



# North Carolina Department of Public Safety

## Private Protective Services Board

Josh Stein, Governor  
Jeffrey Smythe, Secretary

Steve Johnson, Vice Chair  
Paul Sherwin, Director

**Meeting Minutes**  
**March 19, 2026, 10:30 a.m.**  
**Hampton Inn and Suites – Raleigh/Crabtree Valley**

### **Board Members Present**

Ron Burris  
Don Miller  
Paul Schroll  
Stacy Buff  
Steve Johnson  
David Poston  
Candace Ratliff

Suzanne Creech  
Deirdre Hatcher  
Andy Renfrow  
Richard Epley

### **Staff Present**

Paul Sherwin  
Ray Bullard  
Kim Odom  
Garcia Graham  
Brianna Sarno  
Jeff Gray

### **Board Members Absent**

Debra Duncan  
Assata Buffaloe  
William “Bill” MacRae

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### **Call to Order**

Vice Chair Steve Johnson called the March 19, 2026, meeting of the North Carolina Private Protective Services Board to order at 10:30 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 January 2026 Board Meeting Minutes**

**Motion:** Stacy Buff motioned to approve the January 15, 2026, Board meeting minutes. Paul Schroll seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

## **Committee Reports**

**Grievance Committee:** Grievance Committee members Ron Burris, Suzanne Creech, Candace Ratliff, Paul Schroll, Andy Renfrow, Deirdre Hatcher, and Steve Johnson met on March 18, 2026, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:41 p.m. The Committee heard 20 cases. Committee Chair Ron Burris presented the Grievance Committee report.

Motion: David Poston motioned to accept the Grievance Committee's recommendations, except for Downtown Raleigh Alliance case #2025-PPS-100. Suzanne Creech seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Motion: Candace Ratliff motioned to accept the Committee's recommendation for Downtown Raleigh Alliance case #2025-PPS-100. Don Miller seconded. The motion carried unanimously. Andy Renfrow recused from the vote.

*See the attachment for the full Grievance Committee report.*

**Screening Committee:** Screening Committee members Don Miller, Stacy Buff, David Poston, and Candace Ratliff met on March 18, 2026, from 2:00 p.m. to 3:21 p.m. to review 75 new license applications and one QA for Two Companies application. Stacy Buff presented the Screening Committee report.

Motion: David Poston motioned to accept all the Committee's recommendations, except for Kelly Bivins' license applications. Paul Schroll seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Motion: Suzanne Creech motioned to accept the Committee's recommendation for Kelly Bivins' license applications. Paul Schroll seconded. The motion carried unanimously. Candace Ratliff recused from the vote.

*See the attachment for the full Screening Committee report.*

**Training and Education Committee:** Training and Education Committee members Candace Ratliff, Andy Renfrow, Steve Johnson, Stacy Buff, Don Miller, Richard Epley, Paul Schroll, and David Poston met on March 19, 2026, from 8:30 a.m. to 9:04 a.m. Committee Chair Candace Ratliff presented the Training and Education Committee report, which included updates about completed and planned train-the-trainer courses, the results of recent compliance audits of certified trainers, and weapon discharges.

In addition, Ms. Ratliff reported that the 16-hour Unarmed Security Guard Training Course has been revised to include content on human trafficking and counterterrorism. Ms. Ratliff further reported that the Board's training-related forms have been updated to PDF-fillable formats and are available for download on the Board's website.

Finally, Ms. Ratliff reported that the Committee reviewed 13 applications for new continuing education courses and 10 applications for renewal of existing continuing education courses. She stated that the Committee recommended approving all the courses, except for one new course,

“Use of Force During Mental Health Crisis Transports,” offered by Leroy Lasenburg. The Committee requested more information about Mr. Lasenburg’s instructor qualifications.

Motion: Suzanne Creech motioned to approve the Training and Education Committee report. Stacy Buff seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

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

**Special Committee on Continuing Education:** No report.

**Law and Rules Committee:** Law and Rules Committee members Steve Johnson, Deidre Hatcher, Candace Ratliff, David Poston, Suzanne Creech, Paul Schroll, and Richard Epley met on March 19, 2026, from 9:30 a.m. to 9:54 a.m. Committee Chair Steve Johnson presented the Law & Rules Committee report.

Mr. Johnson reported that Attorney Gray provided an update on several pending and recent administrative rule amendments. (See Attorney’s Report for detailed information.)

Next, Mr. Johnson reported that the Committee asked staff to research options for issuing registration cards with holographic or other anti-fraud features for added protection against forged cards. The Committee also asked staff to explore the feasibility of modifying the format of registration cards to include a statement such as *Valid while on duty with registered company only.* or similar.

Mr. Johnson stated that the Committee received a request to examine whether the Board should require a background check of unarmed security guards who are transferring between companies. Mr. Johnson said staff would research this and report back at a future meeting.

Furthermore, Mr. Johnson reported that the Committee discussed whether the Board should regulate less-lethal weapons, such as pepper ball guns. It was noted that, if regulation is deemed necessary, a statutory amendment is likely required, as the Board currently has authority to regulate only firearms, not less-lethal tools like pepper ball guns.

Lastly, Mr. Johnson stated that the Committee discussed concerns regarding virtual attendance for unarmed guard training. Specifically, a recent case involved an instructor who reported that approximately 35 individuals attended a course virtually, but an investigation found that only a few individuals were present. The Committee agreed that a review of the Board’s administrative rule regarding class size and attendance reporting requirements may be necessary.

Motion: Don Miller motioned to approve the Law and Rules Committee report. Deirdre Hatcher seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

**Special Committee on Polygraph Licensing:** Special Committee Chair David Poston reported that the Special Committee met on February 4, 2026. He said the Special Committee is currently working on a Memorandum of Agreement between the Board and the N.C. Polygraph

Association, which will detail the roles and responsibilities of the two organizations during the polygraph testing process.

**Finance Committee:** No report.

**Emerging Technology Committee:** No report.

**Special Committee on Unlicensed Activity:** No report.

**SSLB/PPSB Joint Special Committee:** No report.

### **Old Business**

None.

### **New Business**

None.

### **Director's Report**

Director Paul 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.

Motion: Stacy Buff motioned to approve the Director's Report. David Poston seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

*See the attachment for the full Director's Report.*

### **Attorney's Report**

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

Motion: David Poston motioned to approve the Attorney's Report. Andy Renfrow seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

*See the attachment for the full Attorney's Report.*

### **Good of the Order**

None.

## **Public Comment**

Brian Crump expressed frustration regarding the Board's continuing education requirements. He stated that many of the Board-approved courses have little educational value. Mr. Crump suggested that the Board consider reducing the required number of continuing education hours, based on how long a person has been licensed.

Vice Chair Steve Johnson responded that any formal proposal or suggestion to reduce the continuing education requirement would need to be submitted to Director Sherwin and routed through the Training and Education Committee.

Shaun Marso, with the N.C. Association of Private Investigators, announced the Association's upcoming conference scheduled for April 21-22, 2026, in Carolina Beach. He said the conference is Board-approved for 12 hours of continuing education.

## **Permitium Contract**

Director Paul Sherwin reported that the Board's contract with Permitium, its licensing software vendor, is scheduled to expire June 30, 2026. He recommended the contract be renewed and introduced Seth Moucka, Permitium's Director of Customer Success, who introduced himself and several other Permitium officials who were present.

