

# Tennessee Private Investigation and Polygraph Commission Meeting

**MINUTES** of the Tennessee Private Investigation and Polygraph Commission Meeting held **January 16, 2020**, in Nashville Tennessee.

*Walter Valentine*

Walter Valentine (May 28, 2020 10:34 CDT)

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Walt Valentine, Chair

*David Brown*

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Paul David Brown Jr, Vice Chair

*Kendall Barham*

Kendall Barham (Jul 21, 2020 10:12 EDT)

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Charlie Bradley

Charles Kendall Barham

*Stuart W. Bayne*

Stuart W. Bayne (May 28, 2020 12:58 EDT)

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Stuart W Bayne

*Robin Brewer Johnston*

Robin Brewer Johnston (Jul 18, 2020 07:40 CDT)

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Robin Brewer Johnston

*Alan Rousseau*

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Alan G Rousseau

*Doug Shanks*

Doug Shanks (Jul 18, 2020 08:23 EDT)

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Douglas Shanks

Signed 5-19-20

**TENNESSEE PRIVATE INVESTIGATION AND POLYGRAPH COMMISSION  
EDUCATION & COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES**

**Date:** Thursday, January 16, 2020 9:30 A.M. (CST)

**Place:** Davy Crockett Tower  
Conference Room 1-B  
500 James Robertson Parkway  
Nashville, TN 37243

**Staff Members Present:**

Cody Vest, Executive Director  
Ashley Thomas, Staff Attorney  
Jesse Gentry, Assistant General Counsel  
Shauna Balaszi-Williams, Administrative Assistant RB3  
Carey Neblett, Administrative Assistant RB2  
Carol McGlynn, Paralegal

**Call to Order:** - Walt Valentine, Chairman  
Chairman Valentine called the meeting to order at 9:30 A.M. Executive Director Cody Vest called roll.

**Roll Call:** - Cody Vest, Executive Director

Stuart Bayne - Absent  
David Brown – Here  
Robin Johnston – Here  
Alan Rousseau - Absent  
Doug Shanks – Here  
Walt Valentine – Here  
Charles Barham – Here  
Charles Bradley – Here

Let the record show Stuart Bayne and Alan Rousseau are not present. Larry Flair's term has expired as of 12/31/19, and there is one vacancy on the board.

**Guest:**

Robert Young Nathaniel Ward

**Agenda:**

Motion was made by Commissioner Brown to adopt the agenda as proposed.  
Motion was seconded by Commissioner Shanks.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**Minutes: - October 10, 2019, Commission Education and Meeting Minutes**

Motion was made by Commissioner Brown to adopt the minutes of the 10/10/19, education and meeting minutes. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Shanks.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**CORRECTION OF THE MINUTES: – TITLE**

Correction of the title reads TENNESSEE PRIVATE INVESTIGATION AND POLYGRAPH CONTRACTORS BOARD and will be corrected to TENNESSEE PRIVATE INVESTIGATION AND POLYGRAPH COMMISSION

Motion was made by Commissioner Shanks to adopt the minutes of the 10/10/19, with the correction of the title. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Johnston.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**Election of Officers: - Cody Vest, Executive Director**

Chair and Vice chair are present, but we do have two commissioners absent and one vacancy. I would like to make a motion we wait till next commission meeting to hold the election of officers.

Motion was made by Commissioner Shanks to hold off the election of officers until the next commission meeting. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Brown.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**Legal Report: - Jesse Gentry, Assistant General Counsel**

New Cases:

1. Case No: **2019083451**  
License Status: Surrendered  
First Licensed: 6/30/2019  
License Expiration: 6/30/2019

Disciplinary History: 2008 Letter of Warning  
Recommendation: Close

Summary: Anonymous complaint that a new individual was operating respondent's company in TN without active licensure. Respondent was owned and operated by this new individual's father, however father is deceased. The new individual, the son, owns a PI company in a neighboring state. No evidence respondent, or this other individual, had performed any unlicensed activity in TN.

Commission: Motion was made by Commissioner Brown to concur with recommendation of counsel. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Shanks.  
**MOTION CARRIED**

2. Case No: **2019099811**  
License Status: Active  
First Licensed: 10/16/2009  
License Expiration: 10/31/2021  
Disciplinary History: None  
Recommendation: Close

Summary: Complainant engaged in services from Respondent in August 2019 after Respondent's wife had been receiving harassing e-mails and texts from an unknown person. Complainant alleged that Respondent had failed to render promised results and had not appropriately communicated with him. After multiple cancelled meetings and disagreement between parties complainant terminated contract with respondent.

This is an issue for complaint to pursue in civil court for breach of contract.

