

Roy Cooper, Governor Eddie M. Buffaloe, Jr., Secretary Tamara Rabenold, Chair Paul Sherwin, Director

Meeting Minutes February 15, 2024, 9 a.m. Hampton Inn and Suites – Raleigh/Crabtree Valley

Board Members Present

<u>Staff Present</u>

Ron Burris Debra Duncan Tamara Rabenold Dave Stephens* Stacy Buff Sam Russell

Suzanne Creech Richard Epley Andy Renfrow Steve Johnson Jerry Pitman Paul Sherwin Ray Bullard Kim Odom Garcia Graham Karen Battle Jeff Gray

*virtual

Board Members Absent

Kim Heffney Assata Buffaloe Candace Ratliff

Call to Order

Chair Tamara Rabenold called the February 15, 2024, meeting of the North Carolina Private Protective Services Board to order at 9 a.m.

State Ethics Law

Attorney Jeff Gray read the following statement:

"In accordance with the State Ethics Law, it is the duty of every Board member to avoid both conflicts of interest and appearances of conflict. If any member has any known conflict of interest or appearance of conflict with respect to any matter coming before this Board today, please identify the conflict or appearance of conflict and refrain from deliberation and voting in that matter."

Approval of the December 2023 Board Meeting Minutes

<u>Motion:</u> Debra Duncan motioned to accept the December 14, 2023, Board meeting minutes. Andy Renfrow seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Committee Reports

Grievance Committee: Grievance Committee members Ron Burris, Tamara Rabenold, Suzanne Creech, Jerry Pitman, and Steve Johnson met on February 15, 2024, from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. The Committee heard 20 cases. Committee Chair Ron Burris presented the Grievance Committee report.

<u>Motion:</u> Jerry Pitman motioned to accept all cases except 2023-PPS-122 (Freeman), 2024-PPS-014 (Freeman) and 2023-PPS-101 (Edmonds). Suzanne Creech seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

<u>Motion:</u> Stacy Buff motioned to accept 2023-PPS-122 (Freeman) and 2024-PPS-014 (Freeman). Jerry Pitman seconded. The motion carried unanimously. Andy Renfrow recused from the vote.

<u>Motion:</u> Steve Johnson motioned to accept 2023-PPS-101 (Edmonds). Sam Russell seconded. The motion carried unanimously. Tamara Rabenold and Suzanne Creech recused from the vote.

Ron Burris stated that the committee recommended a rule change, which was discussed in detail during the Laws and Rules Committee meeting, to no longer accept unanimous complaints, unless the Director determines that the alleged violation may pose a threat to the public health, safety or welfare.

The committee also discussed, but did not decide, whether to continue holding Grievance Committee meetings at the hotel or move them back to the PPS office to achieve greater efficiency and cost savings.

See the attachment for the full Grievance Committee report.

Screening Committee: Screening Committee members Sam Russell, Debra Duncan, Dave Stephens, Kim Heffney, Stacy Buff and Richard Epley met on February 14, 2024, from 9 a.m. to 10:45 a.m. to review 61 license applications, two QA for Two Companies applications, and one registration denial appeal. Committee Chair Debra Duncan presented the Screening Committee report.

<u>Motion:</u> Steve Johnson motioned to accept all the Committee's recommendations, except Joshua Freeman. Stacy Buff seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

<u>Motion:</u> Stacy Buff motioned to accept the Committee's recommendation for Joshua Freeman. Suzanne Creech seconded. The motion carried unanimously. Andy Renfrow recused from the vote.

See the attachment for the full Screening Committee report.

Laws and Rules Committee: Laws and Rules Committee members Steve Johnson, Jerry Pitman, Andy Renfrow, Sam Russell, Debra Duncan and Kim Heffney met on February 14,

2024, from 2:30 p.m. to 3:25 p.m. Committee Chair Steve Johnson delivered the Laws and Rules Committee report.

Steve Johnson explained the Committee received and discussed a petition for a rule change from an individual who proposed the Board amend 14B NCAC 16 .0807 to extend the period a new firearms qualification is valid for from 90 days to 180 days. The Committee recommended the Board deny the petition.

Steve Johnson explained the Committee recommended the Board amend rules 14B NCAC 16 .0301, .0302, .0401, .0402, .1101, .1102, .1103, .1104, and .1105 to remove redundant language and clarify select terminology, in response to feedback Attorney Jeff Gray received from the N.C. Rules Review Commission. Mr. Johnson said the Committee also recommended the Board amend 14B NCAC 16 .1501 to add the CPR, AED, and First Aid training requirement to the other experience requirements needed for a Close Personal Protection license. Mr. Johnson also recommended the Board approve new rule 14B NCAC 16 .1709, which allows digital forensics licensees to employ a potential trainee for 60 days as a probationary employee or as an intern or apprentice.

In addition, Mr. Johnson said Director Sherwin presented to the Committee five proposed rule changes, including: amend 14B NCAC 16 .0201(b) to remove the requirement that the Written Plan of Supervision form for license trainees be notarized; amend Rule .0203 to reduce from three years to two years the period for which an expired license may be reinstated, and clarify that continuing education is required to reinstate a license; amend Rule .0115 to state that anonymous complaints shall not be accepted unless the Director determines the alleged violation may pose a threat to public health, safety or welfare; and amend Rules .0707 and .0807 to add a requirement that unarmed guard trainers and firearms trainers give each student a certificate of training upon completion of course.

After much discussion, the Board decided to refer the proposed changes to Rules .0707 and 0807 to the Laws and Rules Committee for further discussion.

Further, the Board recently learned that its licensing software vendor, Permitium, plans to increase its per-transaction fee from \$4.00 to \$5.00, effective September 1, 2024. Director Sherwin reported this is the first time Permitium has increased its fees since 2017. As a result of the planned fee increase, the Committee recommended the Board vote to amend the following rules to remove the specific reference to the \$4.00 fee and replace it with more generic and adaptable language about a processing fee charged by the vendor: 14B NCAC 16 .0115, .0201, .0203, .0301, .0302, .0401, .0402, .0501, .0701, .0702, .0706, .0801, .0802, .0806, .0902, .0904, .0910, .1301, .1302, .1306, .1401, .1402, and .1406.

<u>Motion:</u> Sam Russell motioned to approve the proposed changes to Rules .0301, .0302, .0401, .0402, .1101, .1102, .1103, .1104, .1105, .0201, .0203, .0115, .0115, .0201, .0203, .0301, .0302, .0401, .0402, .0501, .0701, .0702, .0706, .0801, .0802, .0806, .0902, .0904, .0910, .1101-.1105, .1301, .1302, .1306, .1401, .1402, .1406, .1501. Ron Burris seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

<u>Motion:</u> Dave Stephens motioned to accept the Laws and Rules Committee report. Stacy Buff seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Training and Education Committee: Training and Education Committee members Richard Epley, Stacy Buff, Andy Renfrow, Steve Johnson, Dave Stephens, and Sam Russell met on February 14, 2024, from 1 p.m. to 1:52 p.m. Committee Chair Dave Stephens presented the Training and Education Committee report, which included updates about completed and planned train-the-trainer courses, and the results of a recent compliance audit of one certified trainer by Board staff.

In addition, Mr. Stephens reported the Committee reviewed eleven applications for new continuing education courses and two applications for the renewal of existing continuing education courses. He stated the Committee recommended approving all the courses.

Finally, Mr. Stephens reported that the Committee had reviewed and discussed one grant application from Catherine Flowers with Cat's Eye Private Investigations LLC.

<u>Motion:</u> Susanne Creech motioned to approve Catherine Flowers' grant application and award the requested \$5,000. Richard Epley seconded. Andy Renfrow inquired whether Ms. Flowers would receive the grant prior to delivering the training. Mr. Johnson responded that the grant would be paid as reimbursement. The motion carried unanimously.

<u>Motion:</u> Suzanne Creech motioned to accept the Training and Education Committee report. Richard Epley seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

See the attachment for the full Training and Education Committee report.

Emerging Technology Committee: Emerging Technology Committee members Stacy Buff, Andy Renfrow, and Tamara Rabenold met on February 14, 2024, from 11:30 a.m. to 11:58 a.m. Stacy Buff reported that the Committee met briefly to discuss current technology developments and expressed interest in learning more about them. The Committee is interested in exploring various types of technology relevant to the private security industry and plans to bring in experts to discuss specific technologies at future meetings.

<u>Motion:</u> Steve Johnson motioned to accept the Emerging Technology Committee report. Andy Renfrow seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Special Committee on Unlicensed Activity: Suzanne Creech reported that on Thursday February 8, 2024, the Committee met to discuss unlicensed activity and strategies to mitigate it. Ms. Creech reported the Committee explored the possibility of Private Protective Services having at least one sworn law enforcement investigator on staff, but research showed this proposal faces several challenges including the need for a statute change, increased Board funding, and the numerous training and certification compliance requirements needed. Instead, the Committee recommended that the Board seek active partnerships with the NC Conference of District Attorneys, the Sherriff's Association, and the N.C. Association of Chiefs of Police to educate key public safety partners about the dangers of unlicensed security providers. Ms. Creech reported the Committee also suggested the Board ask the N.C. Criminal Justice Education and Training Standards Commission to add course about unlicensed private security to its 2026 law enforcement in-service training curriculum.

<u>Motion:</u> Sam Russell motioned to accept the Special Committee on Unlicensed Activity report. Andy Renfrow seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Special Committee on Continuing Education: Sam Russell reported that Committee met on Thursday, February 1, 2024, to discuss the current state of continuing education training requirements for PPSB licensees. He stated the Committee is in the early stages of looking into requiring a specific set of continuing education training for all license holders, regardless of the type of license they currently possess, and exploring other ways to improve the continuing education program.

<u>Motion:</u> Stacy Buff motioned to accept the Special Committee on Continuing Education report. Ron Burris seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Old Business

Debra Duncan reminded the Board members that the deadline for submitting their Statement of Economic Interest form is April 15, 2024.

Director Sherwin reported that Permitium had created a report that enables him to generate a list of licensees and their email addresses on-demand. This will allow PPS and the Board to communicate more effectively with licensees.

New Business

Jerry Pitman informed the Board that the South Carolina Association of Legal Investigators (SCALI) spring conference will be held in May 8-10, 2024, and asked the Board to send a representative to the conference.

<u>Motion:</u> Stacy Buff motioned to send Jerry Pitman to represent the Board at the May 2024 SCALI conference. Suzanne Creech seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Chair Tamara Rabenold suggested changing the schedule for the PPS Board meetings. She proposed moving the meeting from the even-numbered months to the odd-numbered months in 2025 to align with the schedule of the Alarm Systems Licensing Board.

<u>Motion:</u> Suzanne Creech motioned to pilot a new Board meeting schedule in 2025 to hold the PPS Board meetings in odd-numbered months. Stacy Buff seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Break 10:45 a.m. Reconvened 10:57 a.m.

Director's Report

Director Sherwin presented his Director's Report. The report included information about Board staff changes, the status of the Board's active licensees and registrants, and an update on Board finances.

<u>Motion:</u> Steve Johnson motioned to accept the Director's Report. Richard Epley seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

See the attachment for the full Director's Report.

Attorney's Report

Attorney Gray presented his Attorney's Report, which included updates about the status of consent agreements, pending administrative rule changes, litigation, and legislative updates.

Motion: Suzanne Creech motioned to accept the Attorney's Report. Stacy Buff seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

See the attachment for the full Attorney's Report.

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Gary Pastor addressed the Board about unlicensed activity and proposed some ideas for how the Board could address this problem. He suggested that the Board could implement a rule change stating that if an individual is found to be providing private security services without a license, the person should not be eligible to apply for a license for a certain period of time.

Don Miller with the NCAPI provided an update on behalf of the Association, stating that the Association has scheduled its annual conference for November 19-20, 2024, in Carolina Beach, N.C.

Final Agency Decision(s)

Attorney Jeff Gray recused himself as the Board's attorney to present two Proposals for Decision from the Office of Administrative Hearings.

Jeff Gray presented the Proposal for Decision in the case of 23 DOJ 04665, Christopher Paul Plantier (Petitioner) v. NC Private Protective Services Board (Respondent). Mr. Plantier was not present.

The case was heard by Administrative Law Judge Michael Byrne on November 18, 2023. This case involved the summary suspension of Petitioner's armed security guard registration based on a lack of good moral character or demonstrated intemperate habits, pursuant to N.C.G.S. 74C-12(a)(25) by charges of felony murder in Wake County, N.C.

<u>Motion:</u> Stacy Buff motioned to accept the recommendation of the Administrative Law Judge and continue with the summary suspension of Mr. Plantier's armed security guard registration. Andy Renfrow seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Attorney Jeff Gray presented the Proposal for Decision in the case of 23 DOJ 03153, Kenneth Keith Plummer (Petitioner) v. NC Private Protective Services Board (Respondent). Mr. Plummer was not present.

The case was heard by Administrative Law Judge Melissa Owens Lassiter on September 26, 2023. This case involved the denial of Plummer's application for a security guard & patrol license based on a lack of verifiable experience.

<u>Motion:</u> Stacy Buff motioned to accept the recommendation of the Administrative Law Judge and uphold the denial of Mr. Plummer's security guard & patrol license application. Andy Renfrow seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Motion: Stacy Buff motioned to adjourn the Board meeting. Suzanne Creech seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Meeting Adjourned: 11:30 a.m.

Paul Sherwin, Director

Garcia Graham, Board Secretary

Board Meeting Guests

Brandon Hodges	William MacRae	Gary Pastor	Grant Hayden
Dave Dodge	David Roebuck	Shaun Marso	Ruth Cruz-Nichols
Don Miller	Joshua Freeman	Shontae Alexander	Jeff Mixon
Keith Whitfield	Denise Martin	Joseph Horn	Chris Mayhue
Billy Delaporte*	John Honeycutt*	Frank Alvilhiera*	Jason Cayea*
Tim Stewart*	Walter Hinson*	William Reynolds*	William Sconiers*
Sandra Epley*	Julie Turner*	Michael Easterday*	Preston Winters*
Jaymes Holden			

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PPSB Grievance After Report for February 15, 2024 9:00 am

	Case Number	Complaint Against	Allegation(s)	Grievance Committee Recommendation	Board Action
1.	2023- PPS- 030	John Keith Brown Southern Protection Agency 912 W Hwy 78 Ste 200 Vila Rica, GA 301800000	14B NCAC 16 .0108(b)	Find a violation of NCGS 74C-11. Enter into a consent agreement with John Keith Brown and Southern Protection Agency in the amount of \$3,182.40 for 26 unarmed security guard registration violations. Staff is to conduct a follow up registration audit of Q3 & Q4 2024.	Accepted
2.	2023- PPS- 076	Curtis Romano Watchmen Solutions, LLC 13534 Plaza Rd Extension Suite 122 CHARLOTTE, NC 28215	NCGS 74C-11 14B NCAC 16 .0707 14B NCAC 16 .0108(b)	Find a violation of NCGS 74C-11. Enter into a consent agreement with Curtis Romano and Watchmen Solutions, LLC, and in the amount of \$9,669.60 for 79 unarmed security guard registration violations. Staff is to conduct a follow up registration audit of Q3 & Q4 2024.	Accepted
3.	2023- PPS- 077	Andrew Gordon Seward Tailormade Protective Services, LLC 205 Regency Executive Park Dr Ste 200 Charlotte, NC 28217	14B NCAC 16 .0108(b) NCGS 74C- 13	Find a violation NCGS 74C-11. Enter into a consent agreement with Andrew Seward and Tailormade Protective Services, LLC in the amount of \$122.40 for one unarmed security guard registration violation.	Accepted
4.	2023- PPS- 078	Jimmy Lamar Henley A Services Group, LLC 3037-C Boonetrail Ext Fayetteville, NC 28304	NCGS 74C-11 14B NCAC 16 .0108(b)	Defer to the April 2024 Grievance Committee meeting. Jimmy Henley and A Services Group, LLC are to provide all documents requested by the Board investigator to conduct a registration audit, no later than 5 p.m. on February 27, 2024. Should the company fail to provide the required documents, this case may be settled with a consent agreement for 75 armed security guard registration violations or Jimmy Henley's security guard and patrol license shall be suspended.	Accepted

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5.	2023- PPS- 083	Angel Estavan Rolon Star Bar 1108 Hendricks Hill Ln Apt. H Holly Springs, NC 27540	NCGS 74C- 13(a)	Find a violation of NCGS 74C-13(a). Issue a non- disciplinary letter of warning to Angel Rolon for working as an armed security guard without a registration.	Accepted
6.	2023- PPS- 084	John Michael Hixson StarBar 7750 Midtown Market Ave. Suite 104 Raleigh, NC 27616	NCGS 74C- 13(a) NCGS 74C-2	Find a violation of NCGS 74C-2 and NCGS 74C-13(a). Continue the cease and desist order previously issued to John Hixson and StarBar, and issue a disciplinary Letter of Reprimand to John Hixon for working as an armed security guard without a registration. Refer this matter to the Screening Committee should he apply for a license or registration.	Accepted
7.	2023- PPS- 085	Omar Knight StarBar 1921 North Hills Drive Apartment E Raleigh, NC 27612	NCGS 74C- 13(a) NCGS 74C-2	Find a violation of NCGS 74C-13(a). Issue a non- disciplinary letter of warning to Omar Knight for working as an armed security guard without a registration.	Accepted
8.	2023- PPS- 086	Rasheed Teasley StarBar 1031 Stone Commons Way Apartment 206 Knightdale, NC 27545	NCGS 74C- 13(a) NCGS 74C-2	Find a violation of NCGS 74C-13(a). Issue a non- disciplinary letter of warning to Rasheed Teasley for working as an armed security guard without a registration.	Accepted
9.	2023- PPS- 087	Giovanni McDougald StarBar 1721 Trawick Road Raleigh, NC 27604	NCGS 74C- 13(b) NCGS 74C-2	Find a violation of NCGS 74C-2 and NCGS 74C-13(b). Continue the cease and desist order previously issued to Giovanni McDougald and StarBar. Refer this matter to the Screening Committee should Giovanni McDougald apply for a license or proprietary designation.	Accepted