Mr. Moucka presented the proposed contract renewal terms and discussed many recently completed and planned Permitium upgrades. He also outlined future development plans aimed at enhancing Permitium's capabilities.

Motion: Stacy Buff motioned to approve the contract renewal, with a per-transaction fee increase from \$5 to \$5.50 for Year 1 and \$6.50 for Years 2 and 3. The contract will expire July 23, 2029. Paul Schroll seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

## **Adjourn**

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

Meeting Adjourned: 11:57 p.m.

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Paul Sherwin, Director

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Garcia Graham, Board Secretary

### Board Meeting Guests

George Porter	Donald Orcutt	Dionne Porter	Christopher Cary
Serge Chassagne	Thomas Miller	Kimo Griggs	Patrick Mitchell
Rachel Ehrlich-Ellis	Melvin Burns	De Shaunn Pollock	Terry Hairston
David Dodge	Michael Ceroli	Patrick Mitchell	Karen Lawrence
June Knowles	Jordan Hayden	Paul Voitier	Paul Latorre
April Cobb	Colleen Williams	Rodney Knowles	Hope Brown
Shaun Marso	James Carpenter	Oscar Quick	Jason Trusso
Eric Witmer	Matthew Snyder	Walter Martin	Gerald Sennett
Charles Gayton	Rochelle Kruger	Cuauhtemoc Dominguez	Francisco Martinez
Preston Seiz	Ronnie Farrar	Rickey Padgett	Robert Crump
Marten Kasselt	Ursula Lowery	Eara Nimmers	Christina Suppa
Jeffrey Spaulding	Sandra Epley	Roberto Santana	Scott Siano
Tanner Edwards	Jeff Mixon	Kara Baldy	Linwood King
Maurice Taylor	Scott Lowell	Frederick Coraz	Audra R Coleman*
Uka Leonard*	Tamara Rabenold*	Julie Kuepferle*	Justin Patton*
Ambra Caruso Narcio*	Glenn Barnes*	Kevin Hecksher*	Ron Russo*
Ashley Maiolo*	Ben Knauss*	Ronald Reich*	Kim Canady*
B.J. Folayan*	Bill Smith*	Samuel Bowden*	Richard Mack*
Beau Polson*	Brian Limper*	Margaret Polizzi*	Mark Rogers*
Bill Praschak*	Chris Peiffer*	Marshall Simmonds*	Michael Krehlik*
Brian David Resetar*	Christopher Oxendine*	Shari Huff*	Martin Herman*
Catherine Cocks*	D. Manuel*	Matthew Reeves*	Larry Robinson*
Vincent Cardieri*	Daniel Ruden*	Matthew Vanantwerp*	Matthew Barwick*
Court Caldwell*	Daren Lopez*	Melvin Taylor*	Michael Anderson*
Dale Simmons*	Dean Wiley*	Michael Curtis*	Michael Johnson*
Danielle Hart*	Dwan Barnes*	Michael Ortiz*	Michael P. Metcalf*
Darren Cansler*	Felicia Sheares*	Michele Griffin*	Misty Reinhardt*
Dorian Dehnel*	Gregory Casstevens*	Monica Franklin*	Morgan Shasteen*
Eden Berhe*	Thomas Younts*	Robert Mccrury*	Natasha Gilliam*
Gerard Cunningham*	Jazmia Inserillo*	Nathan Harris*	Paul Roushia*
Hannah Carlson*	Jeff Jones*	Albert Melino*	Joshua Brewer*
Herbert Freeman*	John Honeycutt*	Reginald Bennett*	Rexford Ginn*
Jeff Kiker*	Jon Bessellieu*	Richard Vicars*	Roanthy Pratt*
John Gillies*	Joseph Felton*	Robbie Loveday*	Robbie Loveday*
Timothy Wilson*	Ruth Mastrapa*	Scott Messick*	Thomas Poindexter*
Tina Wilson*	Schanelle Green*	Theidra Byrd*	Timothy Moran*
Tonya Maggio*	Seth Moucka*	Tehlair Strong*	Thomas Stewart*
Vernon Meeks*	Jason Rhodes*		

\*V: Virtual



## PPSB Grievance After Report for March 19, 2026 9:00 am

	<b>Case Number</b>	<b>Complaint Against</b>	<b>Allegation(s)</b>	<b>Grievance Committee Recommendation</b>	<b>Board Action</b>
1.	2025-PPS-083	Bruce Seibert Defender Services, Inc. PO Box 1775 Columbia, SC 292021775	14B NCAC 16 .0108(b)	Find a violation of NCGS 74C-11. Enter into a consent agreement with Bradley Agnew and Defender Services, Inc., in the amount of \$7,448.00 for 20 unarmed security guard registration violations. Board staff is to conduct a follow-up registration compliance audit of Q4 2026 and Q1 2027. Mr. Agnew is to attend Registration Procedures training following the March or September 2026 Board meeting.	Accepted
2.	2025-PPS-096	Jermarion Pegues Blindside Protection Agency LLC 81 Delta place Smithfield, NC 27577	NCGS 74C-11 14B NCAC 16 .0108(b)	Find a violation of NCGS 74C-11. Enter into a consent agreement with Jermarion Pegues and Blindside Protection Agency LLC in the amount of \$5,385.60 for 44 unarmed security guard registration violations. The consent agreement may be paid in three installments. Staff is to conduct a follow-up registration compliance audit of Q4 2026 and Q1 2027. Mr. Pegues is to attend Registration Procedures training following the March or September 2026 Board meeting.	Accepted
3.	2025-PPS-099	Michelle Seiz American Security Associates, Inc. 4394 Seminole Drive Acworth, GA 30101	NCGS 74C-11 14B NCAC 16 .0108(b)	Find a violation of NCGS 74C-11 and NCGS 74C-13. Revoke Michelle Seiz's security guard and patrol license.	Accepted

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4.	2025-PPS-100	Downtown Raleigh Alliance Downtown Raleigh Alliance 333 Fayetteville St Suite 1150 Raleigh, NC 27601	NCGS 74C-2	No violation.	Accepted
5.	2025-PPS-103	Robert Anthony Santiago, II  3217 Bass Drive Sherrills Ford, NC 28673	NCGS 74C-12(a)(9)	Defer to the May 2026 Grievance Committee meeting.	Accepted
6.	2025-PPS-104	Gabriel McCuller Sua Sponte Security LLC P. O Box 461 Durham, NC 27701	NCGS 74C-11 14B NCAC 16.0108(b)	Find a violation of NCGS 74C-11 and NCGS 74C-13. Enter into a consent agreement with Gabriel McCuller and Sua Sponte Security LLC in the amount of \$1,361.24 (reflects 20% self-report discount) for 13 unarmed security guard registration violations and six armed security guard registration violations. Staff is to conduct a follow-up registration compliance audit of Q4 2026 and Q1 2027. Mr. McCuller is to attend Registration Procedures training following the March or September 2026 Board meeting.	Accepted
7.	2025-PPS-107	Daishaun McNeil  212 Wimbledon Court Clayton, NC 27520	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 Daishaun McNeil. Refer this matter to the Screening Committee should Mr. McNeil apply for a license or registration.	Accepted

