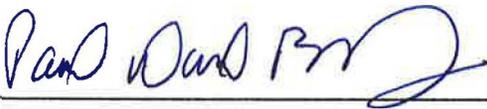


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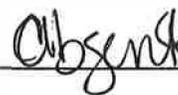
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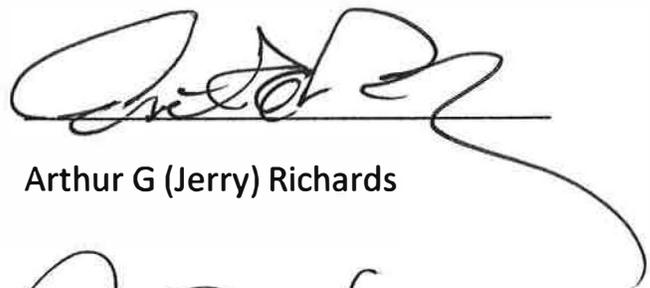
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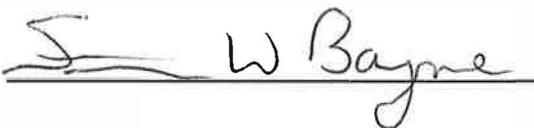
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Paul David Brown, Jr.  
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Alan Rousseau  
Dr. Paul Ritch

STAFF MEMBERS:

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Shauna Balaszi, Administration Assistant  
Ashley Thomas, Staff Attorney



1 sent all of this out to the commissioner, to the  
2 members, and the first one we have on the agenda is  
3 TJCSA West Grand -- let me start all over, TJCSA  
4 West Grand Division Mini Conference. Mr. James  
5 Truelove is asking for credits for 20 hours for  
6 attending.

7 If you will look at it, he's already  
8 attended. His certificate is for June 15th through  
9 the 16th for the one class of eight hours. The  
10 other was at the Double Tree by Hilton on Thursday,  
11 June 15th, 2017. So, he's already attended these  
12 and he's asking for continuing education credit.  
13 Did you hear me, Mr. Rousseau, Alan?

14 MR. ROUSSEAU: I'm sorry. I hit my mute  
15 button. I can hear very well.

16 MS. VEST: All right. Thank you. So,  
17 do we have any discussion on that, members?

18 MR. ROUSSEAU: -- the TJCSA?

19 MS. VEST: No, it's not. That's why  
20 it's been brought to you for Mr. Truelove.

21 MR. ROUSSEAU: Okay.

22 MS. VEST: He wants us to consider it  
23 for his education. He's asked for 20 hours, but of  
24 course, we don't do but 12.

25 MR. ROUSSEAU: Right. Looking at the

1 courses, I think we should approve it. Do you need  
2 that in a formal motion?

3 MS. VEST: Yes, sir, please.

4 MR. ROUSSEAU: I move that we accept the  
5 training offered by T --

6 MS. VEST: JCSA.

7 MR. ROUSSEAU: Yes.

8 MS. VEST: Do I have a second?

9 MR. RITCH: I second.

10 MS. VEST: Okay. So, we had a motion by  
11 Alan Rousseau and seconded by Paul Ritch.

12 MR. BROWN: Okay. We have an approval  
13 from Mr. Rousseau and Dr. Ritch seconds it. Any  
14 discussion?

15 MR. RITCH: I've got a question. Did  
16 they ask also to be put on the list of approved  
17 course providers?

18 MS. VEST: No, they did not.

19 MR. RITCH: They did not?

20 MS. VEST: This was just for an  
21 individual.

22 MR. BROWN: This is the Tennessee  
23 Juvenile Court Services Association is what this is.

24 MS. VEST: Yes.

25 MR. BROWN: That's doing this and I

1 think they do it annually.

2 MS. VEST: Okay. It sounds like  
3 something they might want to ask to be put on the  
4 education list.

5 MR. BROWN: I would say so. When I saw  
6 who it was from, then I'm familiar with them.

7 MS. VEST: Okay. Is that a yes?

8 MR. ROUSSEAU: Yes.

9 MR. BROWN: Vote, roll call?

10 MS. VEST: Yes. Larry Flair?

11 MR. FLAIR: Yes.

12 MS. VEST: David Brown?

13 MR. BROWN: Yes.

14 MS. VEST: Dr. Ritch?

15 MR. RITCH: Yes.

16 MS. VEST: Alan Rousseau?

17 MR. ROUSSEAU: Yes.

18 MS. VEST: Okay. It's approved. All  
19 right. The next eight are from the Tennessee  
20 Association of Investigators.

21 MR. ROUSSEAU: Is that right, eight or  
22 just one?

23 MS. VEST: No. It's all of them, one,  
24 two, three --

25 MR. ROUSSEAU: You've got TAI and then

1 you've got --

2 MS. VEST: I'm sorry. You caught that.  
3 Thank you. It is only one. It's TAI, Tennessee  
4 Association of Investigators. I want you to take a  
5 look at this, because I had questions on this  
6 myself. They are asking for six hours of continuing  
7 education on contract and procurement fraud, but if  
8 you look at the material that they sent us, it says,  
9 time duration, this class is approximately one hour  
10 of intense session and focuses mostly on  
11 identification of contract and procurement fraud.

12 If it says just one hour, why am I giving six hours?

13 MR. BROWN: I saw that. I was going to  
14 ask a question about that.

15 MS. VEST: So, I don't know if they  
16 meant the whole thing. If you look at it, it's got  
17 the front sheet there, instructor's background, of  
18 course, that's a requirement, and then over here, we  
19 have the time duration of what the course is going  
20 to be. So, I just wanted to bring that to your  
21 attention. It might be an excellent course, but I  
22 didn't see six hours.

23 MR. BROWN: Is this for the October  
24 meeting?

25 MS. VEST: Yes. It's for the October

1 14th meeting for continuing education for the  
2 investigators.

3 MR. ROUSSEAU: I make a motion we  
4 approve one hour.

5 MS. VEST: Any other discussion there?

6 MR. BROWN: Can we get a clarification?  
7 We're not going to meet before they have this.

8 MS. VEST: No. We're not going to meet  
9 before they have it. That's all it simply says,  
10 Greetings, here is a line up bios for our six hours  
11 of CPE October 14th. You got that letter. That's  
12 all I've got. So, I didn't really understand it.  
13 Did they mean this is the only thing they're going  
14 to teach that day, they're the only speaker, this is  
15 the only course, well, then why did they put the  
16 duration one hour or is he saying it's in one hour  
17 segments for each thing? I looked at it and wasn't  
18 able to tell. Now, what you can do is we can set  
19 this aside. You can vote that this one can be  
20 presented at the TAI. Let me get some more  
21 information whether it be the one hour or whether it  
22 be the five or six hours, unless voted that they can  
23 do it. I can change the hours on your behalf.

