



North Carolina Department of Public Safety

Private Protective Services Board

July 2026 N.C. Private Protective Services Board Meeting Hot Sheet

This summary highlights key points from the July meeting of the Board and its committees. Full meeting minutes and detailed committee reports will be available after Board approval at the next meeting on September 17, 2026.

What You Need to Know

- The Permitium transaction fee increased to \$5.50, starting July 1, 2026.
- The Board elected new leadership, including Committee chairs.
- Public comment is being received for several proposed rule changes.

Committee Activity Information

Grievance Committee: 20 cases heard.

- Eight cease-and-desist orders issued to unlicensed or unregistered persons.
- Five cases settled with a consent agreement for registration and other violations.
- Two cases with a No Violation finding.
- Two cases deferred to the September 2026 meeting.
- Two \$1,000 civil penalties assessed for a lapse in liability insurance.
- One license revoked for numerous 74C violations.
- One trainer certification suspended for delivering improper training.

Compliance tip: Many registration violations involve improper use or documentation of probationary unarmed security guards. To help:

- Refer to Page 2 of the updated [Report of Probationary Unarmed Guard document](#) for an example employment timeline.
- Refer to [guidance and requirements for the use of probationary or out-of-state guards](#).
- Review Pages 9-10 of the [Registration Procedures Manual](#) for proper guidelines on probationary employee use.

Screening Committee: Reviewed 75 license applications, comprised of: 29 PI, 10 PI Associate, 13 Security Guard and Patrol, 14 Close Personal Protection, 1 Courier, 1 Digital Forensics Examination, 3 Proprietary Security Organization, 1 Polygraph Examiner, 1 Electronic Countermeasures, and 2 Branch Offices.

- 72 licenses approved; 3 licenses denied
- The Committee also approved two licensees to serve as the qualifying agent for more than one company, and one unarmed security guard registration that was previously denied for criminal history.

Compliance tip: A company may operate for only 90 days without a licensed Qualifying Agent. The license application process can take more than 90 days. It is recommended that companies have more than one license holder on staff to facilitate a quick and smooth transition to a new Qualifying Agent if needed.

Law & Rules Committee:

- The rule governing unarmed guard training, .0707, is being amended to limit all types of training delivery formats to 35 students, and the rule governing the renewal of a firearms trainer's requalification, .0904, is being amended to reduce the number of firearms qualification attempts. Read more and submit public comment [here](#).
- The rules governing unarmed security guard and unarmed armored car guard registration transfers, .0705(d) and .1305(d), are being amended to require an online criminal background check, and the rule governing the experience requirements for a security guard and patrol business license, .0301, is being amended to require that the experience be verifiable. Read more and submit public comment [here](#).

Training & Education Committee:

- The Committee approved 20 [continuing education courses](#) (8 new and 12 renewals).
- The 2026-2027 schedule for unarmed and firearms trainer certification courses is available [here](#).

Compliance tip: Certified trainers are encouraged to ensure pre- and post-delivery training reports are being submitted to the Board, as required by Rules [.0907](#) and [.0908](#). Trainers should not assume the company they work for is submitting the reports on their behalf. Failure to submit these reports may result in disciplinary action.

Board Elections

The Board elected the following officers and committee chairs, who will serve in their roles through June 30, 2027:

- Board chair: Steve Johnson
- Board vice chair: Andy Renfrow
- Grievance Committee chair: Ron Burris
- Screening Committee chair: Stacy Buff
- Law and Rules Committee chair: Steve Johnson
- Training and Education Committee chair: Bill MacRae
- Finance Committee chair: Bill MacRae
- Emerging Technology Committee chair: Suzanne Creech
- Board Ethics Liaison: Deirdre Hatcher

Other Board Discussion Points, Industry References & Reminders:

- The Board approved a Memorandum of Agreement with the N.C. Polygraph Association (NCPA) to formalize the roles and responsibilities of the PPSB and the NCPA during the testing process for new polygraph license applicants.

- Board policies and informational memorandums are available [HERE](#).
- Board meeting minutes and Hot Sheets are available [HERE](#).
- The newly established [N.C. Security Association](#) is recruiting members.
- The [Security Systems Licensing Board](#) is now accepting applications for its new Limited Monitoring license. This license is required of security guard and patrol companies that remotely monitor security cameras or systems. See page three of [Session Law 2025-51, Senate Bill 710](#), for more information.
- In accordance with N.C.G.S. 74C-13(d2), licensed proprietary security organizations (PSO) shall renew their license every two years. Renewals will begin in 2026. Board staff will contact PSOs with additional information. The fee to renew is \$150.

Upcoming Events:

- September 17, [PPSB meeting & Industry Training](#), Raleigh (up to 6 hours CE)
- Oct. 21-23, [International Association of Security and Investigative Regulators conference](#), San Diego, CA (CE approved)
- November 19, PPSB meeting, Raleigh (2 hours CE)