



October 2023 Board Meeting Hot Sheet

As a new communication initiative, the following is a recap of discussion points that may be of interest to industry as covered during the recent committee meetings (10/17-18) or Private Protective Services Board (PPSB) meeting (10/19/2023). Full minutes & committee reports will be available following approval after the next Board meeting (12/14/2023).

The Board began its meeting with a moment of silence to acknowledge those affected by the on-going Israeli-Palestinian conflict.

Screening Committee: 81 applications; 1 registration denial appeal
75 approved; 3 denials; 3 deferrals & 1 registration denial approved

Grievance Committee: 12 cases heard

- As a result of grievance trends & an effort to raise industry awareness, other discussion topics included the Board's new [progressive consent agreement formula](#) for registration violations by repeat offenders, guidance about [PIs allowing property finder companies](#) to use their license, and a reminder about what constitutes an [employee versus an independent contractor](#).

Law & Rules Committee:

- Attorney Gray reported a number of the Board's pending rules are still [under review at the N.C. Rules Review Commission](#). He said seven of the Board's rules [were approved](#) at the Commission's meeting in September and go into effect Nov. 1.
- Member Sam Russell, a licensed private investigator, mentioned a new law, [Senate Bill 246](#), that makes it a Class 2 misdemeanor of 2nd-degree trespass if a person enters or remains "on the curtilage of a dwelling of another between the hours of midnight and 6:00 A.M." Russell encouraged industry members to review this new law and determine how it may affect their operations.
- Topics raised by industry members included a proposal to tighten the Board's rules on liability insurance (to be discussed further at a future meeting).

Training & Education Committee:

- Topics raised by industry members included a proposal to increase the number of hours required for the unarmed guard training course from 16 to 40 hours. The Committee did not support this proposal, as the current 16-hour requirement is generally supported by the industry and is at the [median of training required in other states](#).

Other Board Discussion Points & Industry Reminders:

- Key take-aways from the International Association of Investigative Regulators Conference (IASIR), including an emphasis on ensuring a company's liability insurance is adequate for the work it is performing and that the scope of work does not violate any of the policy's exclusions. There also was discussion of the increased demand on the

security industry to move from ‘observe & report’ to ‘observe & respond,’ along with the need for companies to ensure related training is provided to their officers to meet said demands, even if such training is beyond that required by any regulatory body.

- [Board member biographies and photographs](#) are now posted to the Board’s website for industry’s reference & awareness.
- 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.