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8.	2025-PPS-108	Samuel Lankford Greenway Protective Services, Inc 4604 Jefferson Wood Ct Greensboro, NC 27410	NCGS 74C-2	Find a violation of NCGS 74C-2. Continue cease and desist order previously issued to Samuel Lankford and Greenway Services, Inc. Staff is to notify Bladen County officials of this finding.	Accepted
9.	2025-PPS-109	Marvin Blue Trident Training Team, LLC 355 Lockhaven Place Raeford, NC 28376	NCGS 74C-10(e)	Find a violation of NCGS 74C-10(e). A non-disciplinary warning is issued to Marvin Blue to not commit a subsequent violation of NCGS 74C-10(e).	Accepted
10.	2025-PPS-110	Scott Siano Allied Universal Security Services 2211 W Meadow view Road Suite 102 Greensboro, NC 27407	14B NCAC 16 .0108(b)	Find a violation of NCGS 74C-11. Enter into a consent agreement with Scott Siano and Allied Universal Security Services in the amount of \$1,612.00 for five unarmed security guard registration violations. No follow-up registration audit is recommended.	Accepted
11.	2025-PPS-111	William Torres Ram Security 15 Duke Drive Sicklerville, NJ 08081	NCGS 74C-2	Find a violation of NCGS 74C-2. Continue the cease and desist order previously issued to William Torres and Ram Security. Refer this matter to the Screening Committee should Mr. Torres apply for license or registration. Staff is to notify the Love's Travel Stop corporate office and Charlotte location of this finding.	Accepted
12.	2025-PPS-113	Donald Steven Ricci Paladin Public	NCGS 74C-12(a)(5) NCGS 74C-	Find a violation of NCGS 74C-12(a)(22). Suspend Donald Ricci's security guard and patrol license. Suspend the	Accepted

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	Safety, Inc. 2489 Secrest Shortcut Road Monroe, NC 28110	12(a)(6) NCGS 74C-12 (a)(22) NCGS 74C- 12(a)(26) NCGS 74C- 13(b)	suspension of the license for 30 days to allow Mr. Ricci to correct the company name violation.		
13.	2025- PPS-117	Steve Allan Gibson Veterans Security Services, LLC 4007 Croftwood Ln Indian Trail, NC 28079	14B NCAC 16 .0108(b)	Find a violation of NCGS 74C-11. Enter into a consent agreement with Steve Allan Gibson and Veterans Security Services, LLC in the amount of \$122.40 for one unarmed security guard registration violation. No follow-up registration compliance audit is recommended.	Accepted
14.	2025- PPS-118	Joseph Brant Phillips Professional Security and Investigation, Inc. P.O. Box 1413 Carthage, NC 283270000	14B NCAC 16 .0108(b)	No violation.	Accepted
15.	2025- PPS-119	Waquim Malik Filsaime Supreme Intelligence of Investigation 14143 Denver West Parkway Suite 100 Lakewood, CO 80401	NCGS 74C-2	Find a violation of NCGS 74C-2. Continue the cease and desist order previously issued to Waquim Malik Filsaime and Supreme Intelligence of Investigation. Refer this matter to the Screening Committee should Mr. Filsaime apply for a license or registration. Staff is notify the Love's Travel Stop corporate office and Charlotte location of this finding.	Accepted
16.	2025- PPS-120	Michael Vaughn Sua Sponte Security LLC P. O Box 461	NCGS 74C- 12(a)(1) 14B NCAC 16 .0707	Find a violation of NCGS 74C-12(a)(1) and 14B NCAC 16 .0707. A non-disciplinary warning is issued to Michael Vaughn to not commit a subsequent violation of NCGS 74C-12(a)(1) and 14B NCAC 16 .0707.	Accepted

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		Durham, NC 27701			
17.	2025-PPS-121	Gabriel McCuller Sua Sponte Security LLC P. O Box 461 Durham, NC 27701	NCGS 74C-12(a)(1) NCGS 74C-13(a) 14B NCAC .0807	Find a violation of NCGS 74C-12(a)(1), NCGS 74C-13(a), and 14B NCAC 16 .0807. A non-disciplinary warning is issued to Gabriel McCuller to not commit a subsequent violation of NCGS 74C-12(a)(1), NCGS 74C-13(a), or 14B NCAC 16 .0807.	Accepted
18.	2025-PPS-126	Scott Lowell AJ Squared Security Inc. 201 McCullough Dr. Suite 230 Charlotte, NC 28262	NCGS 74C-12(a)(1)	Find a violation of NCGS 74C-12(a)(1). A disciplinary letter of reprimand is issued to Scott Lowell.	Accepted
19.	2025-PPS-127	Briana Smith Piedmont Protective Services 8430 Medical Plaza Drive Suite 100 Charlotte, NC 28262	NCGS 74C-12(a)(1) 14B NCAC 16 .0707 14B NCAC 16 .0911	Defer to the July 2026 Grievance Committee meeting.	Accepted
20.	2025-PPS-128	Alfred Blue Flowers  179 Tuttle Road Lexington, NC 27295	NCGS 74C-12(a)(9)	Defer this matter until Mr. Flowers' criminal charges are adjudicated.	Accepted



# Board Meeting Report

Board Date: 03/19/2026

	<b>Name Company Address</b>	<b>License</b>	<b>Committee Recommendation</b>	<b>Board Action</b>
1.	Michael Anthony Anderson Foresight Solutions Group INC 13113 Bold Run Hill Rd Wake Forest, NC 27587	Close Personal Protection	Approve	Accepted
2.	Juan Arape M Squared Services, LLC 301 Government Center Drive Suite 200 Wilmington , NC 28403	Private Investigator Associate	Approve Level 1 with zero hours	Accepted
3.	Brandon Bailey PhotoFax 44W100 US Highway 20 Hampshire, IL 60140	Private Investigator Associate	Approve Level 2 with 1,400 hours	Accepted
4.	Timothy Dean Barraclough Jr Dominion XP, LLC 40 Cane Creek Industrial Park Rd Fletcher, NC 28732	Close Personal Protection	Approve	Accepted
5.	George B Beasley Veterans security Corps of America, Inc. 3020 N FEDERAL HWY STE 7C Fort Lauderdale, FL 33306	Security Guard And Patrol	Approve	Accepted
6.	Paulette Bibbs Anderson BagEats PO Box 480701 CHARLOTTE, NC 28269	Security Guard And Patrol	Approve	Accepted

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7.	Kelly Hamrick Bivins 1st Defense Inc 168 Hwy 274-117 Lake Wylie, SC 29710	Private Investigator	Deny Lack of verifiable experience and failure to complete application process.	Accepted
8.	Kelly Hamrick Bivins 1st Defense Inc 168 Hwy 274-117 Lake Wylie, SC 29710	Security Guard And Patrol	Deny Lack of verifiable experience and failure to complete application process.	Accepted
9.	Aaron Joseph Buttino Kellington Protection Service, LLC 4955 Steubenville Pike Pittsburgh , PA 15205	Security Guard And Patrol	Approve with Condition Additional 30-day QA extension	Accepted
10.	Christopher Dale Cahoon UNC Health Lenoir Hospital 100 Airport Road Kinston, NC 27516	Proprietary	Approve	Accepted
11.	Irina Certan Epic Services & Consulting, LLC 212 W Sycamore St Lincolnton, NC 280920000	Close Personal Protection	Approve	Accepted
12.	Anthony M Espinosa III QUEST SOLUTIONS LLC 1 HARBOR POINT ROAD stamford, CT 06902	Security Guard And Patrol	Approve	Accepted
13.	Emily Katherine Evancho Frasco, Inc. 9780 Irvine Center Drive Irvine, CA 92618	Private Investigator	Approve	Accepted
14.	Brandon Evans The Montessori School of Raleigh 7005 Lead Mine Rd Raleigh, NC 27615	Proprietary	Approve	Accepted

