computer. It randomly comes

to see who's sitting at the computer taking the

class. I think they just moved to that in the last

month. And then the Elite CEU qualifying education

courses, they actually have to go to PSI and take a 11

test to complete it. These are the only 12

qualification courses I am aware of that we have on 13

14 our list right now that are not proctored.

15 MR. ROBERTS: Let's take these one at a 16 time if we could. I went through all of these courses very carefully and have some issues with some 17 of them.

18 19 MS. BELL: Well, I really think what

20 Grant did was go back to exactly what he had sent us

the last time they got renewed, which would have 21

22 been --

23 MR. ROBERTS: Some of these were just

24 junk.

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MS. BELL: Yeah.

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know Karen told me she had been in the hospital and 2 she didn't look at any of it.

MR. COCKROFT: I looked through all of them. The concerns are the ones that are the nonproctored qualifying course for burglary alarm qualification, fire alarm qualification.

7 MS. BELL: Again, they are not proctored, 8 period.

9 MR. COCKROFT: And they have been 10 approved prior --

11 MS. BELL: They have been approved for 12 vears but --

13 CHAIRPERSON HIXSON: Beth, your mic is 14 not kicking up.

15 MS. BELL: Sorry. That's probably 16 because I am not speaking into it.

17 They have been approved. I believe they 18 were initially approved -- I want to think it's been 19

at least eight or nine years ago. I think maybe '06. 20 MR. COCKROFT: All the continuing ed 21 looks fine to me. That's my only concern. I think

22 if we have to make a decision as a Board, do we want 23 proctored exams or not, or do we want -- we accept it

24 simply with a video proctor? 25

MS. BELL: We haven't, and I think I have

1 MR. ROBERTS: Let's look at them one at a 2 time if you don't mind. First of all, the Sentrynet course for two hours of continuing education titled 4 Beyond the Signal, I thought that was fine and would 5 recommend that it be approved for two hours' continuing education. The -- looking at the LERC 7 courses, they vary tremendously. The -- let me see if I can put these in some sort of order. 8

9 The Tennessee Fire Alarm Qualification 10 course, they are requesting -- well, they submitted them two different ways. They submitted them as a 11 12 group. The course that's listed is Tennessee Fire 13 Alarm Qualification course. Apparently it comprises 14 three separate sections. 15

MS. BELL: Part 1, 2 and 3.

MR. ROBERTS: Yeah, Part 1, 2 and 3.

17 They are apparently asking that the combination of 18 the three be suitable for initial application.

19 although they didn't check that on the application.

20 Let me take a look at the courses themselves. Give

21 me just a minute here to get this organized.

22 All right. The Tennessee Fire Alarms 23 course Part 1, they made an application for it to be

24 continuing education, eight hours. Now, there was

25 just not enough material presented with the

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1 application to assess whether or not it is -- would be suitable for eight hours of continuing education. 3 The second page there, they listed -- they give you -- there are all sorts of errors in this thing.

5 For example, I am looking at the second page dated October -- 1 October '16, they make reference to the NFPA70, 2015. There wasn't an NFPA70, 2015. There was one in 2014. So, you know, just the application in itself has an error built 10 into it. That is just -- but that was not sufficient 11 information to judge whether that would be good for 12 eight hours' continuing education. So I could not 13 recommend that that be with -- I could not recommend 14 that it be approved because I don't have enough 15 information to judge.

16 MR. COCKROFT: I would agree. I think 17 they are not eight hours for any of those.

18 MR. ROBERTS: Well, again, I just 19 didn't -- there wasn't enough material presented to 20 judge even if it's just continuing education.

21 CHAIRPERSON HIXSON: So does that apply 22 to 1, 2 and 3?

MR. ROBERTS: Yes.

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24 MR. COCKROFT: They are all requesting 25 eight hours. I don't think any of them --

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Page 194 MR. ROBERTS: They are requesting eight hours of continuing education, and there is just not enough material submitted to be able to judge. And so I could not recommend that they be approved based on the information presented.

MS. BELL: What about the access control 7 basics?

8 MR. ROBERTS: Well, let me move to those if you would. Let me look at the Tennessee 10 Fiberoptics. Tennessee Fiberoptics Basics, Part 1. That would be -- they are requesting four hours of 11 12 continuing education, and I feel like that would be appropriate. So I would recommend that it be 13 14 approved for that.

