



### April 2024 N.C. Private Protective Services Board Meeting Hot Sheet

The following is a summary of discussion points covered during the April meeting of the Private Protective Services Board and its committees. Meeting minutes and detailed committee reports will be available after receiving Board approval at its next meeting on June 20, 2024.

#### **Grievance Committee:** 26 cases heard

- 17 cease-and-desist orders issued to unlicensed or unregistered persons.
- 7 cases settled with consent agreements.
- The Committee and the Board discussed continued concern over unlicensed and unregistered persons providing security guard services at ABC-permitted establishments and sweepstakes parlors, in particular. The Board is researching how to expand its partnership with the [ABC Commission](#), such as including an informational flyer about security regulation in packets given to ABC permittees; and starting discussions with concealed handgun instructors about the possibility of educating students that a concealed carry permit alone does not authorize someone to work armed security.

#### **Screening Committee:** Reviewed 75 license applications and one registration renewal review.

- 73 licenses approved; one license denied; one license application deferred; and one registration renewal approved.

#### **Law & Rules Committee:**

- Reviewed several public comments submitted in response to a proposed [amendment to Rule .0707 \(see page 19\)](#), which would have required trainers to notify the Board of planned unarmed guard training. The Committee recommended, and the Board concurred, to remove this requirement, as it was not originally intended when the rule was amended, and in response to public comment.
- Heard a request from a licensee to allow a qualifying agent to live out of state, even if the qualifying agent's company maintains a physical office in North Carolina. The Committee voted to maintain [the rule](#) as-is, which requires the qualifying agent to reside in North Carolina, if the company has a physical office in the state.
- Reviewed rule-making petition from an official with the [Health Safety Institute](#) (HSI), a successor of American Safety and Health Institute, to accept CPR, AED and First-Aid training provided by HSI for Close Personal Protection licensing purposes. The Committee approved this request, and the Board will proceed with amending [Rule .1502](#) accordingly.
- Revisited its discussion from February 2024 about requiring trainers or companies to provide security guards with a copy of their training certificates on or before the guard's first day of regular employment. Board staff is to draft a proposed rule amendment for review at the June 2024 meeting.
- Public comment is being accepted now through May 31, 2024, for [several rules amendments](#) that were approved by the Board in February, including an increase in the

Permitium-mandated transaction fee increase from \$4.00 to \$5.00; a “clean-up” of redundant or inconsistent wording across several existing rules; and more.

### **Training & Education Committee:**

- Approved a \$5,000 grant to the [N.C. Association of Private Investigators](#) for reimbursement of its 2023 annual conference. (For more information about the Board’s Training and Education Grant, go [here](#).)
- The Committee reminded firearms trainers to inspect range facilities to ensure firing line distances are accurate, after a routine audit of a training facility by Investigator Karen Battle found the 25-yard line was only 23 yards long. The facility corrected the distance immediately.
- The Committee reaffirmed the standards for the 50-round handgun course of fire used for qualifications. The course of fire document will be distributed to certified firearms trainers and posted to the [PPSB Training website](#) soon.
- The 2024 schedule for unarmed and armed trainer certification courses is available [here](#).

### **Special Committee on Continuing Education**

- The Special Committee held its second meeting on April 9. It continues to discuss ways to improve the Board’s continuing education program, such as mandating certain courses or topics, improved vetting of instructors and courses, and more. Future meetings are planned, but not currently scheduled. Committee members include PPS Board members Sam Russell (Chair), Richard Epley, Candace Ratliff, Steve Johnson, and Andy Renfrow; and PPSB-licensed industry members Catherine Flowers, Kay Rivera, Dennis O’Shell, Anthony Johnson and Bill MacRae.

### **Special Committee on Unlicensed Activity**

- The Special Committee held its last meeting on February 8. Future meetings are planned, but not currently scheduled. Committee members include PPS Board members Suzanne Creech (Chair), Andy Renfrow, Assata Buffaloe, Steve Johnson, Candace Ratliff, and Stacy Buff.

### **Other Board Discussion Points, Industry References & Reminders:**

- The Board plans to work with the [N.C. Criminal Justice Standards and Training Commission](#) to revise and update a course about private security regulation in N.C. that was last offered as in-service training to law enforcement officers in 2019.
- Licensee Bill MacRae announced that the [Association of Professional Security Providers of North Carolina](#) is looking for members and Board directors.
- Board staff facilitated four hours of continuing education training following the Board meeting. Topics included a Q&A with Board Chair Tamara Rabenold and Director Paul Sherwin, Registration Procedures, and National Trends in Security Regulation. The next industry training session will follow the October 2024 Board meeting. Please email Director Sherwin ([paul.sherwin@ncdps.gov](mailto:paul.sherwin@ncdps.gov)) if you have suggestions for industry training topics.
- Board meeting minutes can be found on the Board’s [Meetings and Minutes webpage](#). Previous meeting Hot Sheets will be available soon.

- Persons providing close personal protection (CPP) services may be eligible for a [CPP endorsement](#) to their existing PI license, if they were a licensed PI on or before Dec. 31, 2021. Others must apply for the separate CPP license.
- Effective Sept. 1, 2023, persons providing CPP or digital forensics examiner (DFE) services are required to be licensed in accordance with [NCGS 74C-3\(a\)\(3a\)](#) and [74C-3\(a\)\(5a\)](#), respectively.
- As of January 1, 2024, [several administrative rules](#) went into effect to include the new rule allowing for probationary private investigators and private investigator interns and apprentices (14B NCAC 16 .1109).
- The Board's 2024 meeting schedule is available [HERE](#).
- Board policies and informational memorandums are available [HERE](#).

### **Upcoming Events:**

- [S.C. Association of Legal Investigators Conference](#), May 8-10, in Myrtle Beach, S.C.
  - Board member Jerry Pitman is attending on behalf of the PPSB.
- [Techno Security and Digital Forensics Conference](#), June 4-6, in Wilmington, N.C.
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- [PPSB Meeting](#), June 20, Raleigh, N.C.
- [International Association of Security and Investigative Regulators Conference](#), October 9-11, in Charlotte, N.C.
  - Board members Jerry Pitman, Andy Renfrow, Tamara Rabenold and several Board staff are attending on behalf of the PPSB.
- [N.C. Association of Private Investigators Conference](#), November 18-20, in Carolina Beach, N.C.