24 MR. BROWN: If you would like to do it  
25 for us.

1 MS. VEST: If that's what you want to  
2 do, we can do it that way if you would like.

3 MR. FLAIR: You need a motion to that  
4 effect, don't you?

5 MR. ROUSSEAU: Second.

6 MS. VEST: Okay. Who made the motion?

7 MR. FLAIR: I'll make the motion with  
8 further investigation by the director that we accept  
9 this and the hours depending upon the outcome of  
10 that investigation.

11 MS. VEST: That was a second by Alan  
12 Rousseau?

13 MR. ROUSSEAU: Yes.

14 MS. VEST: All right. Okay. All in  
15 favor?

16 MR. VALENTINE: Aye.

17 MR. RITCH: Aye.

18 MS. JOHNSTON: Aye.

19 MR. BAYNE: Aye.

20 MS. VEST: All right. Our roll call  
21 vote is Larry Flair?

22 MR. FLAIR: Yes.

23 MS. VEST: David Brown?

24 MR. BROWN: Yes.

25 MS. VEST: Dr. Ritch?

1 MR. RITCH: Yes.

2 MS. VEST: Alan Rousseau?

3 MR. ROUSSEAU: Yes.

4 MS. VEST: Okay. So, that carries.

5 Now, the next one is, TALPI, Tennessee Association  
6 of Licensed Professional Investigators. They've got  
7 one, two, three, four, five, six, seven that they're  
8 asking two hours and up to -- or one-and-a-half  
9 hours for the courses.

10 MR. FLAIR: May I ask, I'm a member of  
11 that organization and I don't really feel  
12 comfortable voting on that to a certain extent.

13 MS. VEST: All right. You can recuse  
14 yourself.

15 MR. FLAIR: Okay. And that's the  
16 reason, because I'm a member of that organization.

17 MR. BROWN: I think we have a couple  
18 more people that are members on that.

19 MS. VEST: Well, that's going to be a  
20 problem, because all of you have PIs and you could  
21 personally be members of an association. So, let's  
22 take a look at that one at a time. This is the  
23 association, and is this what I have there?

24 MR. ROUSSEAU: Are they on the approved  
25 list, too?

1 MS. VEST: Yes, they are.

2 MR. BROWN: Yes.

3 MS. VEST: I've got a whole book here.  
4 This is going to be at their association meeting.

5 MR. ROUSSEAU: Dr. Ritch and I are the  
6 only two that are not PIs on the education  
7 committee. Will that give us enough to vote?

8 MS. VEST: Yes, sir. I think that is  
9 just a committee, so I don't think it's going hurt  
10 anything.

11 MR. ROUSSEAU: Okay.

12 MS. VEST: Okay. So, they submitted  
13 this and asked for the credit. Let me see what we  
14 have here, understanding contextual bias, lawful use  
15 of force for PIs, social media, ethics, going to  
16 take a two-hour class on ethics, digital forensics  
17 investigations, searches, and process serving, and  
18 there's one, two, three hours for that. Have you  
19 had an opportunity to look at that course? That's  
20 going to be Dr. Ritch or Alan Rousseau.

21 MR. RITCH: Yes. I've looked at it and  
22 I have no problem with it.

23 MR. ROUSSEAU: I have no problem.

24 MS. VEST: Okay.

25 MR. RITCH: I move to accept them.

1 MR. ROUSSEAU: I second. Did I go a  
2 little fast?

3 MS. VEST: Yeah, you did go a little  
4 fast. Mr. Brown?

5 MR. BROWN: We have a motion to approve  
6 them by Alan Rousseau and is seconded by Dr. Ritch.

7 MR. ROUSSEAU: It's the other way  
8 around.

9 MS. VEST: The other way around.

10 MR. BROWN: All right.

11 MS. VEST: So, let's do that again.

12 MR. BROWN: Motion to accept by  
13 Dr. Ritch and seconded by Dr. Rousseau.

14 MR. ROUSSEAU: I'm not a doctor, but  
15 that's correct.

16 MS. VEST: All right. Thank you. All  
17 right. Dr. Ritch?

18 MR. RITCH: Aye.

19 MS. VEST: Alan Rousseau?

20 MR. ROUSSEAU: Aye.

21 MS. VEST: All right. So, it carries.

22 And I think we just have one other. It is from the  
23 University of Tennessee College of Law and they want  
24 an eight-hour course for Days of Future Past. This  
25 is from Bryan Hackett. This is another one that is

1 in the past. This was done September 21st of 2016.  
2 And the other one was December 14th of 2016. Now, I  
3 thought the purpose of submitting information was --  
4 to get the courses approved was so you take it in  
5 advance.

6 So, I think maybe we might have one of  
7 our board meetings have a double session about  
8 submitting courses of how PIs should take their  
9 courses. This is my opinion. It's entirely up to  
10 the commission, but this is really getting almost a  
11 year old on some of this that he's asked us to do.  
12 It looks good to me, but it's up to you. They're  
13 supposed to ask in advance of taking the courses.  
14 What is the opinion of the commission there?

15 MR. RITCH: Can we send something else  
16 to the licensees to be e-mailed or whatever?

17 MS. VEST: Yes. I think we'll need to  
18 discuss how you want me to handle that. I can put  
19 it on notify and everybody will know that. I can  
20 put it on the website. There's various things I can  
21 do. We'll discuss that if you want to with the full  
22 commission, because as you can see, there's two of  
23 them that we've already got that they want to get it  
24 approved after they've already attended.

25 MR. BROWN: Kind of have to wait until

1 license renewal time to do this, it kind of puts  
2 everybody in a bind, the staff, you-all.

3 MS. VEST: Right, since we only meet six  
4 times a month.

5 MR. BROWN: Yeah.

6 MS. VEST: Okay. So, do we have a vote  
7 on this one?

8 MR. BROWN: Do we have a motion?

9 MR. ROUSSEAU: I move we accept the  
10 hours with further discussion to the attending and  
11 timely submitting the question.

12 MR. BROWN: Is there a second.

13 MR. FLAIR: I'm second it.

14 MR. BROWN: We have a motion by Alan  
15 Rousseau, seconded by Larry Flair. Roll call on  
16 these.

17 MS. VEST: Larry Flair?

18 MR. FLAIR: Yes.

19 MS. VEST: David Brown?

20 MR. BROWN: Yes.

21 MS. VEST: Dr. Ritch?

22 MR. RITCH: Yes.

23 MS. VEST: Alan Rousseau?

24 MR. ROUSSEAU: Yes.

25 MS. VEST: The motion carries then.

1 MR. RITCH: On the list, there were two  
2 others. Are we not going to talk about them?

3 MS. VEST: What are the two others?

4 MR. RITCH: Federal Defender of Eastern  
5 Tennessee. The communication is addressed to Donna  
6 Hancock, which was years and years and years ago.

