



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

This summary highlights key points from the March 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 May 21, 2026.

What You Need to Know

- [Administrative rules changes](#), starting April 1, 2026:
 - The entire 20-hour armed security guard course must be completed within 14 consecutive days. (Rule .0807)
 - The Board will accept LEOSA/HR-218 credentials in place of a concealed handgun permit for licensees who wish to add a concealed carry endorsement to their armed licensee registration. (Rule .0808)
 - The Board will charge continuing education course instructors a fee of \$100 to evaluate courses for accreditation. (Rule .1203)
- The Permitium transaction fee will increase to \$5.50, starting July 1, 2026.

Committee Activity Information

Grievance Committee: 20 cases heard.

- Four cease-and-desist orders issued to unlicensed or unregistered persons.
- One letter of reprimand issued for submitting false information on an application.
- One license revoked for registration violations.
- Five cases settled with a consent agreement for registration violations.
- Three cases deferred to a future meeting.
- One warning issued for a lapse of commercial liability insurance.
- Two warnings issued for submitting inaccurate information with registration applications.

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: 15 PI, 14 PI Associate, 19 Security Guard and Patrol, 15 Close Personal Protection, 3 Courier, 2 Digital Forensics Examination, 6 Proprietary Security Organization, and 1 Armored Car.

- 65 licenses approved; 10 licenses denied
- The Committee also approved one licensee to serve as the qualifying agent for more than one company.

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 Committee asked Board staff to research the cost and feasibility of issuing tamper-resistant registrant ID cards. More information to follow at future Board meetings.
- The Committee discussed whether the Board should attempt to regulate less-lethal weapons, such as pepper ball guns. A statutory amendment is likely needed. More information to follow at future Board meetings.
- The Committee discussed a request to require unarmed security guards to renew every two years, rather than annually. A statutory amendment is needed for this change.
- The Committee asked Board staff to research whether a 1-year criminal history record check should be required to transfer unarmed security guard registrations. More information to follow at future Board meetings.
- The Special Committee on Polygraph Licensing continues to work with the N.C. Polygraph Association to draft a Memorandum of Agreement that details the roles and responsibilities of the testing process for polygraph license applicants.

Training & Education Committee:

- The 2026 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.

Other Board Discussion Points, Industry References & Reminders:

- 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:

- April 21-22, [N.C. Association of Private Investigators](#) annual conference, Carolina Beach, NC (CE approved)
- May 13-15, [S.C. Association of Legal Investigators](#) annual conference, Myrtle Beach, SC (CE approved)
- May 21, [PPSB meeting](#), Raleigh, NC (2 hours CE, online or in person)
- June 2-4, [Techno Digital Forensics Conference](#), Myrtle Beach, SC (CE approved)