Greetings!

TALI Announced this week that Governor Abbott Appointed Two And Names Chair Of Private Security Board

Governor Greg Abbott appointed and named Patricia "Patti" James of Houston, Chair of the Private Security Board. Additionally he appointed Claude "C.D." Siems, also of Houston to the board, both for terms to expire on January 21, 2021.

Patti James established Patti James Investigations in 1990 in order to create a more ethical and professional approach to providing investigative services. In working to contribute to the advancement and public perception of private investigators she became involved in the Texas Association of Licensed Investigators (TALI). Her work included serving as TALI Secretary (1993-94), Vice President (1994-95), President (1995-97), and ultimately Chairman of the Board from 1998-99 and again from 2001-02. Throughout the years James has served on numerous committees, including Board Advisory Committee, TCI Committee, and Continuing Education Committee. She became a Certified Legal Investigator (CLI) in 1995, and a Texas Certified Investigator (TCI) in 1998. James has established a cordial working relationship with The Department of Public Safety Private Security Bureau, and has served on several committees by the bureau, including reviewing board rules, and most recently a continuing education research committee.

Claude, "C.D." Siems graduated from Bellaire High School in 1970 and enlisted in the United States Navy in April of 1971. He was Honorably Discharged in April of 1975. Siems started locksmithing in 1977 and after the passing of his boss, Ted Robbins, and started C.& D. Safe &
Lock Inc. in 1986. He has been a member of the Texas Locksmith Association (TLA) and the Greater Houston Locksmith Association (GHLA) for well over 30 years. Siems served as the Parliamentarian for TLA in 2014 and served as President for GHLA in 2013 & 2014. He is presently a volunteer on the Keys and Locks Committee for the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo. He served as District Deputy Grand Master for District 30B and is currently District Instructor for District 30B for the Grand Lodge of Texas.

Appointments are subject to Senate confirmation.