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10.	2023- PPS- 089	Kane Terrence Legrand Nine Star Peacekeepers 5960 Fairview Road Ste. 400 Charlotte, NC 28210	NCGS 74C-2 NCGS 74C- 13(b)	Find a violation of NCGS 74C-2 and NCGS 74C-13(b). Continue the cease and desist order previously issued to Kane Legrand and Nine Star Peacekeepers. Mr. Legrand is to remove from the company's website all references to security guard & patrol and close personal protection services. Refer this matter to screening should he apply for license or registration.	Accepted	
11.	2023- PPS- 090	Michael Hilliard Nine Star Peacekeepers 204 Mutual Blvd Princeville, NC 27886	NCGS 74C-2 NCGS 74C- 13(b)	Find a violation of NCGS 74C-2 and NCGS 74C-13(b). Continue the cease and desist order previously issued to Michael Hilliard and refer this matter to the Screening Committee should he apply for a license or registration.	Accepted	
12.	2023- PPS- 091	Elijah Michael Molder Nine Star Peacekeepers 9510 Shannon Green Drive Apt. J Charlotte, NC 28213	NCGS 74C-2 NCGS 74C- 13(b)	Find a violation of NCGS 74C-2 and NCGS 74C-13(b). Continue the cease and desist order previously issued to Elijah Molder and refer this matter to the Screening Committee should he apply for a license or registration.	Accepted	
13.	2023- PPS- 092	Antonio Tamoyel Shockley North State Security 7990 North Point Blvd Suite 120 Winston-Salem, NC 27106	NCGS 74C- 12(a)(9)	Find a violation of NCGS 74C-12(a)(9). Continue the cease and desist order previously issued to Antonio Shockley and refer this matter to the Screening Committee should he apply for a license or registration. Consolidated with 2023-PPS-093.	Accepted	
14.	2023- PPS- 093	Antonio Shockley North State Security 7990 North Point Blvd Suite 120 Winston-Salem, NC 27106	NCGS 74C- 12(a)(9)	Find a violation of NCGS 74C-12(a)(9). Continue the cease and desist order previously issued to Antonio Shockley and refer this matter to the Screening Committee should he apply for a license or registration. Consolidated with 2023-PPS-092.	Accepted	

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15.	2023- PPS- 099	Michael Layton Duke Carolina Surveillance & Investigations 7900 D- Stevens Mill Rd Ste 246 Matthews, NC 281040000	NCGS 74C- 12(a)(20) 14B NCAC 16 .0404	Find a violation of NCGS 74C-12(a)(20). Issue a disciplinary Letter of Reprimand to Michael Duke for failure to provide his client a report.	Accepted
16.	2023- PPS- 101	Mark Anthony Edmonds NC Protection Group 740 SE Greenville Blvd Ste 400-105 Greenville, NC 27858	NCGS 74C-2	Find a violation of NCGS 74C-2. Continue the cease and desist order previously issued to Mark Edward for electronic countermeasures services. Issue a non- disciplinary Letter of Warning.	Accepted
17.	2023- PPS-115	Cordell Latrell Harley El Tucanazo 5121 Wallingford Drive Apt. E Raleigh, NC 27616	NCGS 74C-2 NCGS 74C- 13(a)	Find a violation of NCGS 74C-2 and NCGS 74C-13(a). Continue the cease and desist order previously issued to Cordell Harley and refer this matter to the Screening Committee should he apply for a license or registration.	Accepted
18.	2023- PPS-117	Joshua Ryan Morris 1201 South East Street Raleigh, NC 27601	NCGS 74C-2 NCGS 74C- 13(a) 14B NCAC 16 .0110(b)	Find a violation of NCGS 74C-2 and NCGS 74C-13(a). Continue the cease and desist order previously issued to Joshua Morris and refer this matter to the Screening Committee should he apply for a license or registration.	Accepted
19.	2023- PPS- 122	Joshua Ryan Freeman Alliance Security and Investigations LLC 434 Fayetteville St suite 2140 Raleigh, NC 27601	NCGS 74C-2	Find no violation. Consolidated with 2024-PPS-014.	Accepted

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20.	2024- PPS- 014	Joshua Freeman Alliance Security and Investigations LLC 434 Fayetteville St suite 2140 Raleigh, NC 27601	NCGS 74C-2	Find no violation. Consolidated with 2023-PPS-122.	Accepted

Board Meeting Report

Board Date 02/15/2024

	Name Company Address	License	Committee Recommendation	Board Action
1.	Michelle Lee Abraham White Insight Services Group, Inc. 55 Ferncroft Rd Danvers, MA 19230	Private Investigator	Deny Lack of verifiable experience and falsification of application.	Accepted
2.	Jonathon Dale Acord Sheepdog Security 2962 S NC 127 Hwy Hickory, NC 28602	Security Guard And Patrol	Approve with Condition Applicant provide proof of a credit payment plan.	Accepted
3.	Frank Baptiste Alvilhiera JR Fortress Security Consulting L.L.C. 422 Chapel Hill, NC 27517	Security Guard And Patrol	Approve	Accepted
4.	James A Battle J A B of North Carolina LLC 12513 Oneal Rd. Wake Forest, NC 27587	Armored Car	Approve	Accepted
5.	James A Battle J A B of North Carolina LLC 12513 Oneal Rd. Wake Forest, NC 27587	Private Investigator	Approve	Accepted
6.	Phillip Dion Bradshaw Bradshaw's Private Investigation Services 203 W Kerr St Salisbury, NC 28144	Courier Service	Approve	Accepted
7.	Hope Brown North State Security Group LLC 7990 North Point Blvd Winston Salem, NC 27106	Security Guard And Patrol	Approve	Accepted

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8.	Hailey Buchanan EPIC Services & Consulting, LLC 117 East Sycamore Street Lincolnton, NC 28092	Private Investigator Associate	Approve Level 1 with 800 hours	Accepted
9.	Charles Calhoun DigiStream Carolinas, Inc 300 Fayetteville st raleigh, NC 27602	Private Investigator Associate	Approve Level 1 with zero hours	Accepted
10.	Jerry Cagle Callicutt Walton Investigations 4004-K Spring Garden St. Greensboro, NC 27407	Security Guard And Patrol	Approve	Accepted
11.	Edward Joseph Collins Jr Carolina Investigations 73 Athol Ct Clayton, NC 27527	Private Investigator	Approve	Accepted
12.	Samuel F Craft Triple Three Solutions 1110 Churchwood Dr Apex, NC 27502	Private Investigator	Approve with Condition Surrender sworn LEO status	Accepted
13.	Joseph Francis Crowley III EFI Global 3101 Yorkmount Road suite 1800 Charlotte, NC 28208	Private Investigator	Approve	Accepted
14.	Jennifer Lynn DuGai DuGai Polygraph Services, LLC 2629 Gene Downs Road Charlotte, NC 28262	Polygraph	Approve	Accepted
15.	Timothy Michael Finn Banknote Corporation of America Inc 6109 Corporate Park Dr Browns Summit, NC 27214	Armored Car	Approve	Accepted
16.	Joshua Ryan Freeman Alliance Security and Investigations LLC 434 Fayetteville St suite 2140 Raleigh, NC 27601	Security Guard And Patrol	Approve	Accepted

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17.	Zariah Frieson AS Surveillance, LLC Company 360 Commercial Park Drive Thomasville, NC 27360	Private Investigator Associate	Approve Level 2 with 1,718 hours	Accepted
18.	Angela Marie Gennari Titan Global Enterprises Inc 1954 Airport Rd Atlanta, GA 30341	Security Guard And Patrol	Approve	Accepted
19.	Philip Carl Haines Jr Barefoot Professional Investigations 1011 E. Morehead Street Charlotte, NC 28204	Private Investigator	Approve	Accepted
20.	Cordell Harley Party Addicts 2400 Paula St Raleigh, NC 27608	Proprietary	Approve	Accepted
21.	Stuart Roger Harris Tier 1 Protection & Investigative Services 1423 Ladora Dr Charlotte, NC 28262	Security Guard And Patrol	Approve	Accepted
22.	Grant David Hayden Vintage Investigative Solutions 11030 Cayden Trail, Apt 2B Raleigh, NC 27614	Private Investigator	Approve	Accepted
23.	Walter Lee Hinson III Investigative Concepts, LLC 510 Maple Leaf Way Lumberton, NC 28358	Private Investigator	Approve	Accepted
24.	James Earl Hoke Jr Omega Protection Perspective, LLC PO Box 98894 Raleigh, NC 27615	Private Investigator	Approve	Accepted
25.	James Earl Hoke Jr Omega Protection Perspective, LLC PO Box 98894 Raleigh, NC 27615	Close Personal Protection	Approve	Accepted

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26.	Jaymes Allen Holden 360 Protection Group, Inc. 3712 Zebulon Williams Road Monroe, NC 28110	Security Guard And Patrol	Approve	Accepted
27.	Joseph Damien Horn Horn Defense Solutions LLC. PO BOX 752 Willow Springs, NC 27592	Close Personal Protection	Approve	Accepted
28.	Joseph Howell Aardwolf International 1135 Kildaire Farm Road Suite 200 Cary, NC 27511	Private Investigator Associate	Approve Level 1 with 400 hours	Accepted
29.	Chadley William Jones GRIZ GLOBAL SOLUTIONS LLC 135 W Illinois Ave 37 Southern Pines, NC 28387	Close Personal Protection	Approve	Accepted
30.	Paladin Eugene Jordan Sr Ryan LLC 13155 Noel Road Dallas, TX 75240	Private Investigator	Approve	Accepted
31.	Casey Knepp EPIC 117 E Sycamore St Lincolnton, NC 28092	Close Personal Protection	Approve	Accepted
32.	Susan Thomas McMinn Carolina Digital Forensics, LLC 2024 Waterscape Way #323 New Bern, NC 28562	Digital Forensics Examiner	Approve	Accepted
33.	Joshua Aaron Miller Miller Investigative Services, LLC P.O. Box 561 Morehead City, NC 28557	Close Personal Protection	Approve	Accepted
34.	Kelly Ann Mills Cochran Investment Company Inc 2512 CHAMBERS RD Tustin, CA 92780	Private Investigator	Approve	Accepted

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35.	CaiLee Ann Moon The North Carolina Protection Group 740 SE Greenville Blvd Greenville, NC 27858	Close Personal Protection	Approve	Accepted
36.	Charles Lee Newcomb EFI Global, Inc 3101 Yorkmont Rd. Charlotte, NC 28208	Private Investigator	Approve	Accepted
37.	Reginald Pickett Gunshoe Detective Services 8370 S Hwy 41 Wallace , NC 28466	Private Investigator Associate	Approve Level 1 with zero hours	Accepted
38.	William Kenneth Pietrucha Epic Services and Consulting 117 E. Sycamore Street Lincolnton, NC 28092	Close Personal Protection	Approve	Accepted
39.	Dionne Porter Investigate NC 58 Alecia Court Clayton, NC 27527	Private Investigator	Approve	Accepted
40.	Cody Ray Command Investigations LLC 1540 International Parkway Lake Mary, FL 32746	Private Investigator Associate	Approve Level 1 with 400 hours	Accepted
41.	Lauren Rehm Marshall Investigative Group, Inc. 401 Devon Avenue Park Ridge, IL 60068	Private Investigator	Approve	Accepted
42.	William Edmund Reynolds Jr Reynolds Security and Investigations, LLC. 1317 Minos Meares Road Tabor City, NC 28463	Private Investigator	Approve	Accepted
43.	William Edmund Reynolds Jr Reynolds Security and Investigations, LLC. 1317 Minos Meares Road Tabor City, NC 28463	Security Guard And Patrol	Approve	Accepted

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44.	Shannon Raymond Rusch Jan Lee 217 Shepherds Bluff Dr Mooresville , NC 28115	Close Personal Protection	Approve with Condition Applicant provide proof of a credit payment plan.	Accepted
45.	John Gilmore Alojado Saraza Compass Protective Service 105 Dunster Dr Fuquay Varina , NC 27526	Close Personal Protection	Approve	Accepted
46.	John Gilmore Alojado Saraza Whitfield Investigations, LLC 132 S. Salisbury St Raleigh, NC 27601	Private Investigator Associate	Approve Level 1 with 400 hours	Accepted
47.	Carole-ann Shearer Marshall Investigative Group Inc 4819 Emperor Blvd. Durham, NC 27703	Private Investigator	Approve	Accepted
48.	JoAnna Rene Smith Aubor Group, LLC PO Box 6745 High Point, NC 27262	Private Investigator Associate	Approve Level 1 with zero hours	Accepted
49.	GRANT DEAN SUTHERLAND Griz Global Solutions 135 W Illinois Ave 37 Southern Pines, NC 28387	Close Personal Protection	Approve	Accepted
50.	Clayton Craig Taylor Fortis Security Inc 1413 Moss Creek Drive Harrisburg, NC 28075	Close Personal Protection	Approve	Accepted
51.	Clayton Craig Taylor Fortis Security Inc 1413 Moss Creek Drive Harrisburg, NC 28075	Security Guard And Patrol	Approve	Accepted
52.	Clayton Craig Taylor Fortis Security Inc 1413 Moss Creek Drive Harrisburg, NC 28075	Courier Service	Approve	Accepted

	Name Company Address	License	Committee Recommendation	Board Action
	Autros	LICENSE	Committee Recommendation	Action
53.	Clayton Craig Taylor Fortis Security Inc 1413 Moss Creek Drive Harrisburg, NC 28075	Armored Car	Approve	Accepted
54.	Dale Carl Todd Epic Services and Consulting, LLC 117 E. Sycamore St. Lincolnton, NC 28092	Close Personal Protection	Approve	Accepted
55.	Donna K. Umbro Umbro Investigations & Security Solutions, LLC 4787 US Hwy 70 E, Suite 101 Princeton, NC 27569	Private Investigator	Approve	Accepted
56.	Brent Allan Weidner Elite Security Services 614 Lena Way Fort Mill, SC 29708	Private Investigator	Approve	Accepted
57.	Brent Allan Weidner Elite Security Services 614 Lena Way Fort Mill, SC 29708	Close Personal Protection	Approve	Accepted
58.	BRANDON JOE WERTMAN Safety & Security Services, Inc. 416 NW 8th Street Oklahoma City, OK 73102	Security Guard And Patrol	Approve	Accepted
59.	Ken Wheatley Royal Security Group LLC P.O. Box 422 Fairview, NC 28730	Private Investigator	Approve	Accepted
60.	Brian Richardson Wiggins Chenega Naswik International LLC 14420 Albemarle Point Place Gainesville, VA 20151	Security Guard And Patrol	Approve	Accepted
61.	Khalif Isaac Yisrael BlackStone Security Group, LLC 5500 Executive Center Dr. Charlotte, NC 28212	Close Personal Protection	Approve	Accepted

PPSB Screening After Report for February 15, 2024

<u>Addendum</u>

Name Company Name Address	Credential	Committee Recommendation	Action
David Shaver Alpha Pack Security, LLC 1004 Bitting St. Greensboro NC, 27403	QA for Two Companies	Approve	Accepted
Donelle Farrar Axios Investigations Firm, LLC 555-200 Fayetteville St. Raleigh NC, 27601	QA for Two Companies	Approve	Accepted
Lamarc Langhorne WTSA Security, LLC 626 Margaret Drive Statesville, NC 28677	Unarmed Registration	Approve	Accepted



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North Carolina Private Protective Services Board Training and Education Committee Agenda

February 14, 2024

The upcoming PPS Trainer courses are scheduled:

Course:Unarmed Guard Trainer and WorkshopLocation:Wake Tech Public Safety Education Campus, Raleigh

- *May* 6-10, 2024
- July 15-19, 2024
- September 9-13, 2024
- December 9-13, 2024

Course:Firearms Trainer New/Recertification/PrequalificationLocation:Samarcand Training Academy, Jackson Springs

- *March 26, 2024 (Recert for both HG and LG)*
- May 8, 2024
- June 26, 2024
- September 16, 2024
- November 25, 2024 (Recert for both HG and LG)

The following training has been completed.

Course:Unarmed Guard Trainer and WorkshopLocation:Wake Tech Public Safety Education Campus, Raleigh

- December 4-8, 2023
- February 5-9, 2024

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Course:Firearms Trainer New/Recertification/PrequalificationLocation:Samarcand Training Academy, Jackson Springs

• November 27, 2023 (Recert for both HG and LG)

Course:New Firearms Trainer Course & WorkshopLocation:North Carolina Justice Academy, Salemburg

• December 12-15, 2023

Trainer Audit

• <u>Herbert Williams</u> Date: Monday, December 18, 2023 Location: Hickory, NC No concerns noted.

Trainer Evaluation (Firearms/Classroom)

• <u>Robert Rhodes</u> Date: Thursday, January 25, 2024 Location: Triangle Shooting Academy, Raleigh No concerns noted.

Training Facility Tour

Training Officer Karen Battle conducted a tour of the Gryphon Group on Friday, January 25, 2024. The Gryphon Group is a training facility located in Maxton, NC that will conduct both unarmed and armed guard training.

Topics for Discussion

A T&E subcommittee held their first meeting on Thursday, February 1, 2024, to discuss the expansion of industry training for PPSB licensees.

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Weapon Discharges

No weapon discharges have been reported.