15 On the other hand, the materials 16 submitted for the Tennessee Fiberoptics Basics, 17 Part 2, where they are requesting eight hours of continuing education, the materials submitted with 18 19 that was identical to Part 1.

20 CHAIRPERSON HIXSON: Now, the list that 21 we have on the iPad says eight hours for each of 22 those.

23 MR. ROBERTS: Well, the application that 24 I have and printed off says four hours' continuing 25 education for Basics, Part 1, and that would be

1 reasonable.

2 CHAIRPERSON HIXSON: So Basics, Part 1 is 3 for four hours?

4 MR. ROBERTS: Yeah. The Basics, Part 2 5 material was identical to Part 1, word for word. So 6 I could not recommend that that be approved because the materials submitted just doesn't match what they 8 are asking for.

9 If I may move on. The Tennessee Data 10 Telco Standards, they are asking for eight hours of continuing education. I do not see that that course 11 12 could possibly be worth eight hours of continuing education. Four hours, perhaps. So I would 13 14 recommend that it could be approved for four hours, 15 not eight. No matter whether you looked at that or 16 not, Scott, do you have an opinion on that one?

MR. COCKROFT: I looked at all of them. 18 I didn't notice that -- I was going -- Part 1 and 19 Part 2 were the same. I was going back to look at what I had was the same on both of them. I don't think that any of them are eight hours worth of 21

22 training. I was okay with all the classes, the

courses themselves. I do think they are applicable 24 to the industry and to the work being done. If you

think there's errors in the fire alarm, I'll default

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1 to you on that.

2 MR. ROBERTS: Let me move on. The 3 Limited Energy Calculations Basics, they are requesting eight hours of continuing education. I cannot see that material presented would be worth 6 eight hours of continuing education, four hours at best. And I consider the course very marginal. So I would recommend that that be approved for no more than four hours of continuing education. 9

10 The Tennessee Access Control Basics 11 course, they are requesting continuing education. okay. They are requesting eight hours of continuing 12 13 education. I can accept that. However, on Page 4 and Page 8, the spelling of "summary" should be 14 15 corrected. They have misspelled it in both places.

16 CHAIRPERSON HIXSON: So you are okay for 17 the recommendation on the access control? 18

MR. ROBERTS: Eight hours of continuing 19 education, yes.

CHAIRPERSON HIXSON: Okay.

21 MR. ROBERTS: Now, the remaining 22 courses -- I have just one remaining course, is the 23 Tennessee Burg Qualification course. That is one 24 where they are --

25 MS. BELL: Combining three of the

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2 MR. ROBERTS: Yeah. They are applying --3 it's a bit confusing. They are applying for 24 hours and I assume initial application.

MS. BELL: Yes.

6 MR. ROBERTS: They are wanting to renew 7 the course. They misspelled the word "summary" on 8 Page 7. I can accept that as an initial 9 qualification course, although I think we need to get

10 back to the discussion as to whether or not the 11 course should be proctored to ensure that the person

12 taking the course is actually the one that is taking

13 the examination.

14 MS. BELL: All right. So the 15 recommendation on some of these is to only approve 16 for four hours?

MR. ROBERTS: Yes, that's correct. MS. BELL: Okay. Now on the fire --

MR. ROBERTS: And continuing education.

MS. BELL: This is just continuing

21 education right now.

MR. ROBERTS: Right.

MS. BELL: On the Fire Alarms, Part 1, 2

24 and 3, I have got my notes that you don't think

25 there's enough material --

only. And Fiberoptics Basics, Part 2? 1

MR. ROBERTS: It would be rejected. 2

MS. BELL: Completely?

MR. ROBERTS: Yeah, the material is the 4 5 same as Part 1.

MS. BELL: Okay.

7 MR. COCKROFT: When I looked at them, there was a different outline in the beginning. It's 8 covering -- there's only so much you can cover in 9

10 fiberoptic splicing and everything else. 11

MS. BELL: Well, do you think -- I mean, 12 again, you could either reject it or -- and he can

13 resubmit it.

14 MR. ROBERTS: I was thoroughly unimpressed with the quality of his presentations. 15

MS. BELL: Okay. So we've got -- we are 16 17 at the very bottom now. We are ready for the 18 qualification courses. Do we want to hold on to

those until he resubmits the other stuff? If they 19 20 are a combination of these courses and you won't

approve them for continuing ed. I can't even consider 21 22 them for qualifying education.