7 MS. VEST: Yeah. That was part of the  
8 Bryan Hackett.

9 MR. RITCH: Oh, okay.

10 MS. VEST: We already did that.

11 MR. RITCH: Okay.

12 MS. VEST: The one that was directed to  
13 the board director.

14 MR. RITCH: Sorry about that.

15 MS. VEST: Yes, you were right. That  
16 was years ago.

17 MR. RITCH: A long time ago.

18 MS. VEST: Hadn't talked to the  
19 commission in a while. It might be good. Okay. As  
20 far as I'm concerned, Mr. Brown.

21 MR. BROWN: All right. Are we ready to  
22 start?

23 MS. VEST: No, sir. We need to end the  
24 committee meeting.

25 MR. BROWN: All right. Do we have a

1 motion to end the meeting?

2 MR. RITCH: I so move.

3 MR. FLAIR: I'll second.

4 MR. BROWN: We have a motion to adjourn  
5 by Dr. Ritch, seconded by Larry Flair. Roll call.

6 MS. VEST: Larry Flair?

7 MR. FLAIR: Aye.

8 MS. VEST: David Brown?

9 MR. BROWN: Aye.

10 MS. VEST: Dr. Ritch?

11 MR. RITCH: Aye.

12 THE COURT: Alan Rousseau.

13 MR. ROUSSEAU: Aye.

14 MR. BROWN: Motion carries, we're  
15 adjourned.

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17 END OF MEETING.

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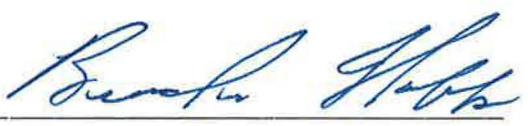
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1 MS. VEST: Dr. Ritch?  
2 MR. RITCH: Here.  
3 MS. VEST: David Brown?  
4 MR. BROWN: Here.  
5 MS. VEST: Rick Jones?  
6 MR. JONES: Here.  
7 MS. VEST: Robin Johnston?  
8 MS. JOHNSTON: Here.  
9 MS. VEST: Larry Flair?  
10 MR. FLAIR: Here.  
11 MS. VEST: Stuart Bayne?  
12 MR. BAYNE: Here.  
13 MS. VEST: Alan Rousseau?  
14 MR. ROUSSEAU: Here.  
15 MS. VEST: Jerry Richards? Let the  
16 record show that Jerry Richards is not present at  
17 the commission meeting, but you do have a quorum.  
18 MR. BROWN: Okay. Thank you, Executive  
19 Director Vest. Next item for approval is the  
20 agenda. I'd like to ask if each commission member  
21 has received and had time to review a copy of the  
22 agenda, and if so, is there a motion to adopt this  
23 agenda?  
24 MR. RITCH: I so move.  
25 MR. BROWN: We have a motion by Dr.

1 Ritch.

2 MR. VALENTINE: Second.

3 MR. BROWN: Seconded by Walt Valentine.

4 Any discussion? All in favor?

5 MR. VALENTINE: Aye.

6 MR. RITCH: Aye.

7 MR. JONES: Aye.

8 MS. JOHNSTON: Aye.

9 MR. FLAIR: Aye.

10 MR. BAYNE: Aye.

11 MR. BROWN: Opposed? Roll call.

12 MS. VEST: Walt Valentine?

13 MR. VALENTINE: Aye.

14 MS. VEST: Dr. Ritch?

15 MR. RITCH: Aye.

16 MS. VEST: David Brown?

17 MR. BROWN: Aye.

18 MS. VEST: Rick Jones?

19 MR. JONES: Aye.

20 MS. VEST: Robin Johnston?

21 MS. JOHNSTON: Aye.

22 MS. VEST: Larry Flair?

23 MR. FLAIR: Aye.

24 MS. VEST: Stuart Bayne?

25 MR. BAYNE: Aye.

1 MS. VEST: Alan Rousseau?  
2 MR. ROUSSEAU: Aye.  
3 MS. VEST: Motion carries.  
4 MR. BROWN: Thank you, executive  
5 director. The next item for approval is the  
6 July 21st, 2017 meeting. I'd like to ask if each  
7 commission member has received and had time to  
8 review the copy of those minutes, and if so, is  
9 there a motion to adopt those minutes?  
10 MR. FLAIR: I'll make a motion,  
11 Mr. Chairman, to accept.  
12 MR. BROWN: Motion by Larry Flair to  
13 accept.  
14 MR. JONES: I'll second.  
15 MR. BROWN: Seconded by Rick Jones. Any  
16 discussion? All in favor?  
17 MR. VALENTINE: Aye.  
18 MR. RITCH: Aye.  
19 MR. JONES: Aye.  
20 MS. JOHNSTON: Aye.  
21 MR. FLAIR: Aye.  
22 MR. BAYNE: Aye.  
23 MR. RUSSO: Aye.  
24 MR. BROWN: Opposed? Motion carries.  
25 Cody?

1 MS. VEST: Walt Valentine?  
2 MR. VALENTINE: Aye.  
3 MS. VEST: Dr. Ritch?  
4 MR. RITCH: Aye.  
5 MS. VEST: David Brown?  
6 MR. BROWN: Aye.  
7 MS. VEST: Rick Jones?  
8 MR. JONES: Aye.  
9 MS. VEST: Robin Johnston?  
10 MS. JOHNSTON: Aye.  
11 MS. VEST: Larry Flair?  
12 MR. FLAIR: Aye.  
13 MS. VEST: Stuart Bayne?  
14 MR. BAYNE: Aye.  
15 MS. VEST: Alan Rousseau?  
16 MR. ROUSSEAU: Aye.  
17 MS. VEST: Motion carries.  
18 MR. BROWN: All right. Next on the  
19 agenda, we had the legal report by Assistant General  
20 Counsel, Lindsey Shepard. Would you please do so,  
21 assistant counsel?  
22 MS. SHEPARD: Yes. So, I've got ten  
23 cases, and I believe I just need to read them into  
24 the record; is that correct?  
25 MR. BROWN: Yes.

1 MS. SHEPARD: So, cases number 1 and 2  
2 are related. So, they have a joint summary. Those  
3 case numbers are 2017036971 and 2017037041. These  
4 cases arise out of two identical consumer complaints  
5 filed against both the individual private  
6 investigator and respondent's private investigator  
7 company.

8 Complainant alleges that they hired  
9 respondent to investigate who was infringing on  
10 their product distribution rights. Complainant  
11 alleges that they never received a final report from  
12 respondent. Respondent claims that he did put the  
13 report on hold until payment had been rendered. The  
14 invoice was paid when he was out of town. So, that  
15 further delayed the sending of the report.

16 Respondent then sent the report to his  
17 contact whom unknown to respondent had been  
18 transferred out of complainant's office. Respondent  
19 claims that he has sent the report and that  
20 the issue has been resolved. There is no rebuttal  
21 from complainant to contradict this. Recommendation  
22 is to close both 2017036971 and 2017037041.