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15.	Timothy Michael Finn Banknote Corporation of America Inc 6109 Corporate Park Dr Browns Summit, NC 272149700	Security Guard And Patrol	Approve	Accepted
16.	Luke Ford Solutions & Problems LLC 2300 N Davidson St Charlotte, NC 28205	Close Personal Protection	Approve	Accepted
17.	Gregory Lamarr Foreman F&S Transports and Courier LLC 2312 Rockland Circle High Point, NC	Courier Service	Approve	Accepted
18.	Justin Galiger Barefoot Professional Investigations 1011 E. Morehead St. #110 Charlotte, NC 28204	Private Investigator Associate	Approve Level 1 with 800 hours	Accepted
19.	Charles E Glover Glover Investigations 87 Abbott Ln Estill Springs, TN 37330	Private Investigator	Approve	Accepted
20.	Brian Lee Goodman New England Fire Cause and Origin 89 Pikerling rd Rochester, NH 03839	Private Investigator	Approve	Accepted
21.	Mark Goodwin Appalachian mountain health centers 141 Asheland Ave. Asheville, NC 28801	Proprietary	Approve	Accepted

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22.	Oliver Ashley Greene Sturgis Forensics, LLC 13124 Idlewild Rd Matthews, NC 28105	Private Investigator	Deny Falsification of application.	Accepted
23.	Oliver Ashley Greene Sturgis Forensics, LLC 13124 Idlewild Rd Matthews, NC 28105	Digital Forensics Examiner	Deny Falsification of application.	Accepted
24.	Kenneth Lynn Harp LKC Private Investigations 3576 Tom Hunt Rd Oxford, NC 27565	Private Investigator	Approve	Accepted
25.	Brandon Hazelgrove Blackman Detective Services 4208 Six Forks Rd Suite 1000 Raleigh, NC 27609	Private Investigator Associate	Approve Level 1 with zero hours	Accepted
26.	Libby Rebecca Huss EPIC Protection Services & Consulting 117 E Sycamore St Lincolnton , NC 28092	Private Investigator Associate	Approve Level 2 with 1,000 hours	Accepted
27.	Christine Elaine Idol Gate City Security Agency, Inc. 4103 Jamison Place Greensboro, NC 27407	Security Guard And Patrol	Approve	Accepted
28.	Gregory Lamont Ingram Foresight Solutions Inc. 13113 Bold Run Hill Rd. Wake Forest, NC 27587	Close Personal Protection	Approve	Accepted
29.	Steven Lamar Jackson Astartes Security Group LLC 5350 Pinehurst Park Dr Charlotte, NC 28211	Security Guard And Patrol	Approve	Accepted

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30.	Meshia K Jackson AC Logistics LLC 1352 Kent Downs Ave SW Concord, NC 28027	Courier Service	Deny Failure to complete the application process.	Accepted
31.	Anthony Thomas Jordan Watchtower Investigations 340 W 25th St Charlotte, NC 28206	Private Investigator	Approve	Accepted
32.	Benjamin Owen Knauss RacterLabs 101 Rainbow Dr Livingston, TX 77399	Digital Forensics Examiner	Approve Receipt of favorable fingerprint-based criminal history record check.	Accepted
33.	Shelly Kummings AS Surveillance, LLC/Advantage Investigations 2975 Dale Earnhardt Blvd Ste 201 Kannapolis, NC 28083	Private Investigator	Approve	Accepted
34.	Paul Joseph Latorre On Point Protection Agency LLC 2840 Plaza Place Raleigh, NC 27612	Close Personal Protection	Approve	Accepted
35.	Paul Joseph Latorre On Point Protection Agency LLC 2840 Plaza Place Raleigh, NC 27612	Armored Car	Approve	Accepted
36.	Paul Joseph Latorre On Point Protection Agency LLC 2840 Plaza Place Raleigh, NC 27612	Courier Service	Approve	Accepted

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37.	EDDIE DANIEL LEMONS Foresight Solutions Group Inc. 13113 BOLD RUN ROAD WAKE FOREST, NC 27567	Close Personal Protection	Approve	Accepted
38.	Brian Nelson Limper Limper Consulting & Investigations 75 Feather Falls Court Clayton, NC 27527	Private Investigator	Approve	Accepted
39.	James Eric Locklear Southeastern Regional Medical Center 300 W 27th St Lumberton, NC 28358	Proprietary	Approve	Accepted
40.	Lacey Lashae Loo Viking Private Investigations 209 Creekstone Dr Benson, NC 27504	Private Investigator Associate	Approve Level 1 with zero hours	Accepted
41.	Russell Mack Lupton Jr Foresight Solutions Group Inc. 13113 Bold Run Hill RD Wake Forest, NC 27587	Close Personal Protection	Approve	Accepted
42.	Andrew McArthur First Baptist Church - Chapel Hill 106 N. Roberson Street Chapel Hill , NC 27516	Proprietary	Approve	Accepted
43.	James Koos McClanathan Jr Zion Defense Group LLC 560 Junction Rd Mocksville, NC 27028	Close Personal Protection	Approve	Accepted

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44.	Jez McIntosh Trinity School of Durham and Chapel Hill 4011 Pickett Road Durham , NC 27705	Proprietary	Approve	Accepted
45.	Blake Miller Miller Close Protection Services LLC 1205 Gainsborough Drive Stallings , NC 28104	Close Personal Protection	Approve	Accepted
46.	Joshua Anthony Moore Iron Guard Security, LLC 11300 Red Hickory Lane Charlotte, NC 28273	Security Guard And Patrol	Approve	Accepted
47.	Justin Patton Foresight Solutions Group Inc 945 Shasta Daisy Dr Wake Forest , NC 27587	Close Personal Protection	Approve	Accepted
48.	Douglas Scott Peters Darkwater Associates LLC 291 44th Avenue Cir NW hickory, NC 28601	Private Investigator	Approve	Accepted
49.	George Thomas Porter Investigate NC 476 Shotwell Road Clayton, NC 27520	Security Guard And Patrol	Deny Lack of verifiable experience	Accepted
50.	Laila Porter PN SERVICES LLC 10 Glenlake Pkwy Ste. 130 SANDY SPRINGS, GA 30328	Security Guard And Patrol	Approve with Condition Receipt of favorable fingerprint- based criminal history record check.	Accepted
51.	Alexandra Ann Prew Philp Bean Investigations 1790 Withers Dr Denver, NC 28037	Private Investigator Associate	Approve with Condition Ms. Prew provides a satisfactory credit payment plan. Level 1 with zero hours.	Accepted
52.	Christian Joseph Rabenau Integrous Risk Solutions, LLC	Security Guard And Patrol	Approve	Accepted