MR. ROBERTS: Right.

CHAIRPERSON HIXSON: And the issue of 24

25 them not being proctored.

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1 MR. ROBERTS: That was not enough 2 material to judge the quality of the course on that.

MS. BELL: So we are just not even going

to review that because they didn't send enough 4 material?

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MR. ROBERTS: That's correct.

MS. BELL: Okay. That's rejected. On

the Access Control Basics, there's not eight hours of material. Do you have a recommendation on the number

of hours we can approve that for? 10

11 CHAIRPERSON HIXSON: He said he approved 12 it for eight hours.

MS. BELL: They'll take it for eight.

Limited Energy Calculations, the recommendation is we

approve it for four hours of continuing ed? 15

16 MR. ROBERTS: Four hours of continuing

17 education, yes, that's correct. 18

MS. BELL: Data/Telecommunications, to

19 approve that for four hours?

20 MR. ROBERTS: Yes.

MS. BELL: All right. And then on the

22 Fiberoptic Basics, Part 1 --

MR. ROBERTS: It would be approved for

24 four hours.

MS. BELL: Four hours of continuing ed

Page 200 MS. BELL: Well, y'all haven't made a

ruling on that. I have warned him that this could

3 happen, but -- I mean, it --

4 CHAIRPERSON HIXSON: Also, did you get 5 the Beyond the Signal at the top for two hours?

MS. BELL: Ken recommended that's okay 6 7 for two hours.

MR. ROBERTS: Yes. Yes.

CHAIRPERSON HIXSON: Yes.

10 MS. BELL: Okay. So we are not even 11 going to consider the qualification courses until 12 everything gets resubmitted?

MR. ROBERTS: Correct.

MS. BELL: Are we going to make a

decision about proctored -- being proctored or not?

16 MR. ROBERTS: Well, maybe we -- do we want to take that as one consideration or do we want 17 18 to break that out?

19 MS. BELL: Well, that's two different 20 things, other than I hate to reject it, because it's

21 not enough material and then turn around at the next

22 meeting and tell him we've decided not to accept it because it's not proctored. 23

MR. ROBERTS: Good point. What do the 24

25 rest of you think?

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          CHAIRPERSON HIXSON: I agree with what
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  Beth said. I hate to approve it and then come back
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  and tell him no, because it's not proctored.
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          MR. COCKROFT: I think they should be
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  proctored. I think there should be some form. We
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  were probably stretching the bounds with video
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MR. ROBERTS: Well, are we talking about 9 the continuing education being proctored? 10

MS. BELL: No.

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MR. ROBERTS: You're just talking about the initial application being proctored. 12

MR. COCKROFT: Right.

14 MR. ROBERTS: I agree with that. So we could approve then the courses that were submitted 15 for continuing education.

17 MS. BELL: That had the items that we 18 could review.

19 MR. ROBERTS: That had the items we could 20 review, but because I -- you know, they were okay, 21 maybe at best. Like I said, I was thoroughly 22 unimpressed with the quality of the materials.

MR. COCKROFT: Is it an on-line course?

24 MS. BELL: Yes.

MR. COCKROFT: So we aren't entirely

motion that we are not going to accept qualifying 1 education courses unless they are proctored from 3 hence now forward or --

4 MR. ROBERTS: Well, first of all, I make 5 a motion that we accept the courses that I have outlined for continuing education. 6

MR. COCKROFT: Second.

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8 MR. ROBERTS: I don't want to go through 9 that list again.

10 CHAIRPERSON HIXSON: Have you -- Jenny, did you get that? 11

12 Okay. We have a motion by Mr. Roberts, a second by Mr. Cockroft to accept the list with the 13 modifications that have been read into the record. 14 All in favor voice by saying aye. 15

THE BOARD: Aye.

17 CHAIRPERSON HIXSON: All opposed? So 18 that part is taken care of. Now we are moving to the 19 issue of the initial application.

20 MR. ROBERTS: I think we are undermining 21 the entire process of requiring education for our qualifying agents if we do not require that the 22 23 courses be proctored in some fashion. And that would 24 be my opinion. And I am not -- I don't want to try

to get into detailing how they should be proctored,

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1 seeing it as it's presented, I guess.