23 MR. BROWN: Do we have a motion?

24 MR. RITCH: I move we approve counsel's  
25 recommendation.

1 MR. JONES: I'll second.  
2 MR. BROWN: We have a motion by Dr.  
3 Ritch, seconded by Rick Jones. All in favor?  
4 MR. VALENTINE: Aye.  
5 MR. RITCH: Aye.  
6 MR. JONES: Aye.  
7 MS. JOHNSTON: Aye.  
8 MR. FLAIR: Aye.  
9 MR. BAYNE: Aye.  
10 MR. ROUSSEAU: Aye.  
11 MR. BROWN: Opposed? Motion carries.  
12 Roll call, please.  
13 MS. VEST: Walt Valentine?  
14 MR. VALENTINE: Aye.  
15 MS. VEST: Dr. Ritch?  
16 MR. RITCH: Aye.  
17 MS. VEST: David Brown?  
18 MR. BROWN: Aye.  
19 MS. VEST: Rick Jones?  
20 MR. JONES: Aye.  
21 MS. VEST: Robin Johnston?  
22 MS. JOHNSTON: Aye.  
23 MS. VEST: Larry Flair?  
24 MR. FLAIR: Aye.  
25 MS. VEST: Stuart Bayne?

1 MR. BAYNE: Aye.

2 MS. VEST: Alan Rousseau?

3 MR. ROUSSEAU: Aye.

4 MS. SHEPARD: All right. Cases numbered  
5 3 and 4, also related. Those are case numbers  
6 2017037501 and 2017037521. These cases arise out of  
7 two identical consumer complaints filed against both  
8 respondent as an individual private investigator and  
9 the respondent's private investigator company.  
10 Complainant paid respondent \$500 on April 4th, 2017,  
11 to investigate her ex-husband during her divorce  
12 proceedings.

13 Complainant alleges that respondent did  
14 not provide any documentation to her during the  
15 first two weeks of the investigation. Complainant  
16 initiated a charge back for the \$500 on April 22nd,  
17 2017. Complainant alleges respondent then called  
18 her and said he would give her everything she needed  
19 but that it would cost her an extra \$1,000.  
20 Complainant reversed the charge back and gave  
21 respondent the additional \$1,000 on May 1st, 2017,  
22 half of which was in cash. Complainant alleges  
23 respondent then stopped returning her phone calls.  
24 Complainant then reinitiated the charge  
25 back on May 19th, 2017. Complainant assumed the

1 \$500 in cash is a sunk cost. Complainant alleges  
2 respondent then called her ex-husband's attorney.  
3 The ex-husband's attorney then subpoenaed all of  
4 respondent's information, correspondence, and  
5 records. Complainant claims respondent called her  
6 on June 3rd, 2017, and told her that he would  
7 testify against her in court if complainant didn't  
8 pay him the \$1,000 she charged back and delete any  
9 negative reviews.

10 In response, respondent claims he  
11 regularly communicated with respondent via text and  
12 calls. Respondent admits to refusing to continue  
13 work if complainant did not cancel the charge back  
14 and pay him an additional \$1,000, totalling \$1,500.  
15 Upon receiving the \$1500, respondent gave  
16 complainant a copy of a TBI background report along  
17 with a comprehensive report he drafted on her  
18 ex-husband. Complainant then initiated another  
19 charge back, leaving respondent with only \$500  
20 received in cash.

21 Respondent denied initiating  
22 communication with complainant's ex-husband's  
23 attorney. Respondent provided information to  
24 complainant's ex-husband's attorney upon the  
25 attorney subpoenaing him. Respondent provided a

1 copy of the subpoena, which was issued on  
2 March 23rd, 2017.

3           Some time later, complainant asked  
4 respondent to continue working on her case.  
5 Respondent refused and told her that he had retained  
6 an attorney to sue her for the \$1,000 she charged  
7 back. Respondent told complainant he would drop the  
8 civil suit if complainant paid him \$1,000 and  
9 deleted her negative reviews. Respondent denies  
10 that he threatened complainant or attempted to  
11 extort her.

12           In complainant's rebuttal, she claims  
13 that respondent's statements are completely false.  
14 Complainant still believes that it was respondent  
15 who initially contacted her ex-husband's attorney  
16 and suggested that they issue a subpoena for  
17 documentation gathered during the investigation.  
18 Complainant alleges that respondent is being  
19 vindictive and that she has evidence to back up her  
20 claims.

21           Upon investigation, it appears  
22 complainant requested an itemized list of expenses  
23 multiple times and respondent did not provide one.  
24 Complainant's other claims could not be  
25 substantiated.

1           Recommendation of counsel is to assess a  
2 \$500 civil penalty with formal charges authorized  
3 for violation of rule 1175-04-.064, the licensee  
4 shall not bill a client for services or expenses  
5 which have not been provided or incurred. A  
6 complete and comprehensive itemized statement of  
7 services and expenses must be provided to client  
8 upon request.

9           MR. BROWN: Do we have a motion?

10           MR. FLAIR: I'll make a motion we accept  
11 the recommendation by counsel.

12           MR. BROWN: Motion by Larry Flair. Do  
13 we have a second?

14           MR. VALENTINE: I'll second it.

15           MR. BROWN: Seconded by Walt Valentine.  
16 All in favor?

17           MR. VALENTINE: Aye.

18           MR. RITCH: Aye.

19           MR. JONES: Aye.

20           MS. JOHNSTON: Aye.

21           MR. FLAIR: Aye.

22           MR. BAYNE: Aye.

23           MR. ROUSSEAU: Aye.

24           MR. BROWN: All opposed? Any  
25 discussion?

1 MS. VEST: Walt Valentine?  
2 MR. VALENTINE: Aye.  
3 MS. VEST: Dr. Ritch?  
4 MR. RITCH: Aye.  
5 MS. VEST: David Brown?  
6 MR. BROWN: Aye.  
7 MS. VEST: Rick Jones?  
8 MR. JONES: Aye.  
9 MS. VEST: Robin Johnston?  
10 MS. JOHNSTON: Aye.  
11 MS. VEST: Larry Flair?  
12 MR. FLAIR: Aye.  
13 MS. VEST: Stuart Bayne?  
14 MR. BAYNE: Aye.  
15 MS. VEST: Alan Rousseau?  
16 MR. ROUSSEAU: Aye.  
17 MR. BROWN: Motion carries.  
18 MS. SHEPARD: Case number 5 is  
19 2017036331. This complaint in 2017036351, which  
20 will be presented next on our report, were sent for  
21 investigation together as complainant alleges that  
22 the respondents worked together in the activity  
23 alleged in this complaint. Complainant alleges that  
24 respondent illegally took unopen mail out of his  
25 mailbox, because he is seeing a woman who is going

1 through a divorce.