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	6000 Fairview Rd Charlotte, NC 28278			
53.	Jason Edward Rhodes Archangel Defense Solutions, LLC 113 Zion Church Road Sanford, NC 27330	Close Personal Protection	Approve	Accepted
54.	Zackary Stone Rice AS Surveillance, LLC/Advantage Investigations 2975 Dale Earnhardt Blvd Kannapolis, NC 28083-1404	Private Investigator	Approve	Accepted
55.	Nicholas Aaron Richards Kiker Investigations, LLC 205 E. Council Street Salisbury, NC 28144	Close Personal Protection	Approve	Accepted
56.	Nicholas Aaron Richards Kiker Investigations, LLC 205 E. Council Street Salisbury, NC 28144	Private Investigator Associate	Approve Level 2 with 1,200 hours	Accepted
57.	Gavin Thomas Rodgers Covington Investigations 704 Unit G Arendell St Morehead City, NC 28557	Private Investigator Associate	Approve Level 1 with zero hours	Accepted
58.	Angel Estavan Rolon Cherub Security Solutions LLC 3906 Well Fleet Drive, Willow Springs, NC 27592	Security Guard And Patrol	Approve	Accepted
59.	Jeremy Andrew Sanchez North Carolina Private Investigations 3566 Henderson Dr Jacksonville, NC 28546	Private Investigator Associate	Approve with Condition Mr. Sanchez provides a satisfactory credit payment plan. Level 1 with zero hours.	Accepted
60.	Rameen Sarwary Nova Guard Security LLC 2499 Cedar Rock Drive Wake Forest, NC 27587	Security Guard And Patrol	Approve	Accepted

	<b>Name Company Address</b>	<b>License</b>	<b>Committee Recommendation</b>	<b>Board Action</b>
61.	Gramm Lorenz Schulz Blue Falcons Investigation LLC 4950 Cameron Rd Hope Mills, NC 28348	Private Investigator Associate	Deny Failure to complete the application process	Accepted
62.	John Carl Spesak Security Industry Specialists, Inc. 3700 W Parmer Lane Austin, TX 78727	Private Investigator	Approve	Accepted
63.	Persephone Nichelle Stewart Provenance Integrity Group, LLC 17350 State Hwy 249 Houston, TX 77064	Private Investigator	Approve	Accepted
64.	David Noah Thompson IV Command Investigations 1540 International Parkway Lake Mary, FL 32746	Private Investigator Associate	Approve Level 1 with zero hours	Accepted
65.	Sonia Tims NATIONWIDE INVESTIGATIONS AND SECURITY INCORPORATED 1001 West Loop S Houston, TX 77027	Security Guard And Patrol	Approve	Accepted
66.	Troy Leslie Trudeau WTSA Security, LLC 1812 Davie Avenue Statesville, NC 28677	Security Guard And Patrol	Approve with Condition Receipt of favorable fingerprint- based criminal history record check.	Accepted
67.	Kara Tyree Oak View Group 1921 West Gate City Blvd Greensboro, NC 27403	Security Guard And Patrol	Deny Lack of verifiable experience	Accepted
68.	Orestes Vidal Vilorio Fortis Fidelium, LLC 2538 Southside Rd Lincolnton, NC 28092	Close Personal Protection	Approve	Accepted

	<b>Name Company Address</b>	<b>License</b>	<b>Committee Recommendation</b>	<b>Board Action</b>
69.	Jonathan Richard Waters Copperhead Consulting Inc. 20 West Main St. Hohenwald, TN 38462	Private Investigator	Deny Failure to complete the application process	Accepted
70.	Jonathan Richard Waters Copperhead Consulting INC 20 West Main St. Hohenwald, TN 38462	Security Guard And Patrol	Deny Failure to complete the application process.	Accepted
71.	Leslie Marie Watts Bradshaw's Private Investigation Services 203 W. Kerr Street Salisbury, NC 28144	Private Investigator Associate	Approve Level 1 with zero hours	Accepted
72.	Chelsea Wills-Scavotto Dragonfly Investigations 419 Mountain Springs Lane Canton, NC 28716	Private Investigator	Approve	Accepted
73.	SHAMIRA BIANCA WOODLEY MULTI-REGIONAL SECURITY GROUP 2310 SOUTH MIAMI BLVD SUITE 238 DURHAM, NC 27704	Security Guard And Patrol	Approve	Accepted
74.	Jonathon Daniel Wright Epic Services & Consulting, LLC 117 E SYCAMORE ST LINCOLNTON, NC 28092	Close Personal Protection	Approve	Accepted
75.	Jonathon Daniel Wright VIKING PRIVATE INVESTIGATIONS 209 CREEKSTONE DRIVE BENSON, NC 27504	Private Investigator Associate	Approve Level 1 with zero hours	Accepted

PPSB Screening AFTER Report for March 19, 2026

Addendum

<b>Name</b>	<b>Company Name</b>	<b>Address</b>	<b>Credential</b>	<b>Committee Recommendation</b>	<b>Action</b>
Terry Walser	Black Hawks GA, LLC	3658 Coach Lantern Ave Wake Forest, NC 27587	QA for Two Companies	Approve	Accepted

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# North Carolina Department of Public Safety

## Private Protective Services Board

Josh Stein, Governor  
Jeffrey Smythe, Secretary

Steve Johnson, Vice Chair  
Paul Sherwin, Director

### North Carolina Private Protective Services Board Training and Education Committee Agenda

March 19, 2026

#### **The upcoming PPS Trainer courses are scheduled:**

**Course:** Unarmed Guard Trainer and Workshop

**Location:** Wake Tech Public Safety Education Campus  
321 Chapanoke Road, Raleigh

- May 11-15, 2026
- July 13-17, 2026
- September 14-18, 2026
- November 16-20, 2026

**Course:** Firearms Trainer Recertification/Prequalification 1-day course

**Location:** Samarcand Training Academy, Jackson Springs

- March 4, 2026 (Recert for both HG and LG)
- April 14, 2026 (March 31 canceled)
- April 15, 2026
- September 23, 2026
- October 7, 2026
- October 28, 2026 (Recert for both HG and LG)

**Course:** New Firearms Trainer Course and Workshop (4 days)

**Location:** NCJA, Salemburg

- May 5-8, 2026
- October 20-23, 2026

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**Course:** Long Gun Trainer Course (3 days)

**Location:** NCJA, Salemburg

- April 7-9, 2026

### Completed Training

**Course:** Unarmed Guard Trainer and Workshop

**Location:** Wake Tech Public Safety Education Campus  
321 Chapanoke Road, Raleigh

- February 16-20, 2026 (17 new trainers)

### Firearms Trainer Audit

#### Robert McCrury

**Date:** Thursday, February 5, 2026

**Location:** Eagle Eye Security, 9308 Smart Drive, Raleigh

**Audit period:** January – December 2025

*All of McCrury's firearms training records (pre/post delivery reports and targets) were accounted for. No violations observed.*

### Weapon Discharges

**Name:** Timothy Patillo

**Company:** Professional Security and Investigation

**Date of Incident:** January 8, 2026 @ 6:00am

**Location of Incident:** Paperworks, 6530 Franz Warner Parkway, Whitsett NC

**Weapon Involved:** Glock 19 9mm

**Registration Status when Incident Occurred:** Active armed guard

*On January 8, 2026, at 6:00am, Patillo was working armed security for Professional Security and Investigation (PSI) at Paperworks in Whitsett NC.*