Commission: Motion was made by Commissioner Brown to concur with recommendation of counsel. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Bradley.  
**MOTION CARRIED**

**Appearances:**

Robert Young- Discussion on how to bring more PI's into the industry. Suggested- looking at lowering age from 21 to 18, change laws on apprenticeships and change of laws on experience.

Nathan Ward- I receive calls about how to be a PI. Because of the 2000 hours and experience they do get discouraged.

Commission Discussion- Look at exams / materials and how they are outdated. 2000 hours to have a PI company. Increase fees on licensees. Supervision needs to be banished for the apprenticeship.

Ashley Thomas – Will come up with correct verbiage to make changes at the next meeting.

**Administrative Matters:** Cody Vest, Executive Director

**Monthly Report** – December

Alan Rousseau expired 09/30/2014, he still serves. Larry Flair expired 12/31/2019; we do have two new members Charles Barham and Charles Bradley.

**Budget Review** – July 2019 up to November 2019

In October you had \$6,375 and in November you ended up with \$996. Total showing now is \$17,441 in the red.

**Legislative Update** – Nothing to report

**Application Review** – Richard A Brooks

Richard A Brooks is requesting to reinstate his license and to make a new application, but does not want to take the exam. His license expired August 31, 2006, and would like to use his extensive experience in place of the exam.

Richard Brooks Investigations

I am Richard A. Brooks from the Jackson, MS area. I am a former licensed private investigator in Tennessee. My TN license was 5839 and it expired August 31, 2006. I am requesting a review and to be reinstated without retaking the PI exam, which I took many years ago.

I have been a licensed PI consistently since approximately 2001. I have been a civilian law enforcement officer periodically since 1995. I continue work part time as a police officer today in

order to maintain my law enforcement certification. I was an active duty Air Force Security Policeman from 1986-1990.

I have been a licensed PI in Arkansas, Georgia, Indiana, New York, Texas, Louisiana, Alabama, Florida and of course, Tennessee. I have maintained my PI licenses in Texas, Louisiana, Alabama and Florida. As I noted, since 2001, I have been consistently licensed somewhere as a PI. I have taken many PI licensing exams over the years.

I am currently the Past President of the Mississippi Professional Investigators Association. I was the President of the association three times. I have written legislation to license all private investigators in the state of Mississippi. My bill has passed the House but currently sits in the state

Senate where it has been for the past few years. My hope is to eventually pass the bill and obtain

reciprocity with surrounding states like Tennessee.

I am requesting to be reinstated so I can accept cases in Tennessee again. I am approximately 3 hours south of Memphis. I will also continue my efforts to license the state of Mississippi.

Richard A. Brooks, CPS, CFI-FTER

Commission: Motion was made by Commissioner Shanks that the commission does not have the authority to give that permission. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Johnston.

### **MOTION CARRIED**

### **Education Review:**

**Education Committee Members:** Walt Valentine, David Brown, Doug Shanks, Stuart Bayne, Alan Rousseau. Education Committee meeting held at 9:00 A.M. on Thursday, January 16, 2020, Stuart Bayne & Alan Rousseau were absent.

Cody Vest, Executive Director reviewed the education with the Education Committee with the following recommendations for Commission approval.

### **Administrative Office of the US Courts 2019 Federal Death Penalty Strategy Session Continued Education – Sara Estes PI# 8090 Requested 15.25 Hours**

Education Committee approved course with only 12 hours of continuing education.

**Administrative Office of the US Courts  
2019 Federal Death Penalty Strategy Session  
Continued Education – Amber Kaset PI# 8090  
Requested 15.25 Hours**

Education Committee approved course with only 12 hours of continuing education.

**Education Investigator  
Right & Wrong & Everything in Between: Ethics for Legal Investigators  
Continued Education  
Requested 2 Hours**

Education Committee approved course with 2 hours of continuing education.

**Education Investigator  
Four Pillars of Trust: Ethics for legal Investigators  
Continued Education  
Requested 1 Hour**

Education Committee approved course with 1 hour of continuing education.

**Kansas Association of Licensed Investigators  
2020 IMARC Conference  
Continued Education  
Requested 16 Hours**

Education Committee approved course with 12 hours of continuing education.

Motion was made by Commissioner Brown to approve the recommendations of the education committee. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Bradley.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**Unfinished Business** – Cody Vest, Executive Director

There is going to be a Self Sufficiency meeting on Monday, January 27, 2020, at 11:00 A.M. at the Cordell Hull Building.

**New Business:** – Cody Vest, Executive Director

If you stay at a hotel and get valet parking instead of regular parking, you must give a written reason for using it.

Motion was made by Commissioner Brown to adjourn the January 16, 2020, meeting of the Tennessee Private Investigation and Polygraph Commission at 10:37 A.M. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Shanks.

**Motion Carried**

Minutes prepared by Shauna Balaszi-Williams, Administrative Assistant RB3