2 Complainant alleges that his  
3 girlfriend's ex-husband hired the respondent to do  
4 this in order to prove that complainant was residing  
5 with ex-husband's ex-wife. In respondent's  
6 response, she states that she was hired by  
7 complainant's girlfriend's ex-husband's attorney to  
8 investigate a post divorce matter. Complainant  
9 alleges that respondent worked in tandem with the  
10 respondent in complaint number 2017036351, which she  
11 denies. Respondent states that she conducted  
12 drive-by surveillance and initiated three trash  
13 retrievals, two at respondent's girlfriend's home  
14 and one at complainant's condo.

15 Respondent states that at no point in  
16 time was mail ever taken from any person's mailbox.  
17 Respondent provided pictures of the mail that was  
18 taken in her response. Respondent also provided a  
19 letter from the attorney that hired her to conduct  
20 the interview. Respondent states in her response  
21 that she did not work with a private investigator  
22 addressed in complaint number 2017036351.

23 The investigative report confirms this.  
24 The investigator wasn't able to make contact with  
25 the complainant. Counsel's recommendation is to

1 close as the allegations were not substantiated by  
2 the investigation.

3 MR. BROWN: Do we have a motion?

4 MR. FLAIR: I make a motion to accept  
5 counsel's recommendation.

6 MR. BROWN: A motion to accept by  
7 Commissioner Flair.

8 MR. JONES: I'll second.

9 MR. BROWN: Seconded by Rick Jones. All  
10 in favor?

11 MR. VALENTINE: Aye.

12 MR. RITCH: Aye.

13 MR. JONES: Aye.

14 MS. JOHNSTON: Aye.

15 MR. FLAIR: Aye.

16 MR. BAYNE: Aye.

17 MR. ROUSSEAU: Aye.

18 MR. BROWN: Opposed?

19 MS. VEST: Walt Valentine?

20 MR. VALENTINE: Aye.

21 MS. VEST: Dr. Ritch?

22 MR. RITCH: Aye.

23 MS. VEST: David Brown?

24 MR. BROWN: Aye.

25 MS. VEST: Rick Jones?

1 MR. JONES: Aye.

2 MS. VEST: Robin Johnston?

3 MS. JOHNSTON: Aye.

4 MS. VEST: Larry Flair?

5 MR. FLAIR: Aye.

6 MS. VEST: Stuart Bayne?

7 MR. BAYNE: Aye.

8 MS. VEST: Alan Rousseau?

9 MR. ROUSSEAU: Aye.

10 MR. BROWN: Motion carries.

11 MS. SHEPARD: Case number 6 is

12 2017036351. This complaint in 2017036351 and in

13 2017036331 were sent in for investigation together,

14 as the complainant alleges that they worked together

15 in the activity alleged in his complaint. The

16 complainant as outlined in the above summary for

17 complaint number 2017036331 alleges that respondent

18 illegally obtained mail from his mailbox while

19 investigating whether or not he lives with his

20 girlfriend.

21 Respondent responds to the complaint and

22 states that he has never conducted surveillance at

23 complainant's home nor has he ever obtained pieces

24 of complainant's mail or any other person's mail

25 during the investigation. The investigator was

1 unable to make contact with the complainant.  
2 Recommendation is to close, as the allegations were  
3 not substantiated by the investigation.

4 MR. BROWN: Do we have a motion?

5 MR. FLAIR: I make a motion to accept  
6 the recommendation of counsel.

7 MR. BROWN: Commissioner Flair moves to  
8 accept the motion.

9 MR. VALENTINE: Second.

10 MR. BROWN: Seconded by Walt Valentine.  
11 All in favor?

12 MR. VALENTINE: Aye.

13 MR. RITCH: Aye.

14 MR. JONES: Aye.

15 MS. JOHNSTON: Aye.

16 MR. FLAIR: Aye.

17 MR. BAYNE: Aye.

18 MR. ROUSSEAU: Aye.

19 MR. BROWN: All opposed?

20 MS. VEST: Walt Valentine?

21 MR. VALENTINE: Aye.

22 MS. VEST: Dr. Ritch?

23 MR. RITCH: Aye.

24 MS. VEST: David Brown?

25 MR. BROWN: Aye.

1 MS. VEST: Rick Jones?  
2 MR. JONES: Aye.  
3 MS. VEST: Robin Johnston?  
4 MS. JOHNSTON: Aye.  
5 MS. VEST: Larry Flair?  
6 MR. FLAIR: Aye.  
7 MS. VEST: Stuart Bayne?  
8 MR. BAYNE: Aye.  
9 MS. VEST: Alan Rousseau?  
10 MR. ROUSSEAU: Aye.  
11 MS. VEST: Motion carries.  
12 MR. BROWN: Motion carries.  
13 MS. SHEPARD: Cases numbered 7 and 8 are  
14 2017037861 and 2017049701. Complainant alleges that  
15 respondent also reported an assault on a background  
16 check with the property management company, which  
17 caused him to be denied housing. Complainant also  
18 alleges that respondent is unlicensed. Respondent  
19 responded to complaint and states that they are in  
20 the pre-employment and tenant screening business.  
21 Respondent states that they did not report an  
22 assault or any other criminal activity to their  
23 client, but they did recommend that complainant's  
24 application be rejected due to unpaid landlord debt.  
25 Respondent further states that

1 complainant could not be approved due to failure to  
2 provide proof of income. Respondent included the  
3 report that was sent to their client. Respondent  
4 told the investigator during the course of the  
5 investigation that they only conduct internet  
6 research using public record information and that  
7 they do not conduct investigations in Tennessee.  
8 Recommendation for both complaints is to close as  
9 the allegations were not substantiated by the  
10 investigation.

11 MR. BROWN: Do we have a motion?

12 MR. VALENTINE: I move to approve.

13 MR. JONES: I second.

14 THE COURT: A motion to approve by  
15 Commissioner Valentine, seconded by Commissioner  
16 Jones. All in favor?

17 MR. VALENTINE: Aye.

18 MR. RITCH: Aye.

19 MR. JONES: Aye.

20 MS. JOHNSTON: Aye.

21 MR. FLAIR: Aye.

22 MR. BAYNE: Aye.

23 MR. ROUSSEAU: Aye.

24 MR. BROWN: Opposed?

25 MS. VEST: Walt Valentine?

1 MR. VALENTINE: Aye.  
2 MS. VEST: Dr. Ritch?  
3 MR. RITCH: Aye.  
4 MS. VEST: David Brown?  
5 MR. BROWN: Aye.  
6 MS. VEST: Rick Jones?  
7 MR. JONES: Aye.  
8 MS. VEST: Robin Johnston?  
9 MS. JOHNSTON: Aye.  
10 MS. VEST: Larry Flair?  
11 MR. FLAIR: Aye.  
12 MS. VEST: Stuart Bayne?  
13 MR. BAYNE: Aye.  
14 MS. VEST: Alan Rousseau?  
15 MR. ROUSSEAU: Aye.  
16 MR. BROWN: Motion carries.  
17 MS. SHEPARD: Case number 9 is  
18 2017050701. This complainant alleges that  
19 respondent is living out of state and working as a  
20 private investigator. The complaint does not allege  
21 any violation of the private investigation laws or  
22 rules and respondent is actively licensed. All  
23 attempts to reach respondent were unsuccessful,  
24 therefore, there's no response to this complaint.  
25 Recommendation is the close.