End of Report

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Ø	REQUEST ED BY	COURSE NAME / COURSE TYPE TO OBTAIN A LICENSE	Course Number	INSTRUCTOR(S)	Classroom/ Online	Date Submitted	Hours
		New Application(s):					
1.	Catherine Flowers	Managing Stress and Clients in High Stakes		Catherine Flowers	Classroom/Virtual/ Online	04/26/2023	4.0
2.	Thomas H. Humphreys	Searching Online Public Records Like a Pro		Thomas H. Humphreys & Marcy Phelps	Online	12/12/2023	1.0
3.	Thomas H. Humphreys	Mastering Online Public Records Business Registrations		Thomas H. Humphreys & Marcy Phelps	Online	12/12/2023	1.0
4.	J. Vincent Demps	Private Investigation 101		J. Vincent Demps	Classroom/Virtual/ Online	1/22/2024	12.0
5.	J. Vincent Demps	Important of Cybersecurity for Investigators		J. Vincent Demps	Classroom/Virtual/ Online	1/25/2024	12.0
6.	J. Vincent Demps	Courtroom Testimony for Investigators		J. Vincent Demps	Classroom/Virtual/ Online	1/25/2024	8.0
7.	J. Vincent Demps	In-Person Interviewing for Investigators		J. Vincent Demps	Classroom/Virtual/ Online	1/25/2024	12.0
8.	J. Vincent Demps	Surveillance Tips for Investigators		J. Vincent Demps	Classroom/Virtual/ Online	1/25/2024	8.0
9.	John Honeycutt	NC CPP/EP Training Course		Ryan Van Deusen & Todd Meade	Classroom	1/22/2024	12.0
10	Rhonda Withrow	GPS Tracking		Rhonda Withrow	Classroom	12/4/2023	6.0
11.	Rhonda Withrow	Client Intake and Initial Consultation		Rhonda Withrow	Classroom	12/4/2023	6.0

NCPPSB CE Course Approval New/Renewal 2.2024

Ø	REQUEST ED BY	COURSE NAME / COURSE TYPE TO OBTAIN A LICENSE	Course Number	INSTRUCTOR(S)	Classroom/ Online	Date Submitted	Hours
		Renewal Application(s):					
1.	Thomas H. Humphreys	Investigating Nursing Home Abuse	PPSB- 16-105	Thomas Humphrey & Kelly Riddle	Online	1/16/2024	6.0
2.	Thomas H. Humphreys	Insurance Investigations From "A to Z" The Investigator's Guide to Uncovering Insurance Fraud	PPSB- 16-106	Thomas Humphrey & Kelly Riddle	Online	1/16/2024	6.0

NORTH CAROLINA PRIVATE PROTECTIVE SERVICES BOARD

February 15, 2024

DIRECTOR'S REPORT



Paul Sherwin, Director

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

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PPS INFORMATION AND UPDATES

PERSONNEL

Private Protective Services currently has three vacant positions:

- Registration Processor (x2)
- Receptionist

Kelli Baker, who had worked at Private Protective Services for 14 years as a registration processer and, later, as a receptionist, retired February 1, 2024, after working with the state for 27 years.

OPERATIONS

Registration Unit

- Registration applications received in 2023: 27,699
 - o 2022: 25,856
 - o 2021: 24,728
 - o 2020: 24,011
 - o 2019: 26,289

Licensing Unit

- Licensing applications received in 2023: 1,150 (471 new)
 - o 2022: 1,286 (366 new)
 - o 2021: 934 (266 new)
 - o 2020: 1,201 (305 new)
 - o 2019: 949 (317 new)

Investigations Unit

- License applicant background investigations completed in 2023: 397
 - o 2022: 278
 - o 2021: 275
 - o 2020: 283
 - o 2019: 305
- Complaint investigations completed year-to-date: 100
 - o 2022: 88
 - o 2021:71
 - o 2020: 48
 - o 2019: 69

Training Unit

- Trainer applications received in 2023: 411
 - o 2022: 291
 - o 2021: 390
 - o 2020: 269
 - o 2019: 261

OTHER

Director Sherwin on January 29, 2024, spoke at a meeting between the Raleigh Police Department and approximately 50 members of the Glenwood South Business Alliance about best practices in utilizing private security at one's business. Notably, Director Sherwin emphasized the importance of ensuring contracted security firms are licensed and their guards registered, and briefly explained requirements for proprietary security.

Director Sherwin attended and was a guest speaker at the National Association of Security Companies (NASCO) Contract Security Industry Leaders' Roundtable in Fort Lauderdale, Florida, February 5-7, 2024. Conference attendees included approximately 70 executives from numerous security guard and patrol companies, including Allied Universal Security Services, Securitas Security Services, Admiral Security Services, Weiser Security Services, and others. Director Sherwin was invited to speak about trends and developments in state regulation of the private security industry.

LICENSING, REGISTRATION, AND CERTIFICATION SUMMARY

Registration			
	Armed	4393	
	Armed Armored Car	430	
	Armed Licensee	137	
	Armed Licensee Associate	19	
	Unarmed	21539	
	Unarmed Armored Car	24	
Registration To	btal	26542	
License			
	Armored Car Profession	88	
	Close Personal Protection	190	
	Courier Service Profession	91	
	Digital Forensics Examiner	8	
	Digital Forensics Examiner Trainee	0	
	Electronic Counter Measures Profession	58	
Electronic Counter Measures Trainee		9	
	Guard Dog Service Profession	15	
	Polygraph Examiner	28	
	Polygraph Trainee Permit	3	
	Private Investigator	1978	
	Private Investigator Temp Permit	6	
	Private Investigator Associate	338	
	Private Investigator Associate Temp Permit	3	
	Proprietary	103	
	Psychological Stress Evaluator	11	
	Security Guard and Patrol Special Limited Guard and Patrol	578	
	7		
License Total		3514	
Certification			
	Firearms Trainer	198	
	Unarmed Guard Trainer Certification Total	323	
Certification Total 521			

Total active in Permitium: 30,577 (+4.6% from December 2023 meeting)

Private Protective Services Board Financial Report Fiscal Year 2024 July 1, 2023 – December 31, 2023

PPSB Operating Fund Revenue and Expenditures

FYTD24 revenue	\$ 772,310.49
FYTD24 expenditures	\$ (787,140.03)
FYTD24 FUND BALANCE INCREASE/(DECREASE)	\$ (14,829.54)

PPSB Operating Fund Cash Flow

Beginning Cash Balance (July 1, 2023)	\$ 1,688,986.73
FYTD24 revenue	\$ 772,310.49
FYTD24 expenditures	\$ (787,140.03)
FYTD24 ENDING FUND BALANCE	\$ 1,674,157.19

PPSB Education Fund Revenue and Expenditures

FYTD24 revenue	\$ 6,400.00
FYTD24 expenditures	\$ (5,000.00)
FYTD24 EDUCATION FUND BALANCE INCREASE/(DECREASE)	\$ 1,400.00

PPSB Education Fund Cash Flow	r •	
Beginning Cash Balance (July 1, 2023)	\$	133,093.38
FYTD24 revenue	\$	6,400.00
FYTD24 expenditures	\$	(5,000.00)
FY23 ENDING FUND BALANCE	\$	134,493.38

BUDGET GRAPHICS







PRIVATE PROTECTIVE SERVICES BOARD Raleigh, North Carolina February 15, 2024

ATTORNEY'S REPORT



PRIVATE PROTECTIVE SERVICES BOARD Raleigh, North Carolina February 15, 2024

I. CONSENT AGREEMENT, SETTLEMENT AGREEMENTS & CIVIL PENALTIES

- 1. On October 19, 2023, Tracy Lee Burke/ East Coast Protective Services entered into a Consent Agreement with the Board in the amount of \$6,976.80 for 42 unarmed security guard registration violations and 10 armed security guard registration violations. The temporary agreement was signed by Gerald Montgomery on July 18, 2023. Paid in Full.
- 2. On December 14,2023, Shenita Danielle Moore/ Saker Aegis Systems, Inc., entered into a Consent Agreement with the Board in the amount of \$4,590.00 for 25 armed security guard registration violations. The temporary agreement was signed by David Kriwox on December 12, 2023. Payment has not been received.
- 3. On December 14,2023, Jeffrey Lynn Tanksley/Carolina Protective Services, LLC entered into a Consent Agreement with the Board in the amount of \$183.60 for one armed security guard registration violation. The temporary agreement was signed by Michael Ramirez on December 11, 2023. Paid in Full.
- 4. On December 14, 2023, David Thomas Grimes/ Sentry Security Services, Inc., entered into a Consent Agreement with the Board in the amount of amount of \$2,754.00 for five armed and 15 unarmed security guard registration violations. The Consent agreement was signed by Wendy Sasser on (no date given.) Paid in full.
- 5. On December 14, 2023, Joseph Roy/ Securitas Security Services USA, Inc., entered into a Consent Agreement with the Board in the amount of \$1,713.60 for 14 unarmed security guard registration violations. The temporary agreement was signed by Joseph Roy on November 29,2023. Payment has not been received.
- 6. On December 14, 2023, RoAnthony Terrace Pratt / Pratt Security Services, LLC entered into a Consent Agreement with the Board in the amount of \$734.40 for four-armed security guard registration violations. The Consent Agreement was signed by QA RoAnthony Pratt on December 27, 2023. Paid in full.
- 7. On December 14, 2023, Ephraim Davis/ Rhino Sports & Entertainment Services (Screening) entered into a Consent Agreement with the Board in the amount of \$170.00 two months of unlicensed activity. The temporary agreement was signed by Ephraim Davis on November 22, 2023. Paid in Full.

II. OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS

See, Hearings List (Attachment 1).

III. ADMINISTRATIVE RULES

At its April 20, 2023, based upon staff recommendation, the Board voted to amend 14B NCAC 16 .0701(a)(3), which currently requires only 48 months, to make it consistent with all other new credentials such as a new armed guard registration, new firearm registration, new unarmed armored car registration, new armed armored car registration, and new and renewal licenses, all of which require 60 days.

Also based on staff recommendation .0902 was amended to reflect that the North Carolina Justice Academy is no longer the sole source of firearms trainer training, and .0904 (a)(2) was amended to make it consistent with the unarmed guard trainer certificate renewal so both require a 24 month background check. Further, .0708 was repealed since this information is uploaded as part of .0907 and .0912 was repealed since this information is now uploaded as part of the renewal process.

Finally the private investigator industry expressed to the Board an interest in being able to employ interns and participate in apprenticeship programs. New 14B NCAC 16 .1109 will now allow for "probationary employees."

The Notice of Text was filed on May 19, 2023. The Public Hearing was held on Tuesday, July 11, 2023 at 2:00 p.m. at the Board's office and the Public Comment Period expired on August 14, 2023. There were no comments, oral or written.

These rule amendments were approved at the Board's October 19, 2023 meeting.

The submission for Permanent Rule forms were submitted on November 3, 2023. I received a few innocuous Request for Technical Changes which I responded to by last week's deadline. These rule adoption amendments and repeals approved by the Rules Review Commission at its December 14, 2023 meeting.

A copy of these rules is attached as Attachment 2.

IV. LITIGATION

a. At its June 22, 2022, meeting the Board instructed me to file a Complaint for Injunctive Relief against Timothy McCardell, individually and d/b/a Life Communications, LLC, and Upper Class C.C., LLC for operating an unlicensed Security Guard and Patrol business in the Pitt County area.

The Complaint was filed on July 20, 2023. Defendants failed to Answer or otherwise plead. Entry of Default was entered on September 14, 2023 and I filed a Motion for Default Judgment on October 16th. I now must state whether the opposing party does or does not consent to entry of any order so wrote Mr. McCardell a letter. His wife (not he) responded by telephone stating that he had not received any of the various documents sent him, including the Complaint (which was served by the Sheriff!) I re-sent him all motions and orders with a deadline to respond; he failed to respond.

On January 4, 2024, a Superior Court Judge signed a Default Judgment Order which enjoins Mr. McCardell and Upper Class C.C., LLC from engaging in any activity defined as "private protective services," which has been served on both Defendants.

I also talked by telephone a second time with Akela Thigpen McCardell, Defendant McCardell's wife and the owner of Defendant Upper Class, and explained the above.

b. At its August 17, 2023, meeting the Board instructed me to file a Complaint for Injunctive Relief against Derek Lashawn Raynor, individually, Curtis Raynor,
individually, and Big Boot, LLC, d/b/a Big Boot Security for operating an unlicensed Security Guard and Patrol Company in the Pitt County area.

The Complaint was filed on September 19, 2023. Both Derek Raynor and Curtis Raynor's Answers were due October 23, 2023, and Big Boot, LLC's was due October 28th.

The Defendants retained an attorney. He and I had an "informal" agreement extending the time to answer. We then agreed on a Consent Order with the Board's standard terms.

I (finally) received the signed original from the Defendants' attorney, which was signed by a Superior Court Judge on January 30, 2024, and served on the Defendants' attorney on February 5th. and.

V. LEGISLATION

a. Part I of Senate Bill 41, S.L. 2023-8, "Protect Religious Meeting Places," amends N. C. Gen. Stat. § 14-269.2(2) to define "school operating hours," then amends N. C. Gen. Stat. § 14-269.2 by adding a new subsection, "(k1)," that first excludes property owned by a local board of education or county commission, educational property that is an institution of higher education or a nonpublic post secondary education institution, and property that is posted against carrying a concealed handgun, then allows persons with a concealed handgun permit to carry a handgun on property that is both a school and a building that is a place of religious worship outside of school operating hours.

This bill was vetoed by the Governor but the veto was overridden on March 29, 2023. Part I was effective December 1, 2023.

b. House Bill 47, "School Protection Act," amends N. C. Gen. Stat. § 14-269.2(g), entitled "Weapons on campus or other educational property," to allow armed security guards registered under Chapter 74C to discharge the guard's official duties on the grounds of private church schools and qualified nonpublic schools.

It also unnecessarily amends N. C. Gen. Stat. § 74C-3(a)(6) by creating a new subsection, "f.", to define these guards.

It has been referred to the House Committee on Education K-12.

A copy was attached to my February 16, 2023 Attorney's Report.

c. House Bill 49, "Protect Religious Meeting Places," amends N. C. Gen. Stat. § 14-269.2 by adding two new subsections, (a) (1c) and (k1), and amending N. C. Gen. Stat. § 14-415.27 (i.e. the Concealed Handgun Permit statute) to allow persons with a concealed handgun permit to carry on religious property that is also defined as educational property under certain conditions.

It passed the House on February 16th and has been referred to the Senate Rules Committee.

d. House Bill 101, "The Firearms Liberty Act," makes numerous changes to our State's firearms laws (one of which has already been enacted in a separate bill: repeal of the handgun purchase permit requirement) had a provision similar to HB 49, however it was stricken by Committee Substitute in the House Judiciary Committee. It was re-referred to the House Finance Committee.

e. Senate Bill 343, "Protect Children in Private Schools," amends N. C. Gen. Stat. § 14-269.2(a) to define "administrative director" and "board of trustees" to then allow the administrative director to authorize persons with a concealed handgun permit to carry a "firearm" or a stun gun on educational that is a private school under certain circumstances. It has been referred to the Senate Committee on Rules.

f. Section 9.(a) of the Senate Bill 492, "An Act to Modify Laws Concerning Adult Correction and Law Enforcement Agencies," amended successive Session Laws from 2020 through 2022 to extend the sunset date for use of private security guards at State prisons through June 1, 2025. It was effective on September 22, 2023.

g. I have also been monitoring numerous bills that effect boards and commissions, generally, as well as rulemaking.

VI. FINAL AGENCY DECISIONS

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Kenneth Keith Plummer (*see*, Attachment 3.) Christopher Paul Plantier (*see*, Attachment 4.)

PPSB MASTER HEARINGS LIST as of February 6, 2024



SECTION .0700 - SECURITY GUARD REGISTRATION (UNARMED)

14B NCAC 16 .0701 APPLICATION FOR UNARMED SECURITY GUARD REGISTRATION

(a) Each employer or his or her designee shall submit an online application for the registration of each employee to the Board. This online submission shall be accompanied by:

- (1) electronic submission of fingerprints from a Live Scan or similar system approved by the State Bureau of Investigations or one set of classifiable fingerprints on an applicant fingerprint card that shall be mailed separately to the Board's office;
- (2) one head and shoulders color digital photograph of the applicant in JPG, JPEG, or PNG format of sufficient quality for identification, taken within six months prior to online application and submitted by uploading the photograph online with the application submission;
- (3) a statement of the results of a statewide criminal history records search by the reporting service designated by the Board pursuant to G.S. 74C-8.1(a) for each state where the applicant has resided within the preceding 60 months;
- (4) the applicant's non-refundable registration fee, along with a four dollar (\$4.00) convenience fee and a separate credit card transaction fee;
- (5) the actual cost charged to the Private Protective Services Board by the State Bureau of Investigation to cover the cost of criminal record checks performed by the State Bureau of Investigation, collected online by the Private Protective Services Board;
- (6) one original signed SBI release of information form that shall be uploaded online with the original mailed to the Board's administrative office;
- (7) a statement signed by a certified trainer that the applicant has completed the training requirements of Rule .0707 of this Section; and
- (8) a completed affidavit form and public notice statement form.

(b) The employer of each applicant for registration shall give the applicant a copy of the online application and a copy of the completed affidavit form to serve as a record of application and shall retain a copy of the application, including affidavit, in the guard's personnel file in the employer's office.

(c) The applicant's copy of the application and completed affidavit form shall serve as a temporary registration card that shall be carried by the applicant when he or she is working within the scope of his or her employment and shall be exhibited upon the request of any law enforcement officer or authorized representative of the Board.

(d) A copy of the statement required by Subparagraph (a)(7) of this Rule shall be retained by the licensee in the individual applicant's personnel file in the employer's office.

History Note:

Authority G.S. 74C-5; 74C-8.1; 74C-11;

Eff. June 1, 1984;

Amended Eff. May 1, 2012; July 1, 2011; August 1, 1998; December 1, 1995; June 1, 1994; February 1, 1990; May 1, 1988; Transferred and Recodified from 12 NCAC 07D .0701 Eff. July 1, 2015; Amended Eff. November 1, 2017; Readopted Eff. March 1, 2020; Amended Eff. January 1, 2024; July 1, 2021.

14B NCAC 16.0902 APPLICATION FOR FIREARMS TRAINER CERTIFICATE

Each applicant for a firearms trainer certificate shall submit an online application to the Board. The application shall be accompanied by:

- (1) electronic submission of fingerprints from a Live Scan or similar system approved by the State Bureau of Investigations or one set of classifiable fingerprints on an applicant fingerprint card that shall be mailed separately to the Board's office;
- (2) one head and shoulders color digital photograph of the applicant in JPG, JPEG, or PNG format of sufficient quality for identification, taken within six months prior to online submission and submitted by uploading online with the application submission;
- (3) a statement of the results of a statewide criminal history records search by the reporting service designated by the Board pursuant to G.S. 74C-8.1(a) for each state where the applicant has resided within the preceding 60 months;
- (4) the actual cost charged to the Private Protective Services Board by the State Bureau of Investigation to cover the cost of criminal record checks performed by the State Bureau of Investigation, collected online by the Private Protective Services Board;
- (5) the applicant's non-refundable application fee, along with a four dollar (\$4.00) convenience fee and a separate credit card transaction fee;
- (6) evidence of the liability insurance required by G.S. 74C-10(e) if the applicant is not an employee of a licensee;
- (7) a certificate of successful completion of the training required by Rule .0901(a)(3) and (4) of this Section or acceptable certificate of other current certification as set forth in Rule .0901(c) and (d) of this Section; and
- (8) the actual cost charged to the Private Protective Services Board by the North Carolina Justice Academy or other entity to cover the cost of the firearms training course given by the N.C. Justice Academy or other entity and collected as part of the online application process by the Private Protective Services Board.

