



New Mexico Regulation and Licensing Department

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Private Investigations Advisory Board

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SPECIAL BOARD MEETING

February 24, 2009

Regulation and Licensing Department, 2550 Cerrillos Road, 2nd Floor, Hearing Room 2
Santa Fe, New Mexico

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Don Jochem
Mark Smith
Al Stotts
Gurutej Khalsa

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Jim Wilson

STAFF PRESENT:

Linda Trujillo, Acting Director BCD & Assistant Chief Counsel
Stephen Oliver, Team Leader, Boards & Commissions
Steve Herrera, Board Administrator
Amanda Nino, Support Staff

OTHERS PRESENT:

See Sign-In-Sheet

I. Call To Order:

Board Chair Don Jochem called the meeting to order at 10:19 am, roll call was taken and a quorum was established.

II. Approval of Agenda:

Mr. Smith moved for approval of the agenda Mr. Khalsa seconded, motion passed unanimously.

III. New Business

1. House Bill #380 Discussion

Mrs. Linda Trujillo gave a brief status report on HB#380. In her report Mrs. Trujillo stated that the proposed bill had been tabled as of 11:45 pm on February 23, 2009. Some of the questions of concern regarding the bill were the significant fine changes going from \$1,000 to \$5,000. Another concern of the committee as mentioned by Mrs. Trujillo was the proposed jump for unlicensed activity from first offense petty misdemeanor to a fourth degree felony for a second offense. Mrs. Trujillo went on to state that her effort was to present to the committee a point which reflected unlicensed activity as a serious threat to public safety if a company has already gone through an initial sanction from the department and continues to provide unlicensed services. Mrs. Trujillo stated that the \$5,000.00 fine seemed workable at this point however her thoughts regarding the fourth degree felony being incorporated into the statute was less than favorable. Chairman Jochem questioned what alternative could be made for a second offense. Mr. Khalsa interjected by stating that he holds licenses in numerous other states, and that those states immediately impose a felony for unlicensed activity explaining that a felony is not outside the scope of what is occurring in the nationwide security industry. Mrs. Trujillo closed in stating that the Department was actively pursuing the bill and would attempt to get the bill back on the table.