1 MR. BROWN: Do we have a motion?  
2 MR. FLAIR: Make a motion to accept  
3 counsel's recommendation to close the case.  
4 MR. BAYNE: Second.  
5 MR. BROWN: Motion by Commissioner  
6 Flair, seconded by Commissioner Bayne. All in  
7 favor?  
8 MR. VALENTINE: Aye.  
9 MR. RITCH: Aye.  
10 MR. JONES: Aye.  
11 MS. JOHNSTON: Aye.  
12 MR. FLAIR: Aye.  
13 MR. BAYNE: Aye.  
14 MR. ROUSSEAU: Aye.  
15 MR. BROWN: Opposed?  
16 MS. VEST: Walt Valentine?  
17 MR. VALENTINE: Aye.  
18 MS. VEST: Dr. Ritch?  
19 MR. RITCH: Aye.  
20 MS. VEST: David Brown?  
21 MR. BROWN: Aye.  
22 MS. VEST: Rick Jones?  
23 MR. JONES: Aye.  
24 MS. VEST: Robin Johnston?  
25 MS. JOHNSTON: Aye.

1 MS. VEST: Larry Flair?

2 MR. FLAIR: Aye.

3 MS. VEST: Stuart Bayne?

4 MR. BAYNE: Aye.

5 MS. VEST: Alan Rousseau?

6 MR. ROUSSEAU: Aye.

7 MR. BROWN: Motion carries.

8 MS. SHEPARD: The last case is

9 2017055611. This complaint was referred from the  
10 Division of Consumer Affairs. The complaint alleges  
11 that respondent failed to conduct a full  
12 investigation as contracted. Complainant alleges  
13 that respondent was contracted to provide  
14 information about a subject weekly, and that after  
15 receiving payment of \$2,250, the complainant did not  
16 receive the information requested.

17 Additionally, complainant alleges that  
18 respondent was to attend court dates but failed to  
19 do so. Complainant was seeking return of a portion  
20 of the payment. Respondent states that he was never  
21 contracted to perform investigative services for  
22 complainant and did so. Respondent states that  
23 after the subject was arrested by police, he was  
24 informed by complainant to hold off on  
25 investigation, thereby conserving investigation

1 hours.

2 Respondent states that he compiled and  
3 considered this case open and has awaited  
4 instructions from complainant. Both parties  
5 provided a copy of the contractual agreement,  
6 however, the contract does not speak to the  
7 frequency of communication between the parties  
8 and/or the manner in which the investigation will  
9 occur. Recommendation is to close, because there  
10 appears to be no violation.

11 MR. BROWN: Do we have a motion?

12 MR. VALENTINE: I move to approve the  
13 recommendation.

14 MR. BROWN: Motion to approve by  
15 Commissioner Valentine. Is there a second?

16 MR. JONES: I'll second.

17 MR. BROWN: Seconded by Commissioner  
18 Jones. All in favor?

19 MR. VALENTINE: Aye.

20 MR. RITCH: Aye.

21 MR. JONES: Aye.

22 MS. JOHNSTON: Aye.

23 MR. FLAIR: Aye.

24 MR. BAYNE: Aye.

25 MR. ROUSSEAU: Aye.

1 MR. BROWN: Opposed?  
2 MS. VEST: Walt Valentine?  
3 MR. VALENTINE: Aye.  
4 MS. VEST: Dr. Ritch?  
5 MR. RITCH: Aye.  
6 MS. VEST: David Brown?  
7 MR. BROWN: Aye.  
8 MS. VEST: Rick Jones?  
9 MR. JONES: Aye.  
10 MS. VEST: Robin Johnston?  
11 MS. JOHNSTON: Aye.  
12 MS. VEST: Larry Flair?  
13 MR. FLAIR: Aye.  
14 MS. VEST: Stuart Bayne?  
15 MR. BAYNE: Aye.  
16 MS. VEST: Alan Rousseau?  
17 MR. ROUSSEAU: Aye.  
18 MR. BROWN: Motion carries.  
19 MS. SHEPARD: And that completes the  
20 legal report.  
21 MR. BROWN: Thank you for your report.  
22 MS. VEST: Chairman Brown, would you  
23 mind calling a ten-minute recess?  
24 MR. BROWN: No, ma'am, I do not.  
25 MS. VEST: Thank you.

1 (At this time, a break has been taken.)

2 MR. BROWN: Back in session now. Next  
3 on the agenda is Appearances. Do we have anyone?

4 MS. VEST: Okay. I think we're going to  
5 come into my section here with the Experience. No,  
6 sir, you don't have one. We did have someone who  
7 was going to come by, but we didn't have enough  
8 information, so we asked if we could postpone that.  
9 So, we're not going to have any appearances today.  
10 What we're going to have is my administrative  
11 matters. Did everybody get -- Alan, are you still  
12 with us? Alan?

13 MR. ROUSSEAU: I am. I'm sorry. I  
14 turned the mute button off and I'm on the line.

15 MS. VEST: All right. Just wanted to  
16 make sure. If I'm not mistaken, it's the monthly  
17 report that we e-mail out to each one of you that  
18 you get, because that's what I told Robin and Stuart  
19 in the meeting. We send these out in advance so you  
20 can take a look at them and see if there are any  
21 questions. So, we'll just go ahead and go to the  
22 monthly report. You have May, June, July, and  
23 August, but they're going to be the same. So, I'm  
24 going to turn over to May to your section, Private  
25 Investigators.

1           You had four commission vacancies that  
2 was Alan Rousseau, who is still with us, David  
3 Horton, who is not, Mini Lane, who is not, and Dr.  
4 Ritch. And, again, I would like to welcome our two  
5 new commission members who have taken board member  
6 Lane's position which is Ms. Johnston and Mr. Bayne.  
7 Thank you very much for serving, and Dr. Ritch and  
8 to Alan Rousseau, thank you for continuing to serve  
9 until you get reappointed. We certainly appreciate  
10 that. The only thing we have about that and  
11 probably going into September, we did have a seminar  
12 in Pigeon Forge.

13           We invited all our professions, the  
14 alarms, locksmiths, private investigators, and  
15 private protective services, which is our guard  
16 section. We had a very good turnout. We certainly  
17 appreciated that. We did the onboarding to teach  
18 how to do the new computer system, and just another  
19 reference, Shauna and Mark went to the alarm  
20 convention in Franklin yesterday. We do get asked  
21 to attend certain functions, and we do like to go  
22 make our presence and talk to you.