History Note:

Authority G.S. 74C-5; 74C-8.1(a); 74C-8(d); 74C-13; Eff. June 1, 1984; Amended Eff. August 1, 1998; December 1, 1995; July 1, 1987; December 1, 1985; Temporary Amendment Eff. July 17, 2001; Amended Eff. January 1, 2013; May 1, 2012; August 1, 2002; Transferred and Recodified from 12 NCAC 07D .0902 Eff. July 1, 2015; Amended Eff. November 1, 2017; Readopted Eff. March 1, 2020; Amended Eff. January 1, 2024; July 1, 2021.

14B NCAC 16 .0904 RENEWAL OF A FIREARMS TRAINER CERTIFICATE

(a) Each applicant for renewal of a firearms trainer certificate shall complete an online renewal form on the website provided by the Board. This form shall be submitted online not less than 30 days prior to the expiration of the applicant's current certificate and shall be accompanied by:

- (1) uploaded online a certificate of successful completion of a firearms trainer refresher course approved by the Board and the Secretary of Public Safety consisting of a minimum of eight hours of classroom and practical range training in safety and maintenance of the applicable firearm (i.e. handgun, shotgun, or rifle), range operations, control and safety procedures, and methods of firing. This training shall be completed within 180 days of the submission of the renewal application;
- (2) a statement of the results of a criminal history records search by the reporting service designated by the Board pursuant to G.S. 74C-8.1(a) for each state where the applicant has resided within the preceding 24 months; and
- (3) the applicant's renewal fee, along with the four dollar (\$4.00) convenience fee and a separate credit card transaction fee.

(b) If there is a criminal charge pending against the applicant for renewal that constitutes a deniable offense under G.S. 74C-8(d)(2), consideration of the application shall be deferred until the criminal charge is adjudicated.

(c) Members of the armed forces whose certification is in good standing and to whom G.S. 105-249.2 grants an extension of time to file a tax return shall receive that same extension of time to pay the certification renewal fee and to complete any continuing education requirements prescribed by the Board. The applicant shall furnish the Board a copy of the military order or the extension approval by the Internal Revenue Service or by the North Carolina Department of Revenue.

(d) Any firearms trainer who fails to qualify with the minimum score during the refresher course shall not continue to instruct during the period between the failure to qualify and the expiration of his or her permit.

(e) The holder of a firearms trainer certificate may utilize a dedicated light system or gun mounted light for personal requalification.

(f) During a national or State declared state of emergency that restricts or prohibits a certified firearms trainer from requalifying, the Board shall, upon written request to the Director by the licensee, extend the deadline for requalification up to 90 days beyond the effective period of the state of emergency. Any certificate renewed pursuant to this Paragraph shall be issued conditionally and shall automatically expire on the 90th day if requalification requirements have not been met.

History Note:

Authority G.S. 74C-5; 74C-8.1(a); 74C-9; 74C-13; 93B-15; Eff. June 1, 1984; Amended Eff. January 1, 2013; October 1, 2010; June 1, 2009; December 1, 1995; December 1, 1985; Transferred and Recodified from 12 NCAC 07D .0904 Eff. July 1, 2015; Amended Eff. November 1, 2017; February 1, 2016; October 1, 2015; Readopted Eff. November 1, 2019; Amended Eff. March 1, 2020; Emergency Amendment Eff. May 6, 2020; Temporary Amendment Eff. July 24, 2020; Temporary Amendment Expired Eff. May 14, 2021; Amended Eff. July 1, 2022; January 1, 2022; Amended Eff. January 1, 2024; October 1, 2022.

14B NCAC 16.0910 APPLICATION FOR AN UNARMED TRAINER

Each applicant for an unarmed trainer certificate shall submit an online application to the Board. The application shall be accompanied by:

- (1) electronic submission of fingerprints from a Live Scan or similar system approved by the State Bureau of Investigations or one set of classifiable fingerprints on an applicant fingerprint card that shall be mailed separately to the Board's office;
- (2) one head and shoulders color digital photograph of the applicant in JPG, JPEG, or PNG format of sufficient quality for identification, taken within six months prior to online submission and submitted by uploading online with the application submission;
- (3) a statement of the results of a statewide criminal history records search by the reporting service designated by the Board pursuant to G. S. 74C-8.1(a) for each state where the applicant has resided within the preceding 60 months;
- (4) the actual cost charged to the Private Protective Services Board by the State Bureau of Investigation to cover the cost of criminal record checks performed by the State Bureau of Investigation, collected online by the Private Protective Services Board;
- (5) the applicant's non-refundable application fee, along with a four dollar (\$4.00) convenience fee and a separate credit card transaction fee;
- (6) a certificate of successful completion of the training required by Rule .0909(a)(3) or current certificate of other acceptable certification as set forth in Rule .0909(b) of this Section.
- (7) the actual cost charged to the Private Protective Services Board by Wake Technical Community College, or other entity, to cover the cost of the unarmed guard trainer course and collected as part of the online application process by the Private Protective Services Board.

History Note: Authority G.S. 74C-8; 74C-9; 74C-11; 74C-13;

Eff. October 1, 2004; Amended Eff. January 1, 2013; Transferred and Recodified from 12 NCAC 07D .0910 Eff. July 1, 2015; Readopted Eff. March 1, 2020; Amended Eff. January 1, 2024.

14B NCAC 16.1109 PROBATIONARY EMPLOYEES

(a) A private investigator licensee may employ a potential trainee as a probationary employee for 60 consecutive calendar days. The Director, upon written request of the licensee, shall extend the probationary period by 30 additional days.

(b) A private investigator licensee may supervise an intern as a probationary employee concurrent with the intern's educational institution's schedule.

(c) A private investigator licensee may employ an apprentice participating in a North Carolina registered apprentice program as set forth in G.S. 93B-8.6 as a probationary employee for the period prescribed in the federal guidelines as set forth therein.

(d) To qualify as an "intern" the potential probationary employee must be enrolled as a student in a high school, community college, college, or university, be in good standing with the educational institution, and the internship must be for credit towards a degree, diploma, or certificate issued by the educational institution.

(e) Upon completion of the probationary period and the desire of the licensee to supervise the probationary employee as a private investigator trainee, the potential trainee shall apply pursuant to Section .0200 of this Chapter.

(f) For hours gained during probationary employment, an internship, or apprenticeship to be considered for licensure the probationary employee shall comply with Rule .1102 of this Section.

(g) Before a probationary employee engages in any activity defined as private investigation or has access to any confidential client information, the employee shall complete 40 hours of one-on-one supervision by the supervising licensee, and the licensee shall conduct a criminal record check on the employee.

(h) Before engaging the probationary employee, intern, or apprentice the licensee shall submit to the Director in writing the name, address, last four digits of social security number, confirmation that the results of the criminal history record check contain no prohibitions as set forth in G.S. 74C-8(d)(2), and anticipated start date and ending date of employment of the probationary employee. The Director shall confirm receipt within three business days of receipt.

(i) Probationary employment which does not comply with this Rule is a violation of Rule .0204(c)(2) of this Chapter.(j) Any probationary employee, intern, or apprentice shall be a minimum of 18 years of age.

(k) The use of the terms "employee" and "employment" in this Rule does not require or mandate compensation for any probationary employment, internship, or apprenticeship.

History Note: Authority G.S. 74C-5(2); 93B-8.6; Eff. January 1, 2024.

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STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

COUNTY OF GUILFORD

IN THE OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS 23 DOJ 03153

Kenneth Keith Plummer Petitioner,	
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PROPOSAL FOR DECISION

NC Private Protective Services Board Respondent.

On September 26, 2023, Administrative Law Judge Melissa Owens Lassiter called this case for hearing in Raleigh, North Carolina, pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. § 150B-40(e) and Respondent's request for designation of an Administrative Law Judge to hear this contested case. On November 2, 2016, Respondent filed a proposed Proposal for Decision with the Office of Administrative Hearings

APPEARANCES

Petitioner appeared Pro se.

Respondent was represented by attorney Jeffrey P. Gray, Bailey & Dixon, LLP, Raleigh, North Carolina.

<u>ISSUE</u>

Whether Respondent should deny Petitioner's application for a Security Guard and Patrol profession business license for lack of proof of verifiable experience?

APPLICABLE STATUTES AND RULES

The Undersigned takes Official notice of the following statutes and rules applicable to this case:

N.C.G.S. § 74C-3(a)(6) N.C.G.S. §§ 74C-5(2) and (6) 14B NCAC 16 .0301

EXHIBITS ADMITTED INTO EVIDENCE

The parties stipulated to the authenticity and admission of each exhibit into evidence:

Petitioner:

Exhibit 1:

U. S. Navy form describing Petitioner's duties as a Petty Officer (1987-1988)

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Respondent:

Exhibit 1:	Petitioner's Application
Exhibit 2:	Investigator Raften's case notes.
Exhibit 3:	Application Presentation Form to Screening
	Committee
Exhibit 4:	April 27, 2023 letter notifying Petitioner of the denial of
	his application for lack of verifiable experience.
Exhibit 5:	May 22, 2023 letter from Petitioner requesting
	contested case hearing and offering additional
	experience.

FINDINGS OF FACT

Procedural Background

1. Respondent Board is established pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. §74C-1, *et seq.*, and is charged with the duty of licensing and registering individuals engaged in the armed and unarmed security guard and patrol business.

2. Petitioner applied to Respondent Board for a Security Guard and Patrol profession license.

3. On April 27, 2023, Respondent denied Petitioner's application for a Security Guard and Patrol license for failing to establish three years or 3000 hours of verifiable experience required to obtain such license. (Resp Exh 4) The Undersigned notes that Respondent's Exhibit No. 4 incorrectly and mistakenly indicates the Board denied Petitioner's application for a Private Investigator Associate license. However, the testimony of all witnesses at hearing, including Petitioner, and all documentation admitted into evidence clearly showed that Petitioner applied for, and Respondent denied Petitioner's application for a Security Guard and Patrol license.

4. Petitioner requested a hearing on Respondent's denial of the application.

5. By Notice of Hearing dated July 6, 2023, and mailed via certified mail, Respondent advised Petitioner that a hearing on the denial of his Security Guard and Patrol profession license would be held at the Office of Administrative Hearings, 1711 New Hope Church Road, Raleigh, North Carolina 27609 on August 22, 2023. Petitioner appeared at the hearing.

Adjudicated Facts

6. Respondent Board received Petitioner's application for a Security Guard and Patrol professional license and assigned Investigator Bill Raften to investigate Petitioner's application per the Board's standard procedure.

7. Respondent Board's administrative rule, 14B NCAC 16.0301, entitled "Experience Requirements/Security Guard and Patrol License" provides:

(a) In addition to the requirements of Section .0200 of this Chapter, applicants for a security guard and patrol license shall:

(1) establish to the Board's satisfaction three years of experience as a manager, supervisor, or administrator with a contract security

company or a proprietary security organization performing guard and patrol functions;

- (2) establish to the Board's satisfaction three years of experience as a manager, supervisor, or administrator in security with any federal, state, county, or municipal law enforcement agency performing guard and patrol functions; or
- (3) establish to the Board's satisfaction a military occupational specialty and two years of experience within the past five years in the U. S. Armed Forces as a manager, supervisor, or administrator performing guard and patrol functions.

8. The evidence in this case established that Petitioner was a Petty Officer of the Watch while serving in the U. S. Navy. In his application, Petitioner listed the duties he believed equated to the Board's experience requirements. Petitioner contends that his duties as a Petty Officer were the equivalent to a manager, supervisor or administrator performing guard and patrol services.

9. Investigator Raften interviewed Petitioner, Petitioner's supervisor at his current job, Tempur Sealy International, Petitioner's official military personnel file, and researched the job description for a U. S. Navy Petty Officer of the Watch. Raften described his investigative results in the Application Presentation Form he prepared and presented to the Board; specifically, describing the job duties for Petitioner's U.S. Navy Petty Officer of the Watch. (Resp Exhibit 3, specifically pages 4 through 6).

10. Petitioner's submissions with his application did not sufficiently establish that Petitioner had experience as a manager, supervisor, or administrator with a contract security company, proprietary security organization, or federal, state, county, or municipal law enforcement agency. While conducting Petitioner's background investigation Investigator Raften discussed this fact with him.

11. Even if Petitioner's duties in the U. S. Navy did equate to the Board's experience requirements, 14B NCAC 16 .0301(a)(3) requires "two years of experience within the past five years." Petitioner's military service ended in April 1990. (DD-214, Respondent's Exhibit 1, pages 14 through 22).

12. Pursuant to 14B NCAC 16 .0401(c)(2), Petitioner received 800 hours credit for a bachelor's degree but could not verify any hours towards the 3000 hours experience required by 14B NCAC 16 .0301(1) and (2).

13. On direct testimony, Petitioner testified he had volunteered as "director of security" at his church for 17 years.

14. During Paul Sheridan's time as Deputy Director for the Board and based on Director Sheridan's knowledge of the Board's past practices, the Respondent Board has never recognized time as a volunteer for purposes of the experience requirements for any license issued by the Board. On rebuttal, Director Sherwin explained that the Board does not recognize unpaid or volunteer service for purposes of the experience requirements.

15. After the hearing, the Undersigned allowed Petitioner to submit a verification of hours of his volunteer time as Director of Security for his church. Petitioner filed an Affidavit from Darryell Wayne Bass, Senior Pastor of Redeeming Love Word Ministries on October 9, 2023, describing Petitioner's duties as Director of Security of his church. The affiant declared that

Redeeming Love Ministries is a non-profit organization and a church. The affiant declared that all experience of Petitioner at Redeeming Love Ministries was as a volunteer, and that Petitioner was not an employee of said church.

16. A church is not one of the categories where experience is recognized in subsection (a) of 14B NCAC 16 .0301.

17. The definition of "proprietary security organization" for purposes of the Board's administrative rules, so therefore 14B NCAC 16 .0301, envisions the person being an "employee." 14B NCAC 16 .0103(13) states:

(13) "Proprietary Security Organization" means any person, firm, association, corporation, or department thereof:

- (a) that **employs** any of the following:
 - (i) watchmen;
 - (ii) security guards or officers;
 - (iii) patrol personnel;
 - (iv) armored car personnel; or
 - (v) couriers; and
- (b) that **employs** these persons regularly and exclusively as an employee in connection with the business affairs of such employer.

(Emphasis added.)

18. Webster's New Collegiate Dictionary defines "employ" as "the state of being employed esp. for wages or a salary."

19. While a church can be a "proprietary security organization" -- and numerous churches are licensed with the Board as a proprietary security organization* -- Redeeming Love Ministries in High Point, NC is not so licensed. Even if it were, Petitioner was not an "employee."

20. For the above reasons, Petitioner's volunteer experience, while extensive, cannot be considered for purpose of licensure.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. The parties are properly before the Office of Administrative Hearings.

2. Pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. §74C-5(2), the Respondent Board may determine the minimum qualifications and establish minimum education, experience, and training standards for applicants.

3. Pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. § 74C-5(6) the Respondent Board may deny any license to any applicant who fails to satisfy the requirements of Chapter 74C or the Board's administrative rules.

4. 14B NCAC 16 .0301 sets forth the experience requirements for a Security Guard and Patrol profession business license.

5. Respondent Board presented evidence that Petitioner had failed to establish the experience requirements of 14B NCAC 16 .0301.

6. While Petitioner has extensive experience in security as a volunteer in his church, Petitioner presented insufficient evidence to show he has the verifiable experience required under Respondent's statutes and rules to obtain a Security Guard and Patrol profession business license.

PROPOSAL FOR DECISION

Based upon the foregoing Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, the Undersigned hereby recommends the Respondent Board DENY Petitioner's application.

NOTICE AND ORDER

The North Carolina Private Protective Services Board will make the Final Agency Decision in this contested case. As the Final Decision maker, that agency is required to give each party an opportunity to file exceptions to this proposal for decision, to submit proposed findings of fact, and to present oral and written arguments to the agency pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. § 150B-40(e).

The Undersigned hereby Orders that agency serve a copy of its Final Decision in this case on the Office of Administrative Hearings, 6714 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, N.C. 27699-6714.

SO ORDERED, this the _____ day of December 2023.

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Melissa Owens Lassiter Administrative Law Judge

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Kenneth Keith Plummer kenplumer@yahoo.com Petitioner

Jeffrey P Gray Bailey & Dixon, LLP jgray@bdixon.com Attorney For Respondent

This the 11th day of December, 2023.

Daniel Chunko Law Clerk N. C. Office of Administrative Hearings 1711 New Hope Church Road Raleigh, NC 27609-6285 Phone: 984-236-1902

State of North Carolina Office of Administrative Hearings

Certification

I hereby certify the attached (1 zip drive) to be a true copy of the Official Record as required by G.S. 150B-42 of the proceedings in the Office of Administrative Hearings, in case (s):

"23 DOJ 03153", "Kenneth Keith Plummer, Petitioner, v. NC Private Protective Services Board, Respondent."

the original of which is filed in this office in conformance with Chapter 150B of the General Statutes of the State of North Carolina.



In witness whereof, I authorize this certification and affix the official seal of the North Carolina Office of Administrative Hearings at Raleigh this the 5th day of January, 2024.

Donald Robert van der Vaart Chief Administrative Law Judge, Director

In A By:

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS 23 DOJ 03153

COUNTY OF GUILFORD

Kenneth Keith Plummer Petitioner,	
v.	OFFICIAL RECORD INDEX SHEET
NC Private Protective Services Board Respondent.	

