

MINUTES
UTAH ALARM SYSTEM SECURITY
LICENSING BOARD
March 06, 2025
Hybrid Meeting with anchor location in Room 474

CONVENED: 9:00 a.m.

ADJOURNED: 10:11 a.m.

Bureau Manager:
Board Secretary:

Tracy Taylor
Katie Corak

Board Members Present:

Fred Johnson, Chairperson
Scott RC Kemp
James Jackson Jr.
K. Adam Christian
Paul Duff Astin

Guests:

Karina Navarro
Megan Price
Jaren Adams
Daniel Barrett

DOPL Staff Present:

Bernice Palama, Compliance Specialist

TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION
ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS:

DECISIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Approval of Minutes:

Mr. Kemp made a motion to approve the January 02, 2025 minutes. Mr. Christian seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Compliance Update:

Ms. Palama provided the Board with a compliance update. Item noted with no action taken.

Chairperson Election:

Mr. Johnson announced that he is stepping down as chairperson due to increased responsibilities at his job that make continuing to perform the duties of chairperson difficult. Mr. Johnson made a motion to elect Mr. Christian as chairperson. Mr. Christian agreed to accept if elected. Mr. Astin seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

APPOINTMENTS:

Katarina Navarro
History Review:

Ms. Navarro attended her appointment with the Board. Ms. Corak reviewed Ms. Navarro's history and application with the Board, and Ms. Navarro answered questions from the

Board. Mr. Johnson made a motion to approve Ms. Navarro's application for licensure. Mr. Jackson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Megan Price
History Review:

Ms. Price attended her appointment with the Board. Ms. Corak reviewed Ms. Price's history and application with the Board, and Ms. Price answered questions from the Board. After some discussion, Mr. Christian made a motion to approve Ms. Price's application for licensure. Mr. Kemp seconded the motion. The motion unanimously.

Felipe De Jesus Ruiz
History Review:

Mr. De Jesus Ruiz did not attend his appointment with the Board. Mr. Johnson made a motion to deny Mr. De Jesus Ruiz's application for licensure. Mr. Astin seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Daniel Barrett
Renewal Review:

Mr. Barrett attended his meeting with the Board. Ms. Corak reviewed Mr. Barrett's history and renewal with the Board, and Mr. Barrett answered questions from the Board. Mr. Christian made a motion to conditionally renew Mr. Barrett's license to ensure probation is completed and no further incidents occur. If probation is completed successfully Mr. Barrett's license can be renewed for the full renewal cycle. Mr. Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed 4-1 with Mr. Christian, Mr. Jackson, Mr. Johnson, and Mr. Kemp voting yes and Mr. Astin voting no.

Jaren Daniel Adams
History Review:

Mr. Adams attended his appointment with the Board. Ms. Corak reviewed Mr. Adams' history and application with the Board, and Mr. Adams answered questions from the Board. After some discussion, Mr. Kemp made a motion to approve Mr. Adams' application for licensure. Mr. Christian seconded the motion. The motion unanimously.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Remote Workers
and Licensing:

Ms. Taylor reported there is no update on this matter. Mr. Oler, the Assistant Attorney General who met with the Board at the last meeting, still contends statutory changes need to be made to the Construction Trades Licensing Act regarding alarm agents working in out of state call centers servicing Utah customers. Ms. Taylor inquired whether a statutory change could be avoided by alarm and monitoring companies changing their business structures so all calls where sensitive alarm information is accessed goes to one department where someone who is licensed in the state

where the customer is located can take the call and help the customer. Mr. Johnson stated this would be too difficult for nationwide alarm and monitoring companies with hundreds of employees monitoring hundreds of thousands of accounts. The Board agreed there needs to be statutory changes. Ms. Taylor asked if the local professional association had a lobbyist who could champion a bill for statutory changes. Mr. Christian, a former member of the Utah Alarm Association Board stated the association does not have funding for lobbying efforts. Mr. Johnson indicated the national alarm monitoring association may be interested in. Ms. Taylor stated the Division is limited in what they can ask for in terms of law changes because the Division can really only ask for general clean up of a statute. However, there could be an argument made that this change would be general clean up because when the statutory language for alarm licensing was written in the 1980s no one anticipated the technology, infrastructure, and resources of today's world and general clean up is necessary to put the license in line with current conditions. Mr. Johnson expressed concerns with opening up the statute and having alarm licensing completely redesigned. However, this is always a risk when opening up a statute for changes. Mr. Christian raised the issue of enforcement of the current statute and whether any changes could be reasonably enforced as well. Mr. Christian will speak with Mr. Oler regarding his findings, and the Board will continue to discuss this matter at future board meetings.

ADJOURN:

Adjourned at 10:11 a.m.

Note: These minutes are not intended to be a verbatim transcript but are intended to record the significant features of the business conducted in this meeting. Discussed items are not necessarily shown in the chronological order they occurred.

Date: 05/01/2025

X Adam Christian
Alarm System Security Licensing Board Chairperson

Date: 05/01/2025

X Juan Zofa
Bureau Manager, Division of
Professional Licensing