23           The computer system is still new. We're  
24 told that when you put a new system in, it takes  
25 about five years to get through a good computer

1 system, get it up and running without any kinks that  
2 we have. We're into year three, so we still have a  
3 few kinks here and there, and we could have done  
4 that today for you. We actually went and did the  
5 computer slide to show you actually how to get into  
6 the system, how to on-board a new employee, and how  
7 to do a renewal. Stuart Bayne was the only  
8 individual at that meeting from the commission.

9 MR. BAYNE: Yes, I was.

10 MS. VEST: And we appreciate that, too,  
11 thank you. So, the rest of you, I was letting you  
12 know. Okay. We can move right along.

13 MR. BROWN: Duly noted.

14 MR. BAYNE: I feel the halo growing over  
15 my head.

16 MR. BROWN: We'll work on that.

17 MR. FLAIR: I was there, but I was under  
18 cover. You didn't see me.

19 MS. VEST: I didn't see you? Well,  
20 sometimes I feel like I know a good little something  
21 about the PI, so I might have spotted you in that  
22 trash can. You just never know. We'll move onto  
23 the budget review. Now, bear with me, but we do  
24 have new commission members, so if I'm redundant,  
25 please, forgive me for that.

1           Every July 1, we must start our budget  
2 over with a zero balance. It is how we end in June  
3 of the following year. Ashley just went up to the  
4 hill for the sunset meeting and your commission was  
5 rolled over to 2023, so you will be with us for a  
6 while, the commission. So, take a look at your  
7 budget, which I will present to you every month.

8           I don't want you to be too alarmed about  
9 it, but you're already in a negative balance the  
10 first month. Your balance is \$4,410 in the red for  
11 the month of July, but like I said, just don't  
12 become alarmed with that. We've got the whole year  
13 to go through, and you'll see sometimes there will  
14 be a high and a low. It goes back and forth. It is  
15 actually how we end at the end of the year.

16           You did have the polygraph and you took  
17 in \$500. For the private investigators, we took the  
18 revenue of 10,375, which gave us a total of \$10,875  
19 in revenue. But it looks like we had some expenses  
20 we had to incur in July that was left over from the  
21 last fiscal year. That's why you're in the  
22 negative. I don't really anticipate any problems  
23 there, but I will keep you informed if I see any  
24 trend we're talking about. Are there any questions  
25 about that?

1 MR. VALENTINE: Yes. What are the  
2 Edison Expenditures, is that the computer?

3 MS. VEST: Yes, sir. The new computer  
4 system is called CORE, C-O-R-E. But Edison, yes,  
5 Edison Expenditures, that's where your hotel bills  
6 are going to go, those expenses, is where any of the  
7 expenses are actually entered into the computer  
8 system, which that section of expenses is called  
9 Edison. You'll see Edison Expenditures and  
10 administrative cost backs.

11 MR. VALENTINE: How much of the Edison  
12 was carried over from the previous year?

13 MS. VEST: \$9,665, from what I can tell.

14 MR. VALENTINE: All of it?

15 MS. VEST: Well, it could be or else  
16 they could have taxed you on some for July, but they  
17 didn't break it out for me. They just gave me that  
18 total that you're seeing.

19 MR. VALENTINE: Okay.

20 MS. VEST: And then you have your cost  
21 backs, legal cost backs, investigations. We don't  
22 do field enforcement. And then you have your  
23 customer services, actually, our zen desk. For our  
24 new commission members, we have a new phone system,  
25 and it's referred to as zen desk, Z-E-N, D-E-S-K.

1 If a consumer calls in, they call into the call  
2 center, and they'll get someone sitting there at the  
3 call center. And it's called the Zen Desk Customer  
4 Service Center, which is right across the hall from  
5 where we are sitting. I think they've got like six  
6 or eight people that answer the telephone. You have  
7 our direct numbers, or mine, and e-mail. So, if you  
8 have questions, you need to come to me, not to the  
9 zen desk. Was there anything else, Mr. Valentine?

10 MR. VALENTINE: That --

11 MS. VEST: Actually, I don't know. I  
12 don't know what the July is versus what the carry  
13 over is. You didn't have \$9,000 in the month of  
14 July.

15 MR. VALENTINE: Okay.

16 MS. VEST: All right. The legislative  
17 update, I've already done there. Correspondence, I  
18 don't have any correspondence from anyone.

19 MS. THOMAS: Cody, if you don't mind,  
20 can I --

21 MS. VEST: Yes, please.

22 MS. THOMAS: Just right back to the  
23 legislative update. Well, it's not actually  
24 legislation, but I did want to let the commission  
25 know that on Wednesday I did go to the Joint

1 Government Operations Committee on the proposed  
2 rules and we can get a positive recommendation for  
3 that, and that will go into effect in October, the  
4 polygraph rules, I'm sorry, that we voted on and  
5 sent through, they will be effective in October.  
6 There will be a notification coming out in the  
7 e-mail blast, so if you're not signed up for eNotify  
8 to get that information, that's how we will alert  
9 the public that those new rules are in effect.

10 MS. VEST: Can you kind of tell them  
11 what that is?

12 MS. THOMAS: So, these were the rules  
13 that changed the specific type of exams the  
14 polygraph interns had to observe. It raised the  
15 number of charts that they had to sign from two to  
16 three, and then it added the American Association of  
17 Police Polygraphers as a qualified program provider.  
18 I did say the association, right? Okay. So, those  
19 were the changes.

20 And as far as the rule process, once  
21 it's gone through our office, the attorney general's  
22 office, the governor's office, the very end, you're  
23 to go before the Joint Government Operations  
24 Committee, made up of representatives and senators,  
25 and they will make a proposed rule and make a

1 recommendation as to whether or not it should be  
2 effective as it relates to protecting the public if  
3 it's necessary. And we did get that positive  
4 recommendation on Wednesday.

5 MS. VEST: Would you go on record for  
6 our court reporter, because you came in between the  
7 two attorneys?

8 MS. THOMAS: I apologize, I'm also  
9 assistant general counsel. My name is Ashley  
10 Thomas.

11 MS. VEST: I think the next thing we  
12 have is the education that we went over this morning  
13 with the education committee. Do you want to take  
14 that, Mr. Brown, or you want me to do that?

15 MR. BROWN: Do you want to handle it and  
16 go through the summary of what we did?

17 MS. VEST: All right.

18 MR. FLAIR: Before you start back, I've  
19 got a quick question about -- the counselor said  
20 that we got a positive from the hill. Will it be  
21 required to vote on again or automatically those  
22 rules will go in effect in October, is that what I  
23 understood you to say?