RECOMMENDED DECISION

DOCUMENTS

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- X___ Petition (Article 3 Agencies only)
- Request for Designation of ALJ (Article 3A Boards & Commissions only)
- X___ Notice of Contested Case & Order of Assignment
- ____Order(s) of Reassignment
- X___Order for Prehearing Statements
- X____Scheduling Orders
- Notice(s) of Representation
- ____ Document Constituting Agency Action
- Hearing Assistant/Court Reporter Request Form
- _____ Motion & Order of Consolidation

SECTION II

- X___ Prehearing Statements
- ____Notice of Prehearing Conference
- X____ Motions/Responses/Briefs/Rulings
- ____ Report of Mediator
- Report of Settlement Conference

SECTION III

- X___Notices of Hearings
- Return of Service on Subpoenas and Notices
- Motions and Orders of Continuance
- X____ Prehearing Order

SECTION IV

- X___ Parties' Proposed Decisions
- X____Other Post Hearing Submissions

SECTION V

- X___Exhibits
- ____ Offers of Proof

SECTION VI

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- ____Request for transcript
- ____ Transcript
- Hearing tapes (when necessary)

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

COUNTY OF WAKE

IN THE OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS 23 DOJ

KENNETH R	EITH PLUMMER,)	
v.	Petitioner,))) NOTICE OF HEARING	
N.C. PRIVAT SERVICES E	TE PROTECTIVE BOARD,)	
	Respondent.)	
FOR:	Kenneth Keith Plummer 1206 Lakecrest Avenue High Point, NC 27265	-	
DATE:	Tuesday, August 22, 2023		
TIME:	2:00 p.m.		
PLACE:	Office of Administrative Hearings 1711 New Hope Church Road Raleigh, NC 27609		
RE:	Denial of Security Guard and Patro for the following reasons:	l business license application. The denial wa	as

NOTICE OF HEARING

STATUTES: N.C.G.S. § 74C-2; N.C.G.S. § 74C-8; 14B NCAC 16 .0204; 14B NCAC 16 .0301

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE: Honorable Melissa Owens Lassiter

Lack of verifiable experience.

An administrative hearing has been scheduled by the N.C. Private Protective Services Board to examine formally the allegations specified above. This hearing will be held before the Office of Administrative Hearings for the Private Protective Services Board and will be conducted in accordance with the Administrative Procedures Act, North Carolina General Statute 150B.

This proceeding is a contested case hearing and will give you the opportunity to present evidence and cross-examine witnesses. The Board will be represented by Jeffrey P. Gray, Attorney at Law, Bailey & Dixon, LLP, P.O. Box 1351, Raleigh, North Carolina 27602, (919) 828-0731.

Please direct all correspondence to the Office of Administrative Hearings, 1711 New Hope Church Road, Raleigh, NC 27609.

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This the 64 day of July, 2023.

Private Protective Services Board Paul Sherwin, Director

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Jeffrey P. Gray Bailey & Dixon, LLP P.O. Box 1351 Raleigh, North Carolina 27602 (919) 828-0731 – telephone (919) 828-6592 – facsimile

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I, Jeffrey P. Gray, hereby certify that I have served a copy of the foregoing NOTICE OF HEARING by depositing a copy with the United States Postal Service, CERTIFIED MAIL/RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED and addressed to the following:

Kenneth Keith Plummer 1206 Lakecrest Avenue High Point, NC 27265

This the day of July, 2023.

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cc: Paul Sherwin, Director NC Private Protective Services Board

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	Petitioner,)	
V.)	RESPONDENT'S MOTION TO CONTINUE
N.C. PRIVATE PROTECT SERVICES BOARD,	IVE)	
	Respondent.)	

NOW COMES the North Carolina Private Protective Services Board ("Respondent" or "Board"), through undersigned counsel, and respectfully moves for a continuance of the hearing scheduled for August 22, 2023. The Respondent requests that this be placed on the Board's September 26, 2023 hearing day for hearing. In support of this Motion, Respondent submits the following:

The Board Investigator, a witness at the hearing, is unavailable on August 22nd to testify. Respectfully submitted, this the 28th day of July, 2023.

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434 Fayetteville Street, Suite 2500 Post-Office Box 1351 (27602) Raleigh, NC 27601 jgray@bdixon.com (919) 828-0731 (Telephone) (919) 828-6592 (Fax)

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This is to certify that I have served the foregoing RESPONDENT'S MOTION TO CONTINUE upon the Petitioner by depositing a copy of the same in the United States mail, postage prepaid, and addressed as follows:

Kenneth Keith Plummer 1206 Lakecrest Avenue High Point, NC 27265

This the 28th day of July, 2023.

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cc: Paul Sherwin, Director William Raften, Investigator

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COUNTY OF GUILFORD

Kenneth Keith Plummer Petitioner,

v.

IN THE OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS 23 DOJ 03153

REQUEST FOR RESPONSE TO MOTION

NC Private Protective Services Board Respondent.

The Respondent filed a Motion to Continue on July 28, 2023. The Petitioner shall have 10 days from the date of this Request to file a written response setting forth the objections to the Motion.

All motions will be decided without oral argument unless a hearing on the motion is requested at the time of the filing of the motion or the response and is deemed by the judge to be necessary to the development of a full and complete record for decision. In the discretion of the judge or upon motion by a party, the hearing on the motion may be accomplished by a telephone conference.

It is therefore **ORDERED** that the Petitioner shall respond to the above-referenced motion on or before August 11, 2023 if the Petitioner desires objections to be considered before a ruling is made.

This the 31st day of July, 2023.

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Melissa Owens Lassiter Administrative Law Judge

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Jeffrey P Gray Bailey & Dixon, LLP jgray@bdixon.com Attorney For Respondent

This the 31st day of July, 2023.

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COUNTY OF GUILFORD

Kenneth Keith Plummer Petitioner,	
V.	ORDER CONTINUING AND NOTICE OF RESCHEDULED HEARING
NC Private Protective Services Board Respondent.	

Upon Motion by Respondent, without response from Petitioner, and for good cause shown, the hearing in this matter scheduled for August 22, 2023 is continued as follows:

DATE: September 26, 2023
TIME: 2:00 PM (or as soon thereafter as may be heard)
PLACE: NC Office of Administrative Hearings Courtroom B 1711 New Hope Church Rd Raleigh, North Carolina 27609

SO ORDERED the 14th day of August, 2023.

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This the 14th day of August, 2023.

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Case Report

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1. Initial Contact

I had initial contact via email on 2/3/23 where I introduced myself as the investigator handling his application. I discussed the process for obtaining a Security Guard and Patrol Profession license, the minimum credit hour requirements as well as requesting documentation to verify credit hours. I also included in the email links to the North Carolina General Statutes Chapter 74C, Private Protective Services and the North Carolina Administrative Code, Chapter 16 - Private Protective Services Board. I also advised him to please let me know if he has any questions that may arise during this process.

2. Interview Meeting Notes

On 3/24/23, I met with Ken Plummer for our in-person interview. We discussed his work history, education, criminal history and credit history which are detailed below. In addition, we reviewed the North Carolina General Statutes Chapter 74C, Private Protective Services and the North Carolina Administrative Code, Chapter 16 - Private Protective Services Board, after which we reviewed and signed the personal review form. I also advised the applicant that he can contact me at any time in the future if there are any questions about any Private Protective Services regulations or procedures.

Mr. Plummer stated that "Pertaining to the matter of watch scheduling hours. {as described below} The package I submitted is completely truthful and accurate, and regardless of the outcome of this investigation, I would like for it to stay that way. Having said that, the number of hours I used scheduling watches is simply too difficult to calculate for a service man."

He went on to say that "I would like to give you a definitive 3000+ hours but I just do not have an exact number of hours. Some watches I scheduled were in a watch schedule log, while others were word of mouth "Hey you got the next Roving Patrol watch" (that's military life). Since the military operates on a 24-hour clock, I could very well have met the conditions of that requirement."

Mr. Plummer added "I do have the experience, and the ability to create a functional watch schedule because I've done it for years. My military Occupational Form, and my military evaluations speak too my capability to professionally, and effectively live up to the statues of the Private Protective Services profession."

3. Education

Mr. Plummer provided a copy of an Associate of Science degree transcript from City University in Seattle. It displays his name and indicates a graduation date of 03/23/1990.

4. Work History

Mr. Plummer has not provided documentation of three years/3000 hours of verifiable experience. He has verifiable 800 hours; 400 hours of experience though his education and 400 hours from his honorable discharge. Mr. Plummer believes his time as a Petty Officer of the Watch while in the Navy qualifies him for the SGP license. State law and codes for the license require that you have verifiable proof of at 3,000 hours as a manager, supervisor, or administrator in the U.S. Armed Forces with a military occupational specialty or at a security company performing guard and patrol functions.

Tempur Sealy International, Maintenance Supervisor, 12/03/2003 to Present

Mr. Plummer is the Maintenance Supervisor at Tempur Sealy International (manufacturer of mattresses and bedding products) which is located at 239 Sealy Drive, Trinity, NC 27370. He manages the Maintenance Department personnel, maintains all manufacturing equipment, and negotiates contracts with contractors. He is responsible for quarterly appraisals and development plans to ensure growth for each maintenance employee. Additionally, Mr. Plummer works

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SPONDENT'S EXHIBIT closely with senior management on the needs of production, new equipment installations, and development plan(s) for personnel.

On 3/3/23 I talked with Mr. Plummer's supervisor Frank Edwards, Director of Manufacturing. He confirmed his duties and employment dates. He stated that "I have nothing but the best to say about Ken" and "I would hate to lose him". He also told me that Mr. Plummer's integrity and professionalism are "excellent" and he is so good of a manager that he has been teaching his peers in 'How to be a manager' classes, based on his own experiences. Mr. Edwards said that Mr. Plummer is loyal, dedicated and a hard worker. Injuries are not uncommon in the maintenance department, but under Mr. Plummer's leadership, there has not been an injury in his maintenance department in 17 years.

US Navy, Maintenance, Weapon Handling System, 1985-1990

Mr. Plummer was a US Navy Gunner's Mate Petty Officer 2nd Class when he left the Navy. He earned the rank of Petty Officer 2nd Class on June 16, 1988. His specialty was an Anti-Submarine Rocket weapons handling systems a "maintenance-man". He was also responsible for shipboard security patrols and watches.

Federalpay.org defines a Petty Officer Second Class's duties and responsibilities as:

"E-5s are the mid-grade Petty Officers. 2nd Class Petty Officers are self-sufficient leaders and know what work needs to be done without being told. They are qualified {to conduct} most of their watch stations and can conduct maintenance and repairs of all equipment under their division's cognizance. They mentor junior Seamen and Petty Officers and are in charge of day-to-day business in the absence of their seniors. They take on progressively greater leadership roles and may have several important Collateral Duties. They should have attended advanced schools (such as "C-School") and begun supervisory qualifications. Every day, they continue learning more about their jobs so they can progress to the next rank and assume more responsibilities. They are in training to become leaders of their divisions and collectively have a significant impact in the overall performance of their unit."

Mr. Plummer makes note that he was Petty Officer of the Watch. Before I discuss the details of his experience, below is an explanation of a Petty Officer of the Watch, which has elements of safety and security.

Per US Navy Policy, Chapter 8 "Military Responsibilities and Duties":

The Petty Officer of The Watch is the primary enlisted assistant to the officer of the deck (OOD) when the ship is in port. The POOW is the primary enlisted assistant to the officer of the deck (OOD) when the ship is in port. The POOW assists the OOD in carrying out the ship's daily routine and in ensuring the security and safety of the ship. These duties include:

- Compose correspondence
 - Signing or initialing of all service record such as weekly schedule, the automated work request (AWR), and requests for repair parts
- Assist the OOD and the junior officer of the watch (JOOW) and supervise and instruct sentries and messengers.
- Wear the prescribed uniform and ensure orderliness of watch-standing equipment during each morning watch.
- Carry out the daily routine and orders as the OOD may direct.
- Notify the OOD and the JOOW of any changes in the weather or changes in barometric pressure readings of 0.04 inch or more in any one hour.
- The quartermaster of the watch, when assigned, will assume this responsibility.
- In all classes of submarines, hourly observe and log draft readings. Ensure draft readings are reviewed periodically by the in-port duty officer.
- Make entries in the deck log for all events of interest as directed by the OOD. Erasures should not be made in the deck log. The quartermaster of the watch, when assigned, will assume this responsibility.
- Ensure the messenger makes the calls listed in the call book kept on the quarterdeck. The quartermaster of the watch, when assigned, will assume this responsibility.
- Return salutes and carry out the watch routine for the OOD or the JOOW when neither is at the gangway.
- Call away boats in sufficient time to make sure that they are ready to leave the ship at the time preseries of the time preseries of the boat schedule.

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- Keep a list of personnel (such as boat crews) expected to be absent on duty from the ship during meal hours. Notify the ship's duty cook of the approximate number of personnel that will be absent and the time they will return for the meal.
- Assemble liberty parties in ample time for inspection by the OOD before departure of scheduled liberty boats.
- Perform other duties as directed by the OOD or JOOW
- Have a working knowledge of the mass communication (MC) systems—sound-powered telephones, voice tubes, pneumatic tubes, and ship's service telephones.
- Environmental Protection
- To maintain various logs, records, and reports. If your ship is in port, you may have to maintain a weather log.
 And the ship's deck log, security clearance log, pass down log (information to pass along), weapons custody log, vehicle log and visitor log,
 - Sounding and security log. This is a report of the readings taken by the sounding and security patrol. The log is filled out on an irregular time basis. The security patrol never makes a patrol at the same time of the hour.
 - o The ship's deck log is a complete daily record, by watches, of every circumstance and occurrence of importance or interest about the crew and the operation and safety of the ship. A ship's deck log has both historical importance and legal standing. It may be used at times in naval, admiralty, and civil courts. In an incident involving the ship, the log may be the only available evidence upon which to base a legal decision. At sea, the quartermaster of the watch keeps the ship's deck log. In port, chronological entries are made, but these entries are made by the POOW

For Security it states:

- When you stand duty as the POOW, you play an important part in the security of your ship or unit. A list of personnel who are authorized to work in the various departments is kept in the quarterdeck area. These people may be shipyard personnel, civilian vendors, or even personnel attached to a repair facility.
- o There are some areas of your ship that you cannot watch; watching these areas is the job of the security patrol or roving patrol. These patrols watch for fires, out-of-the-ordinary happenings, and unauthorized personnel. If an unauthorized person is found who cannot account for being in a space or tries to leave the area, an alarm should be sounded, and appropriate action taken to apprehend the person. This action is a function of the Security Alert Team (SAT) aboard your ship.

SHORE PATROL MISSION AND DUTIES During your career, you will normally have the opportunity of being assigned to shore patrol (SP) duties. SP may be for a tour of duty, or it may be for 24 hours or less. Your primary mission will be to preserve order among members of the armed forces who are on leave or in a liberty status.

Mr. Plummer's Official Military Personnel File (OMPF) stated that he:

"Stands 25 mm chain gun watch and 50 cal machine watch at sea. Stands Petty Officer of the Watch in port. Roving security patrols." Another section of his OMPF states "Stands Petty Officer of the Watch (POOW) in port and Anti-Submarine Rocket rover in port/underway. The ship participated in the Indian Ocean and North Arabian Sea deployment and 1988 Team Spirit.

Completed the following PQS: Non-Nuclear Ordnance Handling (301, 304, 307, 338 watch stations), NAVEDTRA 43387-4A nuclear weapons Afloat Handling and Stowage (4301, 4305, 4306, 4307-4309, 4310, 4311 watch stations)."

It also states that he has the following training: Shipboard Security Force Training: 25 hours (Unknown date) Shipboard Security Force Training: 15 hours (Unknown date)

His OMPF further states his "leadership, and managerial skills are a significant factor in "Team Oly" maintaining an exceptionally high level of ASW readiness, critical for a seventh Fleet ship." Mr. Plummer told me that every ship in the United States Navy has a "nickname" this particular ship is named "Team Oly", the actual name of the ship was USS Oldendorf DD972. He went on to say that "From this sea going command, I was responsible for setting up schedules for training, and watch rotation as the work center supervisor for the Combat Systems work center (CSA3)."

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Mr. Plummer noted that "ASW readiness" refers to Anti-Submarine Warfare and denotes the rigorous inspections and watch scheduling/standing for the protection of "Special Weapons", and preparedness of said ordinance.)

He went on to explain "The military operates on a 24-hour clock, the watches can range from 4 to 12 hours (or longer) depending on the threat level (some watch assignments I am not authorized to mention). Either you are standing a watch or working on weapon delivery system(s), or training for any potential threat." And that "calculating 3000 hours is not as simple as looking at hours on a civilian employees Time Card. As a Gunners Mate on board a Naval Destroyer a primary job requirement is standing watch."

Mr. Plummer said that he was assigned Shore Patrol duty a total of 3 times in Hong Kong, China on three separate tours of duty, and several Shore Patrol watches in Yokosuka, Japan which was his duty station while Forward Deployed. Also, during a particular deployment he stood what is known as SONAR watch, which is the monitoring of a sonar screen looking for hostile submarines.

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Initial Contact

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I had initial contact via email on 2/3/23 where I introduced myself as the investigator handling his application. I discussed the process for obtaining a Security Guard and Patrol Profession license, the minimum credit hour requirements as well as requesting documentation to verify credit hours. I also included in the email links to the North Carolina General Statutes Chapter 74C, Private Protective Services and the North Carolina Administrative Code, Chapter 16 - Private Protective Services Board. I also advised him to please let me know if he has any questions that may arise during this process.



The following procedures were used in order to conduct a special review of these allegations:

Interview Meeting Notes

On 3/24/23, I met with Ken Plummer for our in-person interview. We discussed his work history, education, criminal history and credit history which are detailed below. In addition, we reviewed the North Carolina General Statutes Chapter 74C, Private Protective Services and the North Carolina Administrative Code, Chapter 16 - Private Protective Services Board, after which we reviewed and signed the personal review form. I also advised the applicant that he can contact me at any time in the future if there are any questions about any Private Protective Services regulations or procedures.

Mr. Plummer stated that "Pertaining to the matter of watch scheduling hours. {as described below} The package I submitted is completely truthful and accurate, and regardless of the outcome of this investigation, I would like for it to stay that way. Having said that, the number of hours I used scheduling watches is simply too difficult to calculate for a service man."

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Education

Mr. Plummer provided a copy of an Associate of Science degree transcript from City University in Seattle. It displays his name and indicates a graduation date of 03/23/1990.

Work History

Mr. Plummer has not provided documentation of three years/3000 hours of verifiable experience. He has verifiable 800 hours; 400 hours of experience though his education and 400 hours from his honorable discharge. Mr. Plummer believes his time as a Petty Officer of the Watch while in the Navy qualifies him for the SGP license. State law and codes for the license require that you have verifiable proof of at least 3,000 hours as a manager, supervisor, or administrator in the U.S. Armed Forces with a military occupational specialty or at a security company performing guard and patrol functions.

Tempur Sealy International, Maintenance Supervisor, 12/03/2003 to Present

Mr. Plummer is the Maintenance Supervisor at Tempur Sealy International (manufacturer of mattresses and bedding products) which is located at 239 Sealy Drive, Trinity, NC 27370. He manages the maintenance department personnel, maintains all manufacturing equipment, and negotiates contracts with contractors. He is responsible for quarterly appraisals and development plans to ensure growth for each maintenance employee. Additionally, Mr. Plummer works closely with senior management on the needs of production, new equipment installations, and development plan(s) for personnel.

