

**<NSI BOARD MEETING>**

**MEETING MINUTES**

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Meeting Date: 12/20/2021

Meeting Location: [Online via Zoom](#)

Approval: Final

Recorded By: [Madeline Oberman](#)

## 1 ATTENDANCE

Name	Title	Organization	Present
Bobbie Butterly	President	DeBaliviere Place SBD	X
Jim Dwyer	Vice President of Finance	North SBD	X
Yusef Scoggin	Vice President	Southeast SBD	X
Henry Edmonds	Board Member	North SBD	
Gina Heagney	Board Member	Westminster Lake SBD	X
Bill Latz	Board Member	Washington Place SBD	X
Pete Rothschild	Board Member	South SBD	X
Ashley Johnson	Board Member	Euclid South CID	X
Brian Phillips	Board Member	WUMC	
Eric Weber	Board Member	Waterman Lake SBD	X
Kate Haher	Board Member	North CID	X
Jim Whyte	Executive Director	NSI	X
Sarah Wickenhauser	Deputy Director	NSI	
Madeline Oberman	Neighborhood Advocate	NSI	X
Lyndon Cornell	Camera Project Manager	NSI	X
Alvin Ferguson	Outreach	NSI	
Phillip Cornell	Camera Project Assistant	NSI	

Additional Attendees: None

## 2 MEETING LOCATION

Due to COVID-19, the meeting took place online through Zoom. If you would like to attend these meetings, please let us know before the third Monday of the month and we will send you a link to the Zoom meeting.

## 3 MEETING START

Meeting Schedule Start: 4:00 pm

Meeting Actual Start: 4:02 pm

## 4 AGENDA

- **Call meeting to order**
  - Bobbie Butterly called the meeting to order at 4:02 pm.
- **Minutes Approved**
  - Motion to approve meeting minutes moved by Kate Haher and seconded by Ashley Johnson. The motion passed unanimously.

- **Financial Report Approved**

- Motion to approve financial report moved by Yusef Scoggin. Motion seconded by Jim Dwyer. Motion passed unanimously.

- **Executive Director Report**

- Jim Whyte joined the STL Area Corporate Security Leadership Organization, started by a person at Spire. This group is a regional approach to crime and security that includes both private and public organizations.
- After discussions with Rob Betts, we have decided to increase the hourly rate for TCF to \$80 per hour across the board, instead of different rates for days, nights, and weekends. We hope this pay increase and consistency helps us fill shifts for our neighborhoods.
  - We asked Rob Betts to tell us what other contracts are paying so that we can be a premier contract. The standard rate will be \$80 per hour, priced at the same price as SLMPD overtime and other TCF contracts. This one type of rate will also help us project costs better moving forward.
- Pete Rothschild asked if there's a difference in price if we paid officers directly and not through TCF, so that we can pay officers more and incentivize shift coverage without TCF taking a portion of the hourly rate. Pete noted this would be logistically difficult, but that it may be worth exploring.
  - Jim Whyte responded that the NSI has been looking into doing that. However, to do "in house" secondary work, we would have to cover administrative and equipment expenses. We have reached out to our insurance company and asked for a quote, but we have not received it yet. Jim Whyte has also reached out to STL County and City police departments about becoming a secondary provider service. We will put together a plan if possible and review it with the board when we receive all the information.
- Ashley Johnson asked if Rob has a lot of competition right now.
  - Jim Whyte responded that he does not believe Rob has much competition at the moment, he is the only service provider that can provide bike and vehicle patrols.
- Kate Hafer noted that we have talked to Rob Betts about taking on more and more contracts, outside of the NSI, and we are agreeing to meet his rates elsewhere. But we do not know how he prioritizes who goes to what shift in each location.
  - Jim Whyte responded that he does not know how TCF prioritization works, but we are assuming he is placing officers first in areas that pay the most. We are hoping that our increase in rates makes our coverage areas more competitive. Jim Whyte has also told him that the more contracts he picks up, the less he is incentivizing officers to work our areas.
- Yusef Scoggin noted that he is in favor of evaluating a separation from Rob/TCF. There are better things our areas could be spending money on and the rate keeps increasing. Despite the increasing rates, we are receiving poorer and poorer services.
  - Jim Dwyer responded that "everything made sense when everything was working. But nothing is working anymore."
- Pete Rothschild asked if we could hire officers directly, and if we are not allowed to do that, explore litigation against the city to allow us to hire officers directly.
  - Jim Whyte explained that he is not sure that is possible, but we are in discussions with our insurance companies and law firm about liability and what options we do have available to us. Jim also noted there is a Missouri Officers Bill of Rights that complicates the situation.

- **Guest Comments**
  - None
- **Other**
  - Kate Ha her has heard back from the Euclid South CID, North CID, South SBD, and North SBD about a fundraising and awareness campaign about Alvin Ferguson/the NSI Outreach position. They are jointly developing a fundraising avenue and campaign if anyone is interested in joining.
  - Bobbie Butterly noted that she needs to get some of Alvin Ferguson's business cards.

## 5 MEETING END – 4:39 PM

## 6 POST MEETING ACTION ITEMS

Action	Assigned To	Deadline

## 7 DECISIONS MADE

- Meeting Minutes were approved.
- Financial Report was approved.

## 8 NEXT MEETING

Next Meeting: January 17, 2022 < Online via Zoom > < > < >

Post meeting edit: the January 17 meeting was cancelled. The next meeting will take place over Zoom on February 21, 2022.