24 MS. THOMAS: Yes, sir. We don't have to  
25 vote on that again.

1 MR. FLAIR: Okay. Thank you.

2 MS. VEST: And I think that was really  
3 just housekeeping those rules.

4 MS. THOMAS: yeah, there were a few  
5 changes.

6 MS. VEST: Few changes. Mr. Richards is  
7 not here to go over that. He is our polygraph  
8 individual. All right. I'm going to read into the  
9 record what we did at the education committee. We  
10 had a course TJCSA West Grand Division Mini  
11 Conference for James Truelove, T-R-U-E-L-O-V-E,  
12 wanted 20 hours for continuing education, we gave  
13 him 12 hours, because that's all he would need.  
14 That was approved.

15 You have the TAI, Tennessee Association  
16 of Investigators, Spider Investigations Contract and  
17 Procurement Fraud, this was kind of odd. The  
18 gentleman asked for six hours, but all we saw was  
19 the one hour. So, the committee said, I'm going to  
20 go back and take a look at that and talk with the  
21 representatives that sent this in and see if we  
22 could get some more information. We know we are  
23 going to approve it for the hour, but any additional  
24 hours and we came to an agreement, I would go ahead  
25 and give them credit for the additional hours.

1                   Then we have TALPI, Tennessee  
2 Association of Licensed Professional Investigators,  
3 Understanding Contextual, C-O-N-T-E-X-T-U-A-L. They  
4 wanted two hours of continuing education, which was  
5 approved. TALPI, the Tennessee Association of  
6 Licensed Professional Investigators again, lawful  
7 use of force for PIs, which is a two-hour course,  
8 which was approved. The same association submitted  
9 another course for social media, two hours for  
10 continuing education was approved. This association  
11 sent another one, ethics, and it was for two hours.  
12 And then they sent one in on digital forensic  
13 investigations, which got approved. They sent in  
14 two more, and one was searches and process serving  
15 for an hour and a half. There were two different  
16 ones for searching and process serving. Both of  
17 them were given an hour and a half each, which was  
18 voted on, yes.

19                   Then we have the Federal Defender of  
20 Eastern Tennessee sentencing update defending those  
21 who defend us, and charm school and ethics. This  
22 was by Brian Hackett. There are two of them here.  
23 One was for the two hours, and then there was  
24 another one for two hours that was the same topic.  
25 The first one was on 9/21/16. The second was

1 12/14/16, and it was -- both of those courses were  
2 approved.

3           The third one, University of Tennessee  
4 College of Law, Days of Future's Past is Brian  
5 Hackett for another one for eight hours. All of  
6 those courses were approved by the commission, by  
7 the committee. Now, Mr. Brown, if you would take  
8 the --

9           MR. BROWN: Do we have a motion to  
10 approve the report, the education report?

11           MR. FLAIR: I'll make a motion that we  
12 approve.

13           MR. BROWN: Motion to approve education  
14 report by Commissioner Flair. Second?

15           MR. VALENTINE: Second.

16           THE COURT: Seconded by Commissioner  
17 Valentine. All in favor?

18           MR. VALENTINE: Aye.

19           MR. RITCH: Aye.

20           MR. JONES: Aye.

21           MS. JOHNSTON: Aye.

22           MR. FLAIR: Aye.

23           MR. BAYNE: Aye.

24           MR. ROUSSEAU: Aye.

25           MR. BROWN: Opposed?

1 MS. VEST: Walt Valentine?  
2 MR. VALENTINE: Aye.  
3 MS. VEST: Dr. Ritch?  
4 MR. RITCH: Aye.  
5 MS. VEST: David Brown?  
6 MR. BROWN: Aye.  
7 MS. VEST: Rick Jones?  
8 MR. JONES: Aye.  
9 MS. VEST: Robin Johnston?  
10 MS. JOHNSTON: Aye.  
11 MS. VEST: Larry Flair?  
12 MR. FLAIR: Aye.  
13 MS. VEST: Stuart Bayne?  
14 MR. BAYNE: Aye.  
15 MS. VEST: Alan Rousseau?  
16 MR. ROUSSEAU: Aye.  
17 MR. BROWN: Next on the agenda --  
18 MS. VEST: The ayes have it.  
19 MR. BROWN: Oh, I'm sorry. Ayes have  
20 it. I'll learn it sooner or later. Next on the  
21 agenda is unfinished business. Do we have any?  
22 MS. VEST: We actually don't have any  
23 unfinished business, but what the committee has  
24 said, some of these courses were presented to us  
25 after the courses had been taken. They are supposed

1 to be presented to the commission before they are  
2 taken. So, what we're going to do administratively,  
3 we're going to take a look at that. Perhaps we need  
4 to send out a mailing or something to the PIs to  
5 refresh their memory about how to submit courses for  
6 approval to the commission.

7 MR. BROWN: As I said before, it makes  
8 it tough on the staff, because a lot of times  
9 they're waiting for renewal time to do this, and  
10 you're getting a lot of turn-around time, because  
11 there are questions.

12 MS. VEST: Especially if you're  
13 depending on me to bring this to the commission and  
14 you're getting ready to expire and I have to cancel  
15 a commission meeting, well, you're not getting  
16 credit. Your renewal come up before I could get the  
17 next commission meeting together. So, we'll be  
18 taking a look at that administratively.

19 MR. BROWN: Thank you. Any new  
20 business?

21 MS. VEST: I don't have any new  
22 business.

23 MR. BROWN: We got the continuing  
24 education participating form. Anybody for that?

25 MS. VEST: No, sir.

1 MR. BROWN: Adjournment?  
2 MR. FLAIR: I make a motion we adjourn.  
3 MS. JOHNSTON: I'll second.  
4 MR. BROWN: Commissioner Flair and we  
5 have a second by Commissioner Johnston, thank you.  
6 This meeting is adjourned. Oh, I'm sorry. Got to  
7 vote. I'm learning. All in favor?  
8 MR. VALENTINE: Aye.  
9 MR. RITCH: Aye.  
10 MR. JONES: Aye.  
11 MS. JOHNSTON: Aye.  
12 MR. FLAIR: Aye.  
13 MR. BAYNE: Aye.  
14 MR. ROUSSEAU: Aye.  
15 MR. BROWN: Opposed?  
16 MS. VEST: Walt Valentine?  
17 MR. VALENTINE: Aye.  
18 MS. VEST: Dr. Ritch?  
19 MR. RITCH: Aye.  
20 MS. VEST: David Brown?  
21 MR. BROWN: Aye.  
22 MS. VEST: Rick Jones?  
23 MR. JONES: Aye.  
24 MS. VEST: Robin Johnston?  
25 MS. JOHNSTON: Aye.

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MS. VEST: Larry Flair?

MR. FLAIR: Aye.

MS. VEST: Stuart Bayne?

MR. BAYNE: Aye.

MS. VEST: Alan Rousseau?

MR. ROUSSEAU: Aye.

MR. BROWN: Motion carries.

MS. VEST: All right. Thank you.

MR. BROWN: We're adjourned.

MEETING IS ADJOURNED.

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