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US Navy, Maintenance, Weapon Handling System, 1985-1990

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Federalpay.org defines a Petty Officer Second Class's duties and responsibilities as:

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- Call away boats in sufficient time to make sure that they are ready to leave the ship at the time prescribed in the boat schedule.
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- Environmental Protection
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KENNETH PLUMER

December 8, 2022

RE:

Veteran's Name: PLUMER, Kenneth Keith Request Number:

Dear Recipient:

Thank you for contacting the National Personnel Records Center. We are responding to your request for separation/discharge papers by attaching one of the following documents: Undeleted separation document (DD Form 214, Report of Separation, was not used until January 1, 1950) or NA Form 13038, Certification of Military Service, (in cases where there was no separation document in file). Information shown on the NA Form 13038 has been extracted from records on file at the Center. A seal has been affixed to the enclosed documents to attest to their authenticity. The documents provided may be used to apply for benefits. The enclosed DD Form 215. Correction to DD Form 214, Certificate of Release or Discharge From Active Duty, shows correction(s) to the report of separation and should be filed with that document. Also, we have enclosed copies of the reserve discharge order.

If you have questions or comments regarding this response, you may contact us at 314-801-0800 or by mail at the address shown in the letterhead above. If you contact us, please reference the Request Number listed above. If you are a veteran, or a deceased veteran's next of kin, please consider submitting your future requests online by visiting us at http://vetrecs.archives.gov

Sincerely,

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April 27, 2023

Kenneth Keith Plummer Issachar Security Management Team 1206 Lakecrest Ave High Point, NC 27265

Dear Mr. Plummer:

Your application for a Private Investigator Associate license was denied by the Private Protective Services Board on April 20, 2023, for the following reason(s):

Lack of Verifiable experience

Pursuant to the North Carolina Administrative Procedures Act and the regulations of the Board, you have the right to appeal the Board's denial of your application. By filing an appeal, you will be afforded the opportunity to have a hearing before the NC Office of Administrative Hearings.

This appeal must be in writing and must be received by this office no later than sixty (60) days from the receipt of this letter. However, should you fail to request a hearing within sixty (60) days of the receipt of this letter the action of the Board will become final.

If you have any questions, please call the Board's Licensing Section at (919) 788-5320.

Sincerely,

Vincent P. Cesena Chairperson

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Mr. Vincent P. Cesena - Chairperson & Mr. Paul Sherwin - Director 3101 Industrial Drive, Suite 104 Raleigh, NC 27609

Gentlemen:

Allow me to first thank you for the opportunity to appeal the findings of the Private Protective Services Board regarding my application for a Security Guard and Patrol License

My case was heard on April 19, 2023, at the Hampton Inn and Suites, Raleigh/Crabtree Valley Hotel. The Investigator for my case was Mr. William Raften.

As I understand it, the reason for denial of the Security Guard and Patrol License was due to a lack of verifiable hours as it relates to a supervisor/manager or administrator performing guard and patrol functions.

The minimum standard is 3000 hours for the Security Guard and Patrol License, of which I was credited with 2,394 hours, a difference of 606 hours.

My appeal is based on clarifying my Military Service as it relates to the 3000-hour requirement and validation of at least 3000 hours and introduce additional information I believe to be relevant towards license approval.

While stationed on-board the United States Navy Vessel DD-972 USS Oldendorf my Enlisted Performance Evaluation Report from

June 30, 1987, to March 31, 1988

Section 56 of the Enlisted Performance Evaluation Report.

Documented by Lieutenant Commander Smart, WA. Executive Officer of the USS Oldendorf at that time Notes that I was the "Captain of the .50 Caliber Machine Gun mount for the ship's small arms self-defense force and anti-mine force during deployment to the North Arabian Sea.

The duties of Captain of the Machine Gun watch were to organize watch schedules and allocation of resources to the Sailor standing the watch



RECEIVED JUN 21 2023 PPS/ASI I would like to also submit, as it relates Security Guard and Patrol License that I have been placed in charge of a Security Team for a 501c3 organization for the last 16 years totaling 6,764 hours (and counting) managing a security team where we observe and report all actions relevant to personal safety. I formulate watch schedules and directly oversee personnel as it relates to professionalism and attention to detail.

I trust these hours coupled with the 2394 previously accepted hours (Totaling 9,158 hours of experience) will be acceptable for an appeal

My Sincere Regards

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MR. VINCENT P. CESENA-CHAIRPERSON MR. PAUL SHERWIN - DIRECTOR 3101 IHOUSTRIAL DR., SUITE 104 RALEIGH, NC 27609

GENTLEMEN;

ALLOW ME TO FIRST THANK YOU FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO APPEAL THE FINDINGS OF THE PRIVATE PROTECTIVE SERVICES BOARD REGARDING MY APPLICATION FOR SECURITY GUARD & PATROL LICENSE,

MY CASE WAS HEARD APRIL 19, 2023 AT THE HAMPTON INN SUITES, RALEIGH/CRABTREE VALLEY HOTEL. THE INVESTIGATOR FOR MY CASE WAS MR. IMILLIAM RAFTEN.

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IN THE OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS 23 DOJ 03153

Kenneth Keith Plummer, Petitioner,	
٧.	POST HEARING ORDER
NC Private Protective Services Board, Respondent.	

Having concluded the hearing in this matter on September 26, 2023, the Undersigned establishes the following:

1. At hearing, Respondent's Exhibits Nos. 1 - 5 were admitted into evidence, and Petitioner's Exhibit No. 1 was admitted into evidence.

2. Respondent shall upload copies of all admitted exhibits to the Office of Administrative Hearings' case management system within ten (10) days of hearing or no later than **October 6, 2023**.

3. On or before **October 6, 2023,** Petitioner shall file documentation which verifies his experience as a manager and/or supervisor for the Security Team for a 501(c)(3) organization performing guard and patrol functions for the last 16 years. Petitioner shall file a certification averring that the documents being filed are based upon his testimony presented at the September 26, 2023 contested case hearing.

4. Respondent shall file a response to Petitioner's filing within twenty (20) days or no later than **October 26, 2003**, including whether and when Respondent desires to provide additional testimony at hearing regarding its response and the effect Petitioner's documentation has on Respondent's denial of Petitioner's security guard and patrol license application.

5. Each party shall serve the other party with a copy of its documentation and/or response, via electronic mail, at the same time it files such documentation with the Tribunal.

SO ORDERED, this the 27th day of September, 2023.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned certifies that, on the date shown below, the Office of Administrative Hearings sent the foregoing document to the persons named below at the addresses shown below, by electronic service as defined in 26 NCAC 03 .0501(4), or by placing a copy thereof, enclosed in a wrapper addressed to the person to be served, into the custody of the North Carolina Mail Service Center who subsequently will place the foregoing document into an official depository of the United States Postal Service:

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Jeffrey P Gray Bailey & Dixon, LLP jgray@bdixon.com Attorney For Respondent

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NOW COMES Respondent, North Carolina Private Protective Services Board, pursuant to the Post Hearing Order dated September 27, 2023, and responds to Petitioner's supplemental filing as follows:

1. The undersigned has received and reviewed the Affidavit of Witness in Support of Applicant's Experience signed by Pastor Darryell Wayne Bass, affiant, dated October 5, 2023 and filed in this matter on October 9, 2023.

2. The affiant declares that all experience of Petitioner at Redeeming Love Ministries was volunteered, and that Petitioner was not an employee of said church.

3. The Affidavit states Redeeming Love Ministries is a non-profit organization and a church; it is not a contract security organization, a proprietary security organization, a federal law enforcement agency, a state law enforcement agency, a county law enforcement agency, or a municipal law enforcement agency performing security guard and patrol functions.

4. The Respondent Board's administrative rule, 14B NCAC 16 .0301, entitled "Experience Requirements/Security Guard and Patrol License;" provides in subsection (a):

- (1) establish to the Board's satisfaction three years of experience as a manager, supervisor, or administrator with a contract security company or a proprietary security organization performing guard and patrol functions;
- (2) establish to the Board's satisfaction three years of experience as a

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(3) establish to the Board's satisfaction a military occupational specialty and two years of experience within the past five years in the U. S. Armed Forces as a manager, supervisor, or administrator performing guard and patrol functions.

5. A church is not one of these categories where experience is recognized in subsection (a).

6. Further, Paul Sherwin, Director of Respondent Board, testified on re-direct at the hearing that in his time as Deputy Director, then Director of the Board, and his knowledge of past-practices, the Respondent Board has never recognized time as a volunteer for purposes of the experience requirements for any license issued by the Board.

7. While a church can be a "proprietary security organization" -- and numerous churches are licensed with the Board as a proprietary security organization* -- Redeeming Love Ministries in High Point, NC is not. But even if it were, Petitioner was not an "employee." The definition of "proprietary security organization" for purposes of the Board's administrative rules (so therefore, 14B NCAC 16 .0301) envisions the person being an "employee."

14B NCAC 16 .0103(13) states:

(13) "Proprietary Security Organization" means any person, firm, association, corporation or department thereof:

(a) that **employs** any of the following:

- (i) watchmen;
- (ii) security guards or officers;
- (iii) patrol personnel;
- (iv) armored car personnel; or
- (v) couriers; and

(b) that employs these persons regularly and exclusively as an employee in connection with the business affairs of such employer.

(Emphasis added.)

^{*} A proprietary security organization whose guards are unarmed is not required to be licensed by the Board; only armed proprietary security organizations must be licensed. See, N. C. Gen. Stat. §74C-3(b)(13) and N. C. Gen. Stat. §74C-13(d2).

8. Webster's New Collegiate Dictionary defines "employ" as "the state of being employed esp. for wages or a salary."

9. For the above stated reasons, Petitioner's volunteer experience, while extensive, cannot be considered for purpose of licensure.

The undersigned will make himself available, along with Director Sherwin, on its customary hearing day of November 14, 2023 at 2:00 p.m. if sworn testimony as to Redeeming Love Ministries' unlicensed status is necessary for resolution of this matter.

Respectfully submitted, this the 26th day of October, 2023.

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This is to certify that I have served the foregoing RESPONSE TO POST HEARING ORDER upon the Petitioner by depositing a copy of the same in the United States mail, postage prepaid, and addressed as follows:

Kenneth Keith Plummer 1206 Lakecrest Avenue High Point, NC 27265

This the 26th day of October, 2023.

BAILEY & DIXON, LLP

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cc: Paul Sherwin, Director

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STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

COUNTY OF GUILFORD

IN THE OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS 23 DOJ 03153

Kenneth Keith Plummer,		
Petitioner,		

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ORDER THAT ADDITIONAL TESTIMONY NOT NEEDED

NC Private Protective Services Board, Respondent.

This matter comes before the Undersigned upon consideration of Petitioner's Affidavit by Dayne W. Bass in support of Petitioner's Experience, filed post Hearing in this case, and Respondent's Response. In its Response, Respondent states that "The undersigned will make himself available, along with Director Sherwin, on ... November 14, 2023 ... if sworn testimony as to Redeeming love Ministries' unlicensed status is necessary"

The Tribunal finds that additional testimony on whether Petitioner's volunteer experience qualifies for the experience requirements for a license issued by Respondent is not necessary, and therefore, no hearing is needed in this case on November 14, 2023.

SO ORDERED, the 26th day of October, 2023.

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Melissa Owens Lassiter Administrative Law Judge

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The undersigned certifies that, on the date shown below, the Office of Administrative Hearings sent the foregoing document to the persons named below at the addresses shown below, by electronic service as defined in 26 NCAC 03 .0501(4), or by placing a copy thereof, enclosed in a wrapper addressed to the person to be served, into the custody of the North Carolina Mail Service Center who subsequently will place the foregoing document into an official depository of the United States Postal Service:

Kenneth Keith Plummer kenplumer@yahoo.com Petitioner

Jeffrey P Gray Bailey & Dixon, LLP jgray@bdixon.com Attorney For Respondent

This the 26th day of October, 2023.

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COUNTY OF GUILFORD

IN THE OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS 23 DOJ 03153

Kenneth Keith Plummer, Petitioner,	
v.	ORDER FOR RESPONDENT'S PROPOSED FINAL DECISION
NC Private Protective Services Board, Respondent.	

The official record closed on September 26, 2023 after Respondent filed its Response to Petitioner's Affidavit of Witness in support of Applicant's Experience. The Undersigned hereby establishes the following schedule:

- 1. Respondent shall file its proposed Proposal for Decision on or before November 13, 2023.
- 2. The Undersigned shall file the Proposal for Decision in this contested case on or before **December 28, 2023.**

SO ORDERED, the 27th day of October, 2023.

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Melissa Owens Lassiter Administrative Law Judge

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COUNTY OF WAKE

IN THE OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS 23 DOJ 3153

KENNETH KEITH PLUMM	ER,)
	Petitioner,))
v.)
N.C. PRIVATE PROTECTIV SERVICES BOARD,	Æ)))
	Respondent.))

PROPOSED PROPOSED FINAL DECISION

On September 26, 2023, Administrative Law Judge Melissa Owens Lassiter called this case for hearing in Raleigh, North Carolina.

APPEARANCES

Petitioner appeared pro se.

Respondent was represented by attorney Jeffrey P. Gray, Bailey & Dixon, LLP, P.O. Box 1351, Raleigh, North Carolina 27602.

ISSUE

Whether Petitioner should be denied a Security Guard and Patrol profession business license based on Petitioner's lack of verifiable experience.

APPLICABLE STATUTES AND RULES

Official notice is taken of the following statutes and rules applicable to this case: N.C.G.S. § 74C-3(a)(6); N.C.G.S. §§ 74C-5(2) and (6); 14B NCAC 16.0301.

EXHIBITS

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The parties stipulated to the authenticity of each Exhibit and the admission into evidence.

FINDINGS OF FACT

- 1. Respondent Board is established pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. §74C-1, *et seq.*, and is charged with the duty of licensing and registering individuals engaged in the armed and unarmed security guard and patrol business.
- 2. Petitioner applied to Respondent Board for a Security Guard and Patrol profession license.
- 3. Respondent denied the Security Guard and Patrol profession license due to Petitioner's inability to establish three years of experience.
- 4. Petitioner requested a hearing on Respondent's denial of the application.
- 5. By Notice of Hearing dated July 6, 2023, and mailed via certified mail, Respondent advised Petitioner that a hearing on the denial of his Security Guard and Patrol profession license would be held at the Office of Administrative Hearings, 1711 New Hope Church Road, Raleigh, North Carolina 27609 on August 22, 2023. Petitioner appeared at the hearing.
- 6. Paul Sherwin, Director of Respondent Board, testified to receipt of Petitioner's application and the background investigation conducted for any license applicant. Petitioner's background was assigned to Investigator Bill Raften.
- 7. Respondent Board's administrative rule, 14B NCAC 16 .0301, entitled "Experience Requirements/Security Guard and Patrol License;" provides in subsection (a):
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- 8. Petitioner's submissions with his application did not indicate he had experience as a

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- 10. Even if Petitioner's duties in the U. S. Navy did equate to the Board's experience requirements, 14B NCAC 16 .0301(a)(3) requires "two years of experience within the past five years." Petitioner's military service ended in April 1990. *See*, DD-214, Respondent's Exhibit 1, pages 14 through 22.
- 11. Pursuant to 14B NCAC 16 .0401(c)(2), Petitioner received 800 hours credit for a bachelor's degree but could not verify any hours towards the 3000 hours experience required by 14B NCAC 16 .0301(1) and (2). He was therefore denied.
- 12. On direct testimony Petitioner testified he had volunteered as "director of security" at his church for 17 years.
- 13. On rebuttal Director Sherwin testified that the Board does not recognize unpaid or volunteer service for purposes of the experience requirements.
- 14. Post hearing, the undersigned allowed Petitioner to submit verified hours of his volunteer time as director of security for his church. An Affidavit from Darryell Wayne Bass, Senior Pastor of Redeeming Love Word Ministries, was filed on October 9, 2023. Respondent Board was allowed to respond.
- 15. A church is not one of the categories where experience is recognized in subsection (a) of 14B NCAC 16 .0301.
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churches are licensed with the Board as a proprietary security organization* --Redeeming Love Ministries in High Point, NC is not. But even if it were, Petitioner was not an "employee." The definition of "proprietary security organization" for purposes of the Board's administrative rules, so therefore 14B NCAC 16 .0301, envisions the person being an "employee." 14B NCAC 16 .0103(13) states:

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CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

- 1. The parties properly are before the Office of Administrative Hearings.
- 2. Under G.S. §74C-5(2), the Board may determine the minimum qualifications and establish minimum education, experience and training standards for applicants.
- 3. Under G.S. § 74C-5(6) the Board may deny any license to any applicant who fails to satisfy the requirements of Chapter 74C or the Board's administrative rules.
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- 5. Respondent Board presented evidence that Petitioner had failed to establish the experience requirements of 14B NCAC 16.0301.

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6. Petitioner presented insufficient evidence to show he has the verifiable experience required to obtain a Security Guard and Patrol profession business license.

Based on the foregoing, the undersigned makes the following:

PROPOSED FINAL DECISION

Based upon the foregoing Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, the undersigned hereby recommends that the denial of Petitioner's application be upheld.

NOTICE AND ORDER

The North Carolina Private Protective Services Board will make the Final Agency Decision in this contested case. As the Final Decision maker, that agency is required to give each party an opportunity to file exceptions to this proposal for decision, to submit proposed findings of fact, and to present oral and written arguments to the agency pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. § 150B-40(e).

The undersigned hereby orders that agency serve a copy of its Final Decision in this case on the Office of Administrative Hearings, 6714 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, N.C. 27699-6714.

This the _____ day of November, 2023.

Honorable Melissa Owens Lassiter Administrative Law Judge Submitted this the _____ day of November, 2023.

BAILEY & DIXON, LLP

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By: Jeffrey P. Gray Attorney for Respondent P.O. Box 1351 Raleigh, NC 27602-1351 Telephone: (919) 828-0731 Fax: (919) 828-6592

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned attorney for Respondent certifies that on this day the foregoing Proposed Final Decision was served upon the Petitioner in this action by depositing a copy of same in the United States mail, postage prepaid, and addressed as follows:

> Kenneth Keith Plummer 1206 Lake Crest Avenue High Point, NC 27265

This the _____ day of November, 2023.