2 MS. BELL: I don't think -- I'll be 3 totally honest with you. I don't think they have 4 been updated since they were initially approved, 5 maybe here and there. He also used to offer the 6 Charley Pierce CCTV Lake training, and he had to guit offering that because it hadn't been updated in so 7 8 long.

MR. ROBERTS: If I understand correctly, 10 his courses are really only accepted by two states, ours, and I forgot whether it's Washington or Oregon 12 or someplace out west.

13 MS. BELL: It's one of those two, and 14 he's in Oregon.

15 MR. ROBERTS: Yeah, that his home state 16 and our state are the only ones that are -- appear to 17 me to be accepting his materials, or accepting -- as 18 far as I can tell, his home state and Tennessee are 19 the only places his materials are being presented or 20 being approved for use. And he makes -- in his 21 advertising makes a big deal that Tennessee has 22 approved his courses for various purposes. I said I 23 was thoroughly, you know, unimpressed with the

24 quality of his materials and presentation. 25

MS. BELL: All right. Do we need a

but in this case there's no indication they are proctored in any way, and I feel like that is

insufficient to meet the appropriate statutory 4 requirements.

5 So I would make the motion that we do not approve courses for initial application unless they 6 7 are proctored in some fashion. As far as I know, 8 that really would only apply here. Am I reasonably 9 correct in that. Beth? 10

MS. BELL: Yes.

MR. ROBERTS: Yeah. Now, not anything 12 against this particular course provider, but I just do not feel like it's adequate to meet the -- what 13 14 the statutory expectations are.

15 MR. COCKROFT: I agree. And I think that 16 it does follow the central requirements because the course that's cited in the statute as an 17 18 equivalent -- or that or an equivalent was an 19 in-person proctored test. I mean, it was a course

and test all done in person. So I don't think we 20 are -- there's some concerns that we aren't within

21 22 our -- within the statute to make that?

MS. THOMAS: No.

24 MR, COCKROFT: Okay. Because I think it 25 definitely -- requiring proctor follows the statute

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Page 207 Page 205 The mileage hadn't changed, but I sent that out just MS. THOMAS: Right. And as a Board, you 2 so you guys would know what --3 CHAIRPERSON HIXSON: If you all -- if you 3 can set your own standards as far as education and didn't see it, it's at the bottom of the parking pass 4 4 training is concerned, and that's part of it. So 5 there are no rules -- you have not set any rules to 5 E-mail. Okav. 6 MS. BELL: I can send it again. 6 restrict it, so you can change your mind as needed as 7 MR. COCKROFT: No. I saw it. CHAIRPERSON HIXSON: No. I scrolled on 8 9 down if there was anything else, and I saw them MR. COCKROFT: So you did make a motion, 10 CHAIRPERSON HIXSON: Ken did. 11 MS. BELL: I just wanted you to all know the hotel rates had gone up, so that would be 12 CHAIRPERSON HIXSON: Okav. 13 effective October 1st. MS. BELL: I've got it written down. 14 CHAIRPERSON HIXSON: It's getting almost CHAIRPERSON HIXSON: We have a motion by 15 impossible to find a hotel. 16 MS. BELL: Well, hopefully your ID card Mr. Roberts, a second by Mr. Cockroft to not approve any courses for initial application or -- what did 17 will help some. And it's not going to get any better, even when they open the new hotels here in 18 19 downtown Nashville. The rates are not going to go CHAIRPERSON: Qualifying education --20 down. CHAIRPERSON HIXSON: It doesn't matter unless said exam is proctored. All in favor voice by 21 22 because I book on-line, and when you try to put a state government rate in there, it will say no CHAIRPERSON HIXSON: All opposed. The government rates. I mean, they don't even give you a 25 choice --Page 206 Page 208 MS. BELL: You have to call the hotel MS. BELL: That concludes the education 1 2 property directly to get a government rate at all. CHAIRPERSON HIXSON: Okay. Do we have 3 MS. VEST: Oh, I am sorry. Stand 4 corrected. We do need to vote on the new dates for 5 2017. CHAIRPERSON HIXSON: We need to vote on 6 CHAIRPERSON HIXSON: New business. MS. VEST: Under the new business, we 7 our meeting dates? MS. VEST: Yes. have already passed out -- I believe you have the 8 9 CHAIRPERSON HIXSON: Have these been CHAIRPERSON HIXSON: The 2017 what now? 10 checked against major conferences and events? 11 MS. VEST: Yes, and the events that I MS. VEST: Meeting dates for the Board 12 meetings. If you have any problems with that, you 12 saw, they --13 need to let us know as quickly as possible because we 13 MS. BELL: Actually, they kind of follow 14 the very same schedule you had this year, which I had CHAIRPERSON HIXSON: I also saw as part already researched the holidays and the NCAA 16 of an attachment that you sent on the parking, there tournament and everything else. But you never know was a new per diem and other rates that's taking 17 because there are so many conventions here in town 18 now. CHAIRPERSON HIXSON: I know. March is MS. BELL: Yeah. October 1st every year 19 20 they update the per diem rates, and I sent you all 20 always a bad time because of the NCAA tournament. 21 copies of that just so you'd know how much you get 21 MS. BELL: I don't think y'all are 22 reimbursed on the hotel. I think Nashville, for 22 meeting in March.