*At shift change, a Paperworks employee approached Patillo and told him she believed someone may have been tampering with her vehicle. Patillo walked over to the employee's car and noticed a female armed with a knife trying to cut the tires. Upon being approached, the female suspect entered her red in color SUV. Patillo approached her while she was in her vehicle. The female suspect then drove away dragging Patillo for approximately 10-12 feet. The suspect injured Patillo by running over his leg. Upon being dragged, Patillo noticed a firearm in the driver's seat. Patillo let go, and the suspect circled the parking lot back in Patillo's direction. Patillo fired 7-8 shots into the suspect's vehicle to stop her. The suspect drove away unidentified. Patillo was transported to the hospital for treatment. The Guilford County Sheriff's Office responded to the scene and charged Patillo with Discharging a Firearm into an Occupied Dwelling. Patillo has been placed on administrative leave pending the disposition of his case. Additionally, PSI has informed PPS that they have terminated their contract with Paperworks as a result of this incident.*

**Name:** David Prine

**Company:** Allied Universal Security Services

**Date of Incident:** March 1, 2026 @ 5:50am

**Location of Incident:** Anson Correctional Institution, 552 Prison Camp Rd., Polkton NC

**Weapon Involved:** M&P 2.0 9mm

**Registration Status when Incident Occurred:** Active armed guard

*On March 1, 2026, at 5:50am, Prine was working armed security for Allied Universal Security (AUSS) at the Anson Correctional Institution in Polkton. During shift change, Prine attempted to unload his weapon at a clearing barrel and accidentally discharged it. No property damage or injuries were reported. AUSS placed Prine on administrative suspension and required him to complete remedial firearms training as a result of this incident.*

**Name:** Dominic Threatt

**Company:** P&G Security

**Date of Incident:** March 7, 2026 @ 12:37pm

**Location of Incident:** Food Lion, 2123 Beatties Ford Rd, Charlotte NC

**Weapon Involved:** Glock 19 9mm

**Registration Status when Incident Occurred:** Active armed guard

*On March 7, 2026, at 12:37pm, Dominic Threatt was working armed security for P&G Security at Food Lion located at 2123 Beatties Ford Road in Charlotte.*

*During his shift, a male approached the exit door to leave the store carrying a bag in his hand. Threatt requested the customer to stop and show him the receipt. The customer told Threatt the items contained in the bag were ones he had brought in the store with him. Threatt allowed the customer to leave with no further inquiry.*

*Moments later, the store manager advised Threatt that he had checked the surveillance cameras and determined that the customer had shoplifted the items in the bag. Threatt exited the store and drove the area to locate and detain the suspect for shoplifting. Threatt called 911 and remained on*

*the phone with them while trying to locate the suspect. Threatt observed the suspect walking towards a bus stop. The suspect dropped the bag and started running away. Threatt assumed at that time the suspect had fled and did not expect him to return. Threatt exited his vehicle to retrieve the bag of stolen items. As Threatt was retrieving the bag, the suspect returned, grabbed Threatt from behind and began stabbing him with a knife. Threatt unholstered his duty weapon and fired approximately 7 shots towards the suspect. The suspect fled the scene towards a nearby house. CMPD responded to the scene to investigate the incident. Threatt's firearm was seized.*

*Threatt was transported to a nearby hospital and treated for his injuries. The suspect's identity has not been determined. P&G Security has placed Threatt on administrative leave.*

### **Topics for Discussion**

- Update on the Human Trafficking and Counterterrorism component being added to the Unarmed Guard Course.
- Training forms on the PPS website will be in PDF fillable format.

### ***End of Report***

Prepared by Karen Battle, PPSB Training Officer

NCPPSB CE Course Approval New/Renewal 3.2026

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	REQUESTED BY	COURSE NAME / COURSE TYPE TO OBTAIN A LICENSE	Course Number	INSTRUCTOR(S)	Classroom/Online	Date Submitted	Hours
		<b>New Application(s):</b>					
1.	Melissa Seiler	VA Surveillance Law for NC Investigators <b>Approved</b>		Phillip Bradshaw & Melissa Seiler	Classroom	2/3/2026	2.0
2.	Melissa Seiler	Report Writing for NC Private Investigators <b>Approved</b>		Phillip Bradshaw & Melissa Seiler	Classroom	2/3/2026	4.0
3.	Stephanie Mitchell	Account Takeover Prevention for Private Investigators <b>Approved</b>		Thomas H. Humphreys & Carrie Kerskie	Online/Virtual	2/5/2026	2.0
4.	Stephanie Mitchell	Building Strong Identity Theft Investigation Agreements <b>Approved</b>		Thomas H. Humphreys & Carrie Kerskie	Online/Virtual	2/5/2026	1.0
5.	Stephanie Mitchell	Emerging Threats: Identity Theft, Fraud, and Cyber Threats <b>Approved</b>		Thomas H. Humphreys & Carrie Kerskie	Online/Virtual	2/5/2026	2.0
6.	Stephanie Mitchell	GenAI for Private Investigators: Applications, Limitations, & Ethical Considerations <b>Approved</b>		Thomas H. Humphreys, Dean & Karen Beers	Online	2/5/2026	3.0
7.	Stephanie Mitchell	Think Like a Fraud Expert: The Validate or Eliminate Method for Spotting Scams <b>Approved</b>		Thomas H. Humphreys & Carrie Kerskie	Online/Virtual	2/5/2026	2.0
8.	Stephanie Mitchell	Victim Psychology in Identity Theft and Fraud Cases <b>Approved</b>		Thomas H. Humphreys & Carrie Kerskie	Online/Virtual	2/5/2026	1.0
9.	Catherine Flowers	De-Escalation Techniques & Special Populations for Security Professionals <b>Approved</b>		Catherine Flowers, Anthony Davis	Classroom/Online/Virtual	2/11/2026	6.0

NCPPSB CE Course Approval New/Renewal 3.2026

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	REQUESTED BY	COURSE NAME / COURSE TYPE TO OBTAIN A LICENSE	Course Number	INSTRUCTOR(S)	Classroom/Online	Date Submitted	Hours
10.	Catherine Flowers	Domestic Deep Dive: Family Law PI Masterclass <b>Approved</b>		Catherine Flowers, Stephanie Gibbs	Classroom/Online/Virtual	2/15/2026	6.0
11.	Catherine Flowers	Witness Resistance: Strategies for the Defense Investigator <b>Approved</b>		Catherine Flowers, Stephanie Gibbs	Classroom/Online/Virtual	3/2/2026	2.0
12.	Matthew Smith	Ethics, Integrity & Legal Boundaries in Investigations <b>Approved</b>		Brian Smith, Matthew Smith	Online	2/23/2026	2.0
13.	Leroy Lasengurg	Use of Force During Mental Health Crisis Transports <b>Deferred</b>		Leroy Lasenburg	Online/Classroom	3/5/2026	2.0
		<b>Renewal Application(s):</b>					
1.	Stephanie Mitchell	Statements, Lies, and Videotape: Mastering Investigative Interviews <b>Approved</b>	PPSB-22-037	Thomas Humphrey	Online/Virtual	2/23/2026	6.0
2.	Frank Weicks	Human Trafficking: International and Domestic Modern Day Slavery <b>Approved</b>	PPSB-18-504	Frank Weicks, Rebecca Lomax	Classroom	2/20/2026	4.0
3.	Frank Weicks	Managing Stress and Burnout <b>Approved</b>	PPSB-18-505	Frank Weicks, Rebecca Lomax	Classroom	2/20/2026	2.0
4.	Frank Weicks	Fundamentals of Terrorism: International and Domestic <b>Approved</b>	PPSB-22-041	Frank Weicks, Rebecca Lomax	Classroom	2/20/2026	4.0
5.	Frank Weicks	Protecting Critical Infrastructure <b>Approved</b>	PPSB-22-040	Frank Weicks, Rebecca Lomax	Classroom	2/20/2026	4.0