Jeffrey P. Gray Bailey & Dixon, LLP P.O. Box 1351 Raleigh, North Carolina 27602 (919) 828-0731 – telephone (919) 828-6592 – facsimile

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

COUNTY OF WAKE

IN THE OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS 23 DOJ 3153

KENNETH KEITH PLUMMER,)
	Petitioner,)
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N.C. PRIVATE PROTECT	ΓIVE)
SERVICES BOARD,)

Respondent.

PROPOSED PROPOSED FINAL DECISION

On September 26, 2023, Administrative Law Judge Melissa Owens Lassiter called this case for hearing in Raleigh, North Carolina.

APPEARANCES

Petitioner appeared pro se.

Respondent was represented by attorney Jeffrey P. Gray, Bailey & Dixon, LLP, P.O. Box 1351, Raleigh, North Carolina 27602.

ISSUE

Whether Petitioner should be denied a Security Guard and Patrol profession business license based on Petitioner's lack of verifiable experience.

APPLICABLE STATUTES AND RULES

Official notice is taken of the following statutes and rules applicable to this case: N.C.G.S. § 74C-3(a)(6); N.C.G.S. §§ 74C-5(2) and (6); 14B NCAC 16.0301.

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CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

- 1. The parties properly are before the Office of Administrative Hearings.
- 2. Under G.S. §74C-5(2), the Board may determine the minimum qualifications and establish minimum education, experience and training standards for applicants.
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- 4. 14B NCAC 16 .0301 sets forth the experience requirements for a Security Guard and Patrol profession business license.
- 5. Respondent Board presented evidence that Petitioner had failed to establish the experience requirements of 14B NCAC 16.0301.

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6. Petitioner presented insufficient evidence to show he has the verifiable experience required to obtain a Security Guard and Patrol profession business license.

Based on the foregoing, the undersigned makes the following:

PROPOSED FINAL DECISION

Based upon the foregoing Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, the undersigned hereby recommends that the denial of Petitioner's application be upheld.

NOTICE AND ORDER

The North Carolina Private Protective Services Board will make the Final Agency Decision in this contested case. As the Final Decision maker, that agency is required to give each party an opportunity to file exceptions to this proposal for decision, to submit proposed findings of fact, and to present oral and written arguments to the agency pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. § 150B-40(e).

The undersigned hereby orders that agency serve a copy of its Final Decision in this case on the Office of Administrative Hearings, 6714 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, N.C. 27699-6714.

This the day of November, 2023.

Honorable Melissa Owens Lassiter Administrative Law Judge Submitted this the 13-12 day of November, 2023.

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STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

COUNTY OF GUILFORD

IN THE OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS 23 DOJ 03153

Kenneth Keith Plummer Petitioner,	
٧.	PROPOSAL FOR DECISION
NC Private Protective Services Board Respondent.	

On September 26, 2023, Administrative Law Judge Melissa Owens Lassiter called this case for hearing in Raleigh, North Carolina, pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. § 150B-40(e) and Respondent's request for designation of an Administrative Law Judge to hear this contested case. On November 2, 2016, Respondent filed a proposed Proposal for Decision with the Office of Administrative Hearings

APPEARANCES

Petitioner appeared Pro se.

Respondent was represented by attorney Jeffrey P. Gray, Bailey & Dixon, LLP, Raleigh, North Carolina.

ISSUE

Whether Respondent should deny Petitioner's application for a Security Guard and Patrol profession business license for lack of proof of verifiable experience?

APPLICABLE STATUTES AND RULES

The Undersigned takes Official notice of the following statutes and rules applicable to this case:

N.C.G.S. § 74C-3(a)(6) N.C.G.S. §§ 74C-5(2) and (6) 14B NCAC 16 .0301

EXHIBITS ADMITTED INTO EVIDENCE

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Petitioner:

Exhibit 1:

U. S. Navy form describing Petitioner's duties as a Petty Officer (1987-1988)

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FINDINGS OF FACT

Procedural Background

1. Respondent Board is established pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. §74C-1, *et seq.*, and is charged with the duty of licensing and registering individuals engaged in the armed and unarmed security guard and patrol business.

2. Petitioner applied to Respondent Board for a Security Guard and Patrol profession license.

3. On April 27, 2023, Respondent denied Petitioner's application for a Security Guard and Patrol license for failing to establish three years or 3000 hours of verifiable experience required to obtain such license. (Resp Exh 4) The Undersigned notes that Respondent's Exhibit No. 4 incorrectly and mistakenly indicates the Board denied Petitioner's application for a Private Investigator Associate license. However, the testimony of all witnesses at hearing, including Petitioner, and all documentation admitted into evidence clearly showed that Petitioner applied for, and Respondent denied Petitioner's application for a Security Guard and Patrol license.

4. Petitioner requested a hearing on Respondent's denial of the application.

5. By Notice of Hearing dated July 6, 2023, and mailed via certified mail, Respondent advised Petitioner that a hearing on the denial of his Security Guard and Patrol profession license would be held at the Office of Administrative Hearings, 1711 New Hope Church Road, Raleigh, North Carolina 27609 on August 22, 2023. Petitioner appeared at the hearing.

Adjudicated Facts

6. Respondent Board received Petitioner's application for a Security Guard and Patrol professional license and assigned Investigator Bill Raften to investigate Petitioner's application per the Board's standard procedure.

7. Respondent Board's administrative rule, 14B NCAC 16.0301, entitled "Experience Requirements/Security Guard and Patrol License" provides:

(a) In addition to the requirements of Section .0200 of this Chapter, applicants for a security guard and patrol license shall:

(1) establish to the Board's satisfaction three years of experience as a manager, supervisor, or administrator with a contract security

company or a proprietary security organization performing guard and patrol functions;

- (2) establish to the Board's satisfaction three years of experience as a manager, supervisor, or administrator in security with any federal, state, county, or municipal law enforcement agency performing guard and patrol functions; or
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8. The evidence in this case established that Petitioner was a Petty Officer of the Watch while serving in the U. S. Navy. In his application, Petitioner listed the duties he believed equated to the Board's experience requirements. Petitioner contends that his duties as a Petty Officer were the equivalent to a manager, supervisor or administrator performing guard and patrol services.

9. Investigator Raften interviewed Petitioner, Petitioner's supervisor at his current job, Tempur Sealy International, Petitioner's official military personnel file, and researched the job description for a U. S. Navy Petty Officer of the Watch. Raften described his investigative results in the Application Presentation Form he prepared and presented to the Board; specifically, describing the job duties for Petitioner's U.S. Navy Petty Officer of the Watch. (Resp Exhibit 3, specifically pages 4 through 6).

10. Petitioner's submissions with his application did not sufficiently establish that Petitioner had experience as a manager, supervisor, or administrator with a contract security company, proprietary security organization, or federal, state, county, or municipal law enforcement agency. While conducting Petitioner's background investigation Investigator Raften discussed this fact with him.

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14. During Paul Sheridan's time as Deputy Director for the Board and based on Director Sheridan's knowledge of the Board's past practices, the Respondent Board has never recognized time as a volunteer for purposes of the experience requirements for any license issued by the Board. On rebuttal, Director Sherwin explained that the Board does not recognize unpaid or volunteer service for purposes of the experience requirements.

15. After the hearing, the Undersigned allowed Petitioner to submit a verification of hours of his volunteer time as Director of Security for his church. Petitioner filed an Affidavit from Darryell Wayne Bass, Senior Pastor of Redeeming Love Word Ministries on October 9, 2023, describing Petitioner's duties as Director of Security of his church. The affiant declared that

Redeeming Love Ministries is a non-profit organization and a church. The affiant declared that all experience of Petitioner at Redeeming Love Ministries was as a volunteer, and that Petitioner was not an employee of said church.

16. A church is not one of the categories where experience is recognized in subsection (a) of 14B NCAC 16 .0301.

17. The definition of "proprietary security organization" for purposes of the Board's administrative rules, so therefore 14B NCAC 16.0301, envisions the person being an "employee." 14B NCAC 16.0103(13) states:

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20. For the above reasons, Petitioner's volunteer experience, while extensive, cannot be considered for purpose of licensure.

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1. The parties are properly before the Office of Administrative Hearings.

2. Pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. §74C-5(2), the Respondent Board may determine the minimum qualifications and establish minimum education, experience, and training standards for applicants.

3. Pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. § 74C-5(6) the Respondent Board may deny any license to any applicant who fails to satisfy the requirements of Chapter 74C or the Board's administrative rules.

4. 14B NCAC 16 .0301 sets forth the experience requirements for a Security Guard and Patrol profession business license.

5. Respondent Board presented evidence that Petitioner had failed to establish the experience requirements of 14B NCAC 16 .0301.

6. While Petitioner has extensive experience in security as a volunteer in his church, Petitioner presented insufficient evidence to show he has the verifiable experience required under Respondent's statutes and rules to obtain a Security Guard and Patrol profession business license.

PROPOSAL FOR DECISION

Based upon the foregoing Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, the Undersigned hereby recommends the Respondent Board DENY Petitioner's application.

NOTICE AND ORDER

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The Undersigned hereby Orders that agency serve a copy of its Final Decision in this case on the Office of Administrative Hearings, 6714 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, N.C. 27699-6714.

SO ORDERED, this the _____ day of December 2023.

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Melissa Owens Lassiter Administrative Law Judge

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

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Kenneth Keith Plummer kenplumer@yahoo.com Petitioner

Jeffrey P Gray Bailey & Dixon, LLP jgray@bdixon.com Attorney For Respondent

This the 11th day of December, 2023.

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Daniel Chunko Law Clerk N. C. Office of Administrative Hearings 1711 New Hope Church Road Raleigh, NC 27609-6285 Phone: 984-236-1902

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STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

COUNTY OF WAKE

IN THE OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS 23 DOJ 04665

Christopher Paul Plantier Petitioner,	
v.	PROPOSAL FOR DECISION
NC Private Protective Services Board Respondent.	

This case was heard before Michael C. Byrne, Administrative Law Judge, on November 14, 2023 at the Office of Administrative Hearings in Raleigh, Wake County, North Carolina. This case was heard after Respondent requested, pursuant to N.C.G.S. 150B-40(e), designation of an Administrative Law Judge to preside at the hearing of a contested case under Article 3A, Chapter 150B of the General Statutes of North Carolina.

APPEARANCES

For Petitioner: None

For Respondent: Mr. Jeffrey P. Gray Bailey & Dixon, LLP. Post Office Box 1351 Raleigh, NC 27602

WITNESSES

For Petitioner:

None

For Respondent:

G. Ray Bullard, Deputy Director of the NC Private Protective Services Board ("Respondent").

EXHIBITS

For Petitioner: None.

For Respondent: Exhibits 1 and 2 were admitted.

ISSUE

Whether Petitioner being charged with "Felony Murder" supports Respondent's Summary Suspension of Petitioner's Armed Security Guard Registration on the bases that the public's health, safety and welfare will be jeopardized if Petitioner is allowed to continue in his role as an Armed Security Guard.

STATUTES & RULES

N.C.G.S 14-112.2, 74C-6, 74C-12(a)(25) 150B-3(c), and 14B NCAC 16.0100, et. seq.

BASED UPON careful consideration of the sworn testimony of the witnesses presented at the hearing, the documents and exhibits received and admitted into evidence, the video evidence received and admitted into evidence, and the entire record in this proceeding, the Tribunal makes the following:

FINDINGS OF FACT

- 1. Respondent, an agency of the State of North Carolina, is created pursuant to N.C.G.S. 74C-1, <u>et seq.</u>, and is charged with the duty of licensing and registering individuals engaged in the armed and unarmed security guard and patrol business or as a proprietary security organization employing armed security guards.
- 2. Pursuant to N.C.G.S. 74C-12:

The Board may, after compliance with Chapter 150B of the General Statutes, deny, suspend, or revoke a license or registration issued under this Chapter if it is determined that the applicant, licensee, registrant or permit holder has...:

Demonstrated intemperate habits or a lack of good moral character. The acts that are prima facie evidence of intemperate habits or lack of good moral character under G.S. 74C-8(d)(2) are prima facie evidence of the same under this subdivision[; and/or,] ...

Failed to make any disclosure to the Board or provide documents or information required by this Chapter or rules adopted by the Board.

N.C.G.S. 74C-12(a)(25) and (30).

- 3. Petitioner is a registered armed security guard with GRL Management Group, Inc., a licensed security guard and patrol company located in Southport, NC. Petitioner's registration expires on February 29, 2024.
- 4. On October 20, 2023, Petitioner was charged with "Felony Murder" in Wake County, NC (the "Criminal Charge"). The Criminal Charge arose out of Petitioner allegedly causing the death of Mr. Richard Lee Harris by shooting Harris multiple times with malice aforethought in a domestic dispute.

- 5. The Criminal Charge has not yet been resolved in the State criminal courts.
- 6. By Order issued October 31, 2022, Respondent summarily suspended Petitioner's Armed Security Guard Registration, pursuant to N.C.G.S. 150B-3(c) and N.C.G.S. 74C-6, "upon the Findings of Fact showing that the public health, safety and welfare will be jeopardized if [Petitioner] is allowed to continue in his role as an Armed Security Guard for GRL Management Group, Inc." Resp's Ex 2, Order of Summary Suspension, p.2, dated and filed October 31, 2023 ("Summary Suspension Order").
- 7. The Board served Petitioner with the Summary Suspension Order and Notice of Hearing of this contested case to be heard on November 14, 2023 in the Office of Administrative Hearings, Raleigh, Wake County, North Carolina. Petitioner was served with the Board's letter, order, and Notice of Hearing via certified mail. Resp's Ex 2, Notice of Hearing at p.1.
- 8. Petitioner did not appear and testify at the contested case hearing.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

- 1. The parties are properly before the Tribunal.
- 2. Under N.C.G.S. 74C-12(a)(25), the Board may suspend Petitioner's business license and registration if it is determined that Petitioner has demonstrated intemperate habits or lacks good moral character.
- 3. Petitioner was charged with felony murder. The seriousness of the elements of the Criminal Charge, if proven, are indicative of a lack of good moral character and indicate genuine potential danger to the public if Petitioner is permitted to serve as a registered Armed Security Guard pending resolution of the Criminal Charge in our State criminal courts.
- 4. Bullard testified that, because of the Criminal Charge, Respondent found Petitioner to be in violation of N.C.G.S. 74C-12(2), (25), (30) and 74C-12(d)(1), which violations entitle the Board to suspend Petitioner's registration pursuant to N.C.G.S. 74C-12(a)(5) and (a)(24) and N.C.G.S. 150B-3.
- 5. The Tribunal's function in this case is not to decide Petitioner's guilt or innocence, but rather whether sufficient evidence exists to justify Respondent's summary suspension action against Petitioner.
- 6. Although Petitioner has not been convicted of the felony with which he was charged, Respondent presented sufficient evidence to support its summary suspension of Petitioner's Armed Security Guard Registration based on the elements and nature of the criminal charge concerned and on the governing law.

PROPOSED DECISION

Respondent's summary suspension of Petitioner's Armed Security Guard Registration is AFFIRMED.

NOTICE

The NC Private Protective Services Board will make the Final Decision in this contested case. As the Final Decision maker, that agency is required to give each party an opportunity to file exceptions to this proposal for decision, to submit proposed findings of fact, and to present oral and written arguments to the agency pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. § 150B-40(e).

The undersigned hereby orders that agency to serve a copy of its Final Decision in this case on the Office of Administrative Hearings, 1711 New Hope Church Road, Raleigh, N.C. 27609.

SO ORDERED.

This the 14th day of November, 2023.

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Michael C. Byrne Administrative Law Judge

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Christopher Paul Plantier 1310 Durham Dr STE 207 Raleigh NC 27614 Petitioner

Jeffrey P Gray Bailey & Dixon, LLP jgray@bdixon.com Attorney For Respondent

This the 14th day of November, 2023.

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Certification

I hereby certify the attached (1 flash drive) to be a true copy of the Official Record as required by G.S. 150B-42 of the proceedings in the Office of Administrative Hearings, in case (s):

"23 DOJ 04665", "Christopher Paul Plantier, Petitioner, v. NC Private Protective Services Board, Respondent."

the original of which is filed in this office in conformance with Chapter 150B of the General Statutes of the State of North Carolina.



In witness whereof, I authorize this certification and affix the official seal of the North Carolina Office of Administrative Hearings at Raleigh this the 7th day of December, 2023.

Donald Robert van der Vaart Chief Administrative Law Judge, Director

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STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

COUNTY OF WAKE

IN THE OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS 23 DOJ 04665

Christopher Paul Plantier Petitioner,	
v.	OFFICIAL RECORD INDEX SHEET
NC Private Protective Services Board Respondent.	

RECOMMENDED DECISION

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Wake District Court

Case Summary

Case No. 23CR439669-910

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STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA VS CHRISTOPHER PAUL PLANTIER

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Case Information

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Party Information

Defendant	PLANTIER, CHRISTOPHER PAUL 1310 DURLAIN DR STE 207 RALEIGH, NC 27614-6488 White Male Height: 5' 11"	POWERS, PHYLICIA MONEE Retained
State	STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA Other	
Complainant	Correll, J	
Law Enforcement Officer	Correll, J	

Case Events

Date Assigned 10/20/2023

Wake District Court

Case Summary

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RALEIGH NC 27615			
WAKE			
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Christopher Paul Plantier 1310 Durlain Drive, Suite 207 Raleigh, NC 27614

and via hand delivery;

Wake County Detention Center

This the 31st day of October, 2023.

Ist day of Nov.

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Bailes & Dixon, LLP P.O. Box 1351 Raleigh, North Carolina 27602 (919) 828-0731 – telephone (919) 828-6592 – facsimile

cc: Charles McCurry GRL Management Group, Inc.

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October 31, 2023

<u>Certified Mail – Return Receipt Requested & via hand delivery</u> (Wake County Detention Center)

Christopher Paul Plantier 1310 Durlain Drive, Suite 207 Raleigh, NC 27614

RE: Administrative Hearing for Christopher Paul Plantier

Dear Mr. Plantier:

Enclosed is a copy of an Order of Summary Suspension of Armed Security Guard Registration dated October 30, 2023. You are entitled to an administrative hearing on the N.C. Private Protective Service Board's decision to suspend your armed security guard registration without undue delay.