23 Board members is up to 171 now. It's 161 for just 24 regular staff. The mileage and the food per diem

25 rates, I think they may have gone down a little bit.

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the industry develops or as you see fit.

CHAIRPERSON HIXSON: Okav.

MS. BELL: Qualifying education.

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any other unfinished business?

MS. VEST: No.

MR. COCKROFT: Second.

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14 have posted these dates.

CHAIRPERSON HIXSON: No, we skipped March

this year, and we are skipping it next year too.

MS. BELL: Yeah, that's -- the PI

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   Commission has to deal with that. Now they are stuck
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   with St. Patrick's Day.
           CHAIRPERSON HIXSON: Well, we have to
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   deal with the fanfare so it's all six of one, half a
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           MR. ROBERTS: Madam Chair, I make a
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   presented to us.
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           MR. COCKROFT: Second.
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           CHAIRPERSON HIXSON: We have a motion by
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    2017 Board meeting schedule as presented. All in
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    favor voice by saying aye.
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           CHAIRPERSON HIXSON: All opposed. The
   motion carries.
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           Okav. Any more new business?
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           MS. VEST: That's all I had. Thank you.
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           MR. COCKROFT: What about the fee
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   schedule? That was -- did we need to go over this?
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           MS. VEST: Actually, yes. We don't need
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   over it the next time. I have been asked to present
24 that to you for you to take another look at that.
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           MS. THOMAS: Probably not.
          MR. COCKROFT: People weren't complaining
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   because it was less than it was supposed to be.
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           MS. THOMAS: The statute does say if
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   there's a finding that there's unlicensed activity,
   so if they are agreeing that there's a violation of
   that statute, the civil penalty is a thousand
   minimum. And I guess we are just going to go with
   what the statute says from here on out. Like I said,
    that's just for unlicensed activity. That's the one
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    that is set forth in the statute. Everything else is
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           MR. COCKROFT: So that's the only one
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           MS. VEST: Set amount.
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           MR. COCKROFT: -- set amount. Okay,
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    thank you for providing that.
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           CHAIRPERSON HIXSON: Anything else?
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           MS. BELL: I can E-mail that to you all.
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           MR. COCKROFT: Thank you.
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           CHAIRPERSON HIXSON: That will be good.
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Page 210 MS. THOMAS: And if the Board members can 1 2 just be looking at that and be thinking of ways to 3 maybe reduce that, or which of those violations other 4 than the two we discussed this morning, that could be 5 handled administratively rather than bringing them to the Board. That's something we can discuss further and vote on at the next meeting in December. 8 MR. COCKROFT: Are some of these ones that we need to change because of the statute or --10 like the first one on this list --11 MS. THOMAS: Right, yeah. The first one 12 on the list is the unlicensed activity. And by 13 statute, it's a minimum of 1,000 up to 5,000, so --14 CHAIRPERSON HIXSON: Because ours has 15 just got 500. What, do we need to change it to 16 5,000? Are any of the others statutory, Ashley? 17 MS. THOMAS: They are not. 18 MR. ROBERTS: So we are going up on the 19 rates? 20 MR. COCKROFT: Well, that one we may have 21 to, but some of the others we probably should go down 22 on. That one, we don't have any choice it sounds 23 like. If it doesn't go to a formal hearing, do we 24 not have the ability to offer a lesser if they'll

25 take a civil penalty? I mean, how was it being done

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