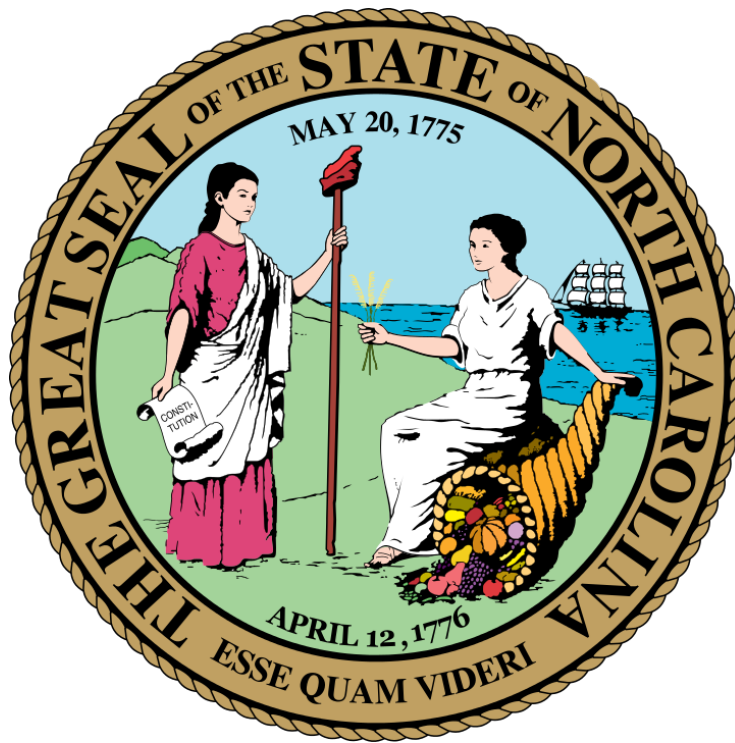
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6.	Sharon Decet	Homeland Security, Part 1 <b>Approved</b>	PPSB-10-466	Sharon Decet, John Fay	Online	3/5/2026	<b>2.0</b>
7.	Sharon Decet	Homeland Security, Part 2 <b>Approved</b>	PPSB-10-467	Sharon Decet, John Fay	Online	3/5/2026	<b>2.0</b>
8.	Sharon Decet	Business Practices, Part 1 <b>Approved</b>	PPSB-10-470	Sharon Decet, John Fay	Online	3/5/2026	<b>2.0</b>
9.	Sharon Decet	Scientific Analysis of Physical Evidence <b>Approved</b>	PPSB-10-494	Sharon Decet, John Fay	Online	3/5/2026	<b>6.0</b>
10.	Sharon Decet	Criminal Defense Investigation <b>Approved</b>	PPSB-14-972	Sharon Decet, John Fay	Online	3/5/2026	<b>6.0</b>

# NORTH CAROLINA PRIVATE PROTECTIVE SERVICES BOARD

March 19, 2026

## DIRECTOR'S REPORT



Paul Sherwin, Director

## **DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

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## **PPS INFORMATION AND UPDATES**

### **PERSONNEL**

Private Protective Services is fully staffed.

Brianna Sarno, who has been working as a temporary employee with Private Protective Services since June 2025, was hired as a permanent, full-time employee on March 2, 2026. Brianna works as the agency's receptionist and is responsible for data entry related to all fingerprint cards received by Private Protective Services.

### **OPERATIONS**

#### **Registration Unit**

- Registration applications received YTD 2026: 5,077
  - Same period 2025: 5,232
  - Same period 2024: 4,886
  - Same period 2023: 4,285
  - Same period 2022: 3,674
  - Same period 2021: 4,151
  - Same period 2020: 4,131
  - Same period 2019: 4,151

#### **Licensing Unit**

- License applications received YTD 2026: 225
  - Same period 2025: 206
  - Same period 2024: 249
  - Same period 2023: 186
  - Same period 2022: 228
  - Same period 2021: 144
  - Same period 2020: 237
  - Same period 2019: 174

#### **Investigations Unit**

- License applicant background investigations completed YTD 2026: 154
  - Same period 2025: 85
  - Same period 2024: 126
  - Same period 2023: 116
  - Same period 2022: 68
  - Same period 2021: 93
  - Same period 2020: 103
  - Same period 2019: 100

- Complaint investigations completed YTD 2026: 31
  - Same period 2025: 17
  - Same period 2024: 45
  - Same period 2023: 20
  - Same period 2022: 34
  - Same period 2021: 20
  - Same period 2020: 9
  - Same period 2019: 29

### **Training Unit**

- Trainer applications received YTD 2026: 86
  - Same period 2025: 98
  - Same period 2024: 83
  - Same period 2023: 59
  - Same period 2022: 49
  - Same period 2021: 65
  - Same period 2020: 37
  - Same period 2019: 9

### **OTHER**

The Board in January 2026 transferred \$37,500 to the N.C. Department of Public Safety, in accordance with the terms of the memorandum of understanding between the two parties. The payment reimburses the Department for administrative services it provides to the Board, such as IT, human resources, finance, etc.

Deputy Director Bullard on November 20, 2025, and December 11, 2025, traveled to Edneyville, N.C., and Salemburg, N.C., respectively, to deliver training to dozens of law enforcement in-service trainers about the Board's 2026 law enforcement in-service course *Understanding the Roles and Authority of Private Protective Services*. He also conducted a train-the-trainer course on the topic for the Nash and Edgecombe County sheriff's offices on February 25, 2026. The 2-hour *Understanding the Roles and Authority of Private Protective Services* is a mandatory in-service course for law enforcement officers this year.

## LICENSING, REGISTRATION, AND CERTIFICATION SUMMARY

**Total active in Permitium: 25,884 (-15% from January 2026 meeting)**

Registration		
	Armed	4732
	Armed Armored Car	319
	Armed Licensee	98
	Armed Licensee Associate	9
	Unarmed	17614
	Unarmed Armored Car	20
<b>Registration Total</b>		<b>22432</b>
License		
	Armored Car Profession	46
	Close Personal Protection	356
	Courier Service Profession	62
	Digital Forensics Examiner	26
	Digital Forensics Examiner Trainee	1
	Electronic Counter Measures Profession	35
	Electronic Counter Measures Trainee	5
	Guard Dog Service Profession	13
	Polygraph Examiner	29
	Polygraph Trainee Permit	0
	Private Investigator	1431
	Private Investigator Associate	214
	Proprietary	78
	Psychological Stress Evaluator	7
	Security Guard and Patrol	528
	Special Limited Guard and Patrol	1
<b>License Total</b>		<b>2832</b>
Certification		
	Firearms Trainer	230
	Unarmed Guard Trainer	390
<b>Certification Total</b>		<b>620</b>

**Private Protective Services Board Financial Report  
Fiscal Year 2025-2026  
July 1, 2025 – January 31, 2026**

**PPSB Operating Fund Revenue and Expenditures**

FYTD26 revenue		\$ 1,184,622.76
FYTD26 expenditures		\$ (1,086,645.73)
<b>FYTD26 FUND BALANCE INCREASE/(DECREASE)</b>		<b>\$ 97,977.03</b>

**PPSB Operating Fund Cash Flow**

Beginning Cash Balance (July 1, 2025)		\$ 2,001,674.05
FYTD26 revenue		\$ 1,184,622.76
FYTD26 expenditures		\$ (1,086,645.73)
<b>FYTD26 ENDING FUND BALANCE</b>		<b>\$ 2,099,651.08</b>
<b>Months of Average Operating Expenses in Reserve</b>		<b>13.0</b>

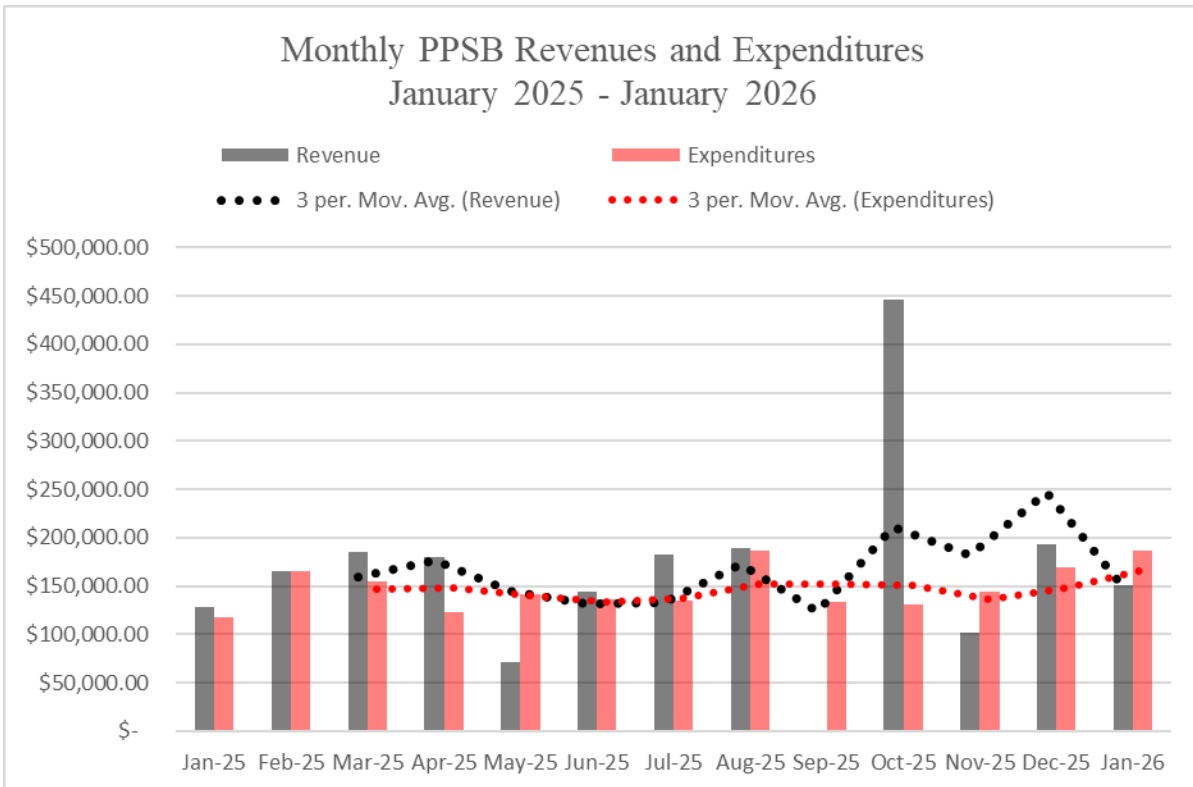
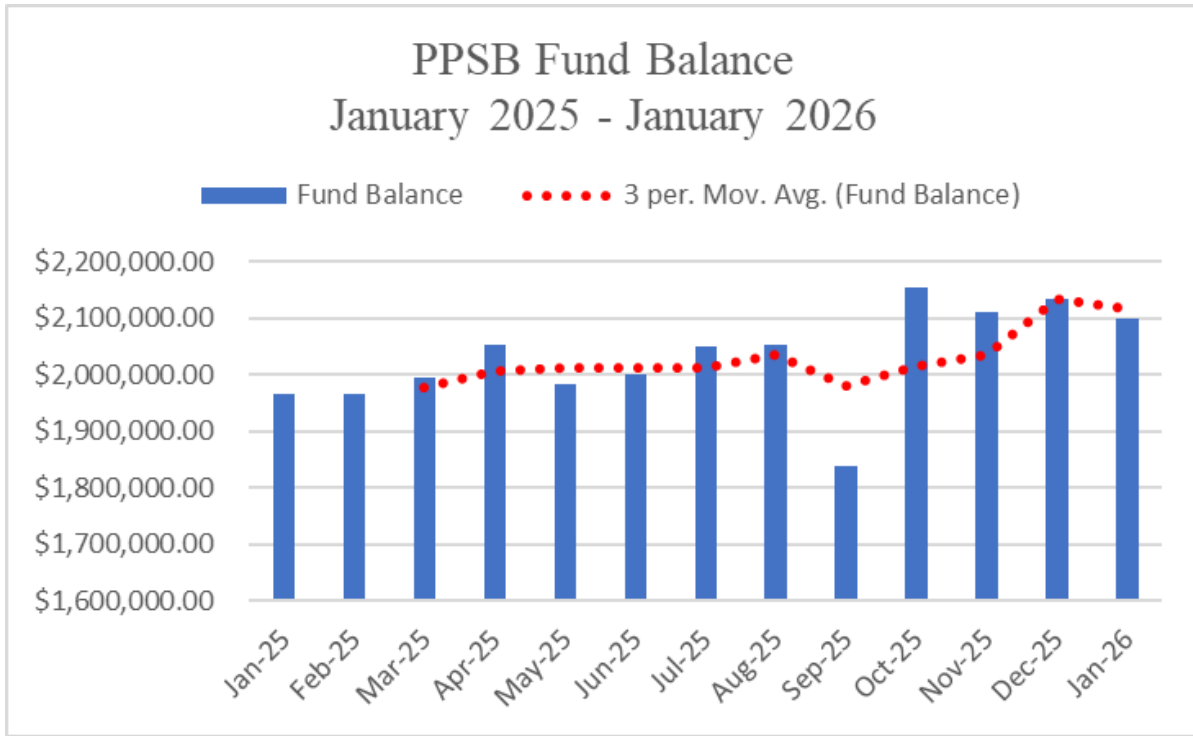
**PPSB Education Fund Revenue and Expenditures**

FYTD26 revenue		\$ 9,250.00
FYTD26 expenditures		\$ -
<b>FYTD26 EDUCATION FUND BALANCE INCREASE/(DECREASE)</b>		<b>\$ 9,250.00</b>

**PPSB Education Fund Cash Flow**