Enclosed is a copy of the Notice of Hearing which I have filed with the Office of Administrative Hearings in this matter. As indicated on said Notice, the Board is requesting that your hearing be conducted by the Office of Administrative Hearings, located at 1711 New Hope Church Road, Raleigh, NC 27609, on **Tuesday**, November 14, 2023, at 2:00 p.m. Your failure to attend this court proceeding may result in dismissal of your case and a continuation of the suspension.

If you have any questions, you may call me at (919) 828-0731.

Sincerely,

BAILEY & DIXON, LLP

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Tel 919 828 0731 Fax 919 828 6692 434 Fayetteville Street, Suite 2500 Releigh, NC 27601

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BAILEY & DIXON, LLP Attorneys at Law

cc: Charles McCurry GRL Management Group, Inc. Paul Sherwin, Director

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STATE OF 1	IORTH CAROLINA	BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA PRIVATE PROTECTIVE SERVICES BOARD	
COUNTY OF WAKE		23 DOJ	
CHRISTOPI	IER PAUL PLANTIER,)		
	Petitioner,)		
V,)	NOTICE OF HEARING	
N. C. PRIVATE PROTECTIVE)SERVICES BOARD,))	
	Respondent.)	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	
FOR:	Christopher Paul Plantier 1310 Durlain Drive, Suite 207 Raleigh, NC 27614		
DATE:	Tuesday, November 14, 2023		
TIME:	2:00 p.m.		
PLACE:	Office of Administrative Hearin 1711 New Hope Church Road Raleigh, NC 27609	lgs	
RE:	RE: Summary Suspension of Armed Security Guard Registration. The suspension was for the following reason:		
Petitioner has been charged with felony Murder in Wake County, North Carolina.			
STATUTES: N. C. G. S. § 74C-12(a)(25); N. C. G. S. § 74C-13(g); 14B NCAC 16 .0106(a)			
ADMINIST. LAW JUDG		nael Byrne	

An administrative hearing has been scheduled by the N.C. Private Protective Services Board to examine formally the allegations specified above. This hearing will be held before the Office of Administrative Hearings for the Private Protective Services Board and will be conducted in accordance with the Administrative Procedures Act, North Carolina General Statute 150B.

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This proceeding is a contested case hearing and will give you the opportunity to present evidence and cross-examine witnesses. The Board will be represented by Jeffrey P. Gray, Attorney at Law, Bailey & Dixon, LLP, P.O. Box 1351, Raleigh, North Carolina 27602, (919) 828-0731.

Please direct all correspondence to the Office of Administrative Hearings, 1711 New Hope Church Road, Raleigh, NC 27609, (919) 431-3000.

This the 31st day of October, 2023.

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> Private Protective Services Board Paul Sherwin, Director

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Wake County Detention Center

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STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

COUNTY OF WAKE

IN RE:

ARMED SECURITY GUARD REGISTRATION OF CHRISTOPHER PAUL PLANTIER

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA PRIVATE PROTECTIVE SERVICES BOARD 23 DOI

ORDER OF SUMMARY SUSPENSION OF ARMED SECURITY GUARD RECISTRATION

THIS ORDER, issued pursuant to authority granted by North Carolina General Statute § 150B-3(c) and North Carolina General Statute § 74C-6, summarily suspends the Arthed Guard Registration issued to Christopher Paul Plantier of Raleigh, North Carolina. In support thereof, the Private Protective Services Board's Director finds the following:

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STATEMENT OF LAW AND FINDENGS OF FACT

1, The North Carolina Private Profective Services Board is an agency of the State of North Carolina and is created pursuant to the North Carolina Private Protective Services Act, N.C.G.S. § 740-1: et. seq.

2. The position of Director of the North Carolina Private Protective Services Board is created pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 74C-C.

3. Fursuant to N.C.G.S. § 74C-12(a)(25), the Board may, after compliance with Chapter 150B of the General Statutes; deny, suspend or revolve a license or registration issued under this Chapter if it is defermined that the registrant demonstrated intemperate habits or a lack of good moral character.

4. Pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 74C-6; the Director shall administer the directives contained in the Private Protective: Services Act and the nules promulgated by the Board in order to actively police the industry.

5. Christopher Paul Plantier is registered as an anned security guard with GRL Management Group, Inc., a licensed security guard and patrol company located at 4128-B Vanessa Drive, Southport, NC 28461. Mr. Plantier's registration has an expiration date of February 29, 2024. 6. Investigation has revealed that on October 20, 2023, Mr. Plantier was charged with felony Murder in Wake County, North Caroling.

7. This charge arises out of Mr. Plantler causing the death of a Richard Lee Harris by shoofing him multiple times with malice aforethought in a domestic dispute.

8. The facts underlying the charges indicate a lack of good moral character.

9. Mr. Plantier's charges have not been adjudicated in the criminal courts in Wake County.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Christopher Paul Plantier's Armed Security Guard Registration be summarily suspended pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 150B-3(¢) upon the Findings of Fact showing that the public health, safety, and welfare will be jeopardized if Mr. Plantier is allowed to continue in his role as an Armed Security Guard for GRL Management Group, Inc.

An administrative hearing has been scheduled by N.C. Private Protective Services Board to formally examine the allegations specified above. This hearing will be held Tuesday, November 14, 2023: at 2:00 P.M. before the Office of Administrative Hearings for the Private Protective Services Board and will be conducted in accordance with Administrative Procedures Act, North Carolina General Statute 150B, Article 3A.

This proceeding is a contested case heating and will give you the opportunity to present evidence and cross-examine withesses. The Board will be represented by Jeffrey P. Gray, Attoiney at Law, Balley & Dixon, LLP, P.O. Box 1351, Raleigh, North Carolina 27602, (919). 828-0731.

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Issued this the 31st day of October, 2023.

G. Ray Bullard, Deputy Director N.C. Private Protective Services Board.



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COUNTY OF WAKE

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA PRIVATE PROTECTIVE SERVICES BOARD 23 DOJ

CHRISTOPH	IER PAUL PLANTIER,)		
	Petitioner,		
V, N. C. PRIVA SERVICES I)) TE PROTECTIVE) BOARD,)	NOTICE OF HEARING	
	Respondent.)		
FOR:	Christopher Paul Plantier 1310 Durlain Drive, Suite 207 Raleigh, NC 27614		
DATE:	Tuesday, November 14, 2023		
TIME:	2:00 p.m.		
PLACE:	Office of Administrative Hearings 1711 New Hope Church Road Raleigh, NC 27609		
RE:	Summary Suspension of Armed Security Guard Registration. The suspension wa for the following reason:		

Petitioner has been charged with felony Murder in Wake County, North Carolina.

STATUTES: N. C. G. S. § 74C-12(a)(25); N. C. G. S. § 74C-13(g); 14B NCAC 16.0106(a)

ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE:

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Honorable Michael Byrne

An administrative hearing has been scheduled by the N.C. Private Protective Services Board to examine formally the allegations specified above. This hearing will be held before the Office of Administrative Hearings for the Private Protective Services Board and will be conducted in accordance with the Administrative Procedures Act, North Carolina General Statute 150B.

This proceeding is a contested case hearing and will give you the opportunity to present evidence and cross-examine witnesses. The Board will be represented by Jeffrey P. Gray, Attorney at Law, Bailey & Dixon, LLP, P.O. Box 1351, Raleigh, North Carolina 27602, (919) 828-0731.

Please direct all correspondence to the Office of Administrative Hearings, 1711 New Hope Church Road, Raleigh, NC 27609, (919) 431-3000.

This the 31st day of October, 2023.

Private Protective Services Board Paul Sherwin, Director

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Bailey & Dixon, LLP P.O. Box 1351 Raleigh, North Carolina 27602 (919) 828-0731 – telephone (919) 828-6592 – facsimile

I, Jeffrey P. Gray, hereby certify that I have served a copy of the foregoing NOTICE OF HEARING by depositing a copy with the United States Postal Service, CERTIFIED MAIL/RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED and addressed to the following:

> Christopher Paul Plantier 1310 Durlain Drive, Suite 207 Raleigh, NC 27614

and via hand delivery:

Wake County Detention Center

This the 31st day of October, 2023.

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STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

COUNTY OF WAKE

IN RE:

ARMED SECURITY GUARD REGISTRATION OF CHRISTOPHER PAUL PLANTIER

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA PRIVATE PROTECTIVE SERVICES BOARD 23 DOI

ORDER OF SUMMARY SUSPENSION OF ARMED SECURITY GUARD REGISTRATION

THIS ORDER, issued pursuant to anthority granted by North Carolina General Statute § 150B-3(c) and North Carolina General Statute § 74C-6, summarily suspends the Armed Guard Registration issued to Christopher Paul Plantier of Raleigh, North Carolina. In support thereof, the Private Protective Services Board's Director finds the following:

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STATEMENT OF LAW AND FINDINGS OF FACT

1. The North Carolina Private Protective Services Board is an agency of the State of North Carolina and is created pursuant to the North Carolina Private Protective Services Act, N.C.G.S. § 74C-1 et seq.

2. The position of Director of the North Carolina Private Protective Services Board is created pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 74C-6.

3. Pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 74C-12(a)(25), the Board may, after compliance with Chapter 150B of the General Statutes; deny, suspend or revoke a license or registration issued under this Chapter if it is determined that the registrant demonstrated intemperate habits or a lack of good moral character.

4. Pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 74C-6, the Director shall administer the directives contained in the Private Protective Services Act and the rules promulgated by the Board in order to actively police the industry.

5. Christopher Paul Plantier is registered as an armed security guard with GRL Management Group, Inc., a licensed security guard and patrol company located at 4128-B Vanessa Drive, Southport, NC 28461. Mr. Plantier's registration has an expiration date of February 29, 2024. 6. Investigation has revealed that on October 20, 2023, Mr. Plantier was charged with felony Murder in Wake County, North Carolina.

7. This charge arises out of Mr. Plantler causing the death of a Richard Lee Harris by shooting him multiple times with malice aforethought in a domestic dispute.

8. The facts underlying the charges indicate a lack of good moral character.

9. Mr. Plantier's charges have not been adjudicated in the criminal courts in Wake County.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Christopher Paul Plantier's Armed Security Guard Registration be summarily suspended pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 150B-3(c) upon the Findings of Fact showing that the public health, safety; and welfare will be jeopardized if Mr. Plantier is allowed to continue in his role as an Armed Security Guard for GRL Management Group, Inc.

An administrative hearing has been scheduled by N.C. Private Protective Services Board to formally examine the allegations specified above. This hearing will be held Tuesday, November 14, 2023 at 2:00 P.M. before the Office of Administrative Hearings for the Private Protective Services Board and will be conducted in accordance with Administrative Procedures Act, North Carolina General Statute 150B, Article 3A.

This proceeding is a contested case heating and will give you the opportunity to present evidence and cross-examine witnesses. The Board will be represented by Jeffrey P. Gray, Attoiney at Law, Bailey & Dixon, LLP, P.O. Box 1351, Raleigh, North Carolina 27602, (919)-828-0731.

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Issued this the 31st day of October, 2023.

G. Ray Bullard, Deputy Director N.C. Private Protective Services Board.

Swom to and subscribed before me This the 31 day of October, 2023.

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The undersigned hereby certifies that a copy of the foregoing ORDER OF SUMMARY SUSPENSION OF ARMED SECURITY GUARD REGISTRATION has been served upon the following by the method indicated:

> Christopher Paul Plantier 1310 Dutlain Drive, Suite 207 Ráleigh, NC 27614

_____ Hand Delivery.

X Certified Mail to the address stated above.

- This the 3 + day of October, 2023.

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STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS 23 DOJ 04665

COUNTY OF WAKE

Christopher Paul Plantier Petitioner,	
v.	OFFICIAL RECORD INDEX SHEET
NC Private Protective Services Board Respondent.	

RECOMMENDED DECISION

DOCUMENTS

SECTION I

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SECTION VI

- ____ Miscellaneous documents
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STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

COUNTY OF WAKE

IN THE OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS 23 DOJ 04665

Christopher Paul Plantier Petitioner,	
v.	PROPOSAL FOR DECISION
NC Private Protective Services Board Respondent.	

This case was heard before Michael C. Byrne, Administrative Law Judge, on November 14, 2023 at the Office of Administrative Hearings in Raleigh, Wake County, North Carolina. This case was heard after Respondent requested, pursuant to N.C.G.S. 150B-40(e), designation of an Administrative Law Judge to preside at the hearing of a contested case under Article 3A, Chapter 150B of the General Statutes of North Carolina.

APPEARANCES

For Petitioner: None

For Respondent: Mr. Jeffrey P. Gray Bailey & Dixon, LLP. Post Office Box 1351 Raleigh, NC 27602

WITNESSES

For Petitioner:

None

For Respondent:

G. Ray Bullard, Deputy Director of the NC Private Protective Services Board ("Respondent").

EXHIBITS

For Petitioner: None.

For Respondent: Exhibits 1 and 2 were admitted.

ISSUE

Whether Petitioner being charged with "Felony Murder" supports Respondent's Summary Suspension of Petitioner's Armed Security Guard Registration on the bases that the public's health, safety and welfare will be jeopardized if Petitioner is allowed to continue in his role as an Armed Security Guard.

STATUTES & RULES

N.C.G.S 14-112.2, 74C-6, 74C-12(a)(25) 150B-3(c), and 14B NCAC 16.0100, et. seq.

BASED UPON careful consideration of the sworn testimony of the witnesses presented at the hearing, the documents and exhibits received and admitted into evidence, the video evidence received and admitted into evidence, and the entire record in this proceeding, the Tribunal makes the following:

FINDINGS OF FACT

- 1. Respondent, an agency of the State of North Carolina, is created pursuant to N.C.G.S. 74C-1, et seq., and is charged with the duty of licensing and registering individuals engaged in the armed and unarmed security guard and patrol business or as a proprietary security organization employing armed security guards.
- 2. Pursuant to N.C.G.S. 74C-12:

The Board may, after compliance with Chapter 150B of the General Statutes, deny, suspend, or revoke a license or registration issued under this Chapter if it is determined that the applicant, licensee, registrant or permit holder has...:

Demonstrated intemperate habits or a lack of good moral character. The acts that are prima facie evidence of intemperate habits or lack of good moral character under G.S. 74C-8(d)(2) are prima facie evidence of the same under this subdivision[; and/or,] ...

Failed to make any disclosure to the Board or provide documents or information required by this Chapter or rules adopted by the Board.

N.C.G.S. 74C-12(a)(25) and (30).

- 3. Petitioner is a registered armed security guard with GRL Management Group, Inc., a licensed security guard and patrol company located in Southport, NC. Petitioner's registration expires on February 29, 2024.
- 4. On October 20, 2023, Petitioner was charged with "Felony Murder" in Wake County, NC (the "Criminal Charge"). The Criminal Charge arose out of Petitioner allegedly causing the death of Mr. Richard Lee Harris by shooting Harris multiple times with malice aforethought in a domestic dispute.

- 5. The Criminal Charge has not yet been resolved in the State criminal courts.
- 6. By Order issued October 31, 2022, Respondent summarily suspended Petitioner's Armed Security Guard Registration, pursuant to N.C.G.S. 150B-3(c) and N.C.G.S. 74C-6, "upon the Findings of Fact showing that the public health, safety and welfare will be jeopardized if [Petitioner] is allowed to continue in his role as an Armed Security Guard for GRL Management Group, Inc." Resp's Ex 2, Order of Summary Suspension, p.2, dated and filed October 31, 2023 ("Summary Suspension Order").
- 7. The Board served Petitioner with the Summary Suspension Order and Notice of Hearing of this contested case to be heard on November 14, 2023 in the Office of Administrative Hearings, Raleigh, Wake County, North Carolina. Petitioner was served with the Board's letter, order, and Notice of Hearing via certified mail. Resp's Ex 2, Notice of Hearing at p.1.
- 8. Petitioner did not appear and testify at the contested case hearing.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

- 1. The parties are properly before the Tribunal.
- 2. Under N.C.G.S. 74C-12(a)(25), the Board may suspend Petitioner's business license and registration if it is determined that Petitioner has demonstrated intemperate habits or lacks good moral character.
- 3. Petitioner was charged with felony murder. The seriousness of the elements of the Criminal Charge, if proven, are indicative of a lack of good moral character and indicate genuine potential danger to the public if Petitioner is permitted to serve as a registered Armed Security Guard pending resolution of the Criminal Charge in our State criminal courts.
- 4. Bullard testified that, because of the Criminal Charge, Respondent found Petitioner to be in violation of N.C.G.S. 74C-12(2), (25), (30) and 74C-12(d)(1), which violations entitle the Board to suspend Petitioner's registration pursuant to N.C.G.S. 74C-12(a)(5) and (a)(24) and N.C.G.S. 150B-3.
- 5. The Tribunal's function in this case is not to decide Petitioner's guilt or innocence, but rather whether sufficient evidence exists to justify Respondent's summary suspension action against Petitioner.
- 6. Although Petitioner has not been convicted of the felony with which he was charged, Respondent presented sufficient evidence to support its summary suspension of Petitioner's Armed Security Guard Registration based on the elements and nature of the criminal charge concerned and on the governing law.

PROPOSED DECISION

Respondent's summary suspension of Petitioner's Armed Security Guard Registration is AFFIRMED.

NOTICE

The NC Private Protective Services Board will make the Final Decision in this contested case. As the Final Decision maker, that agency is required to give each party an opportunity to file exceptions to this proposal for decision, to submit proposed findings of fact, and to present oral and written arguments to the agency pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. § 150B-40(e).

The undersigned hereby orders that agency to serve a copy of its Final Decision in this case on the Office of Administrative Hearings, 1711 New Hope Church Road, Raleigh, N.C. 27609.

SO ORDERED.

This the 14th day of November, 2023.

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Michael C. Byrne Administrative Law Judge

The undersigned certifies that, on the date shown below, the Office of Administrative Hearings sent the foregoing document to the persons named below at the addresses shown below, by electronic service as defined in 26 NCAC 03 .0501(4), or by placing a copy thereof, enclosed in a wrapper addressed to the person to be served, into the custody of the North Carolina Mail Service Center who subsequently will place the foregoing document into an official depository of the United States Postal Service:

Christopher Paul Plantier 1310 Durham Dr STE 207 Raleigh NC 27614 Petitioner

Jeffrey P Gray Bailey & Dixon, LLP jgray@bdixon.com Attorney For Respondent

This the 14th day of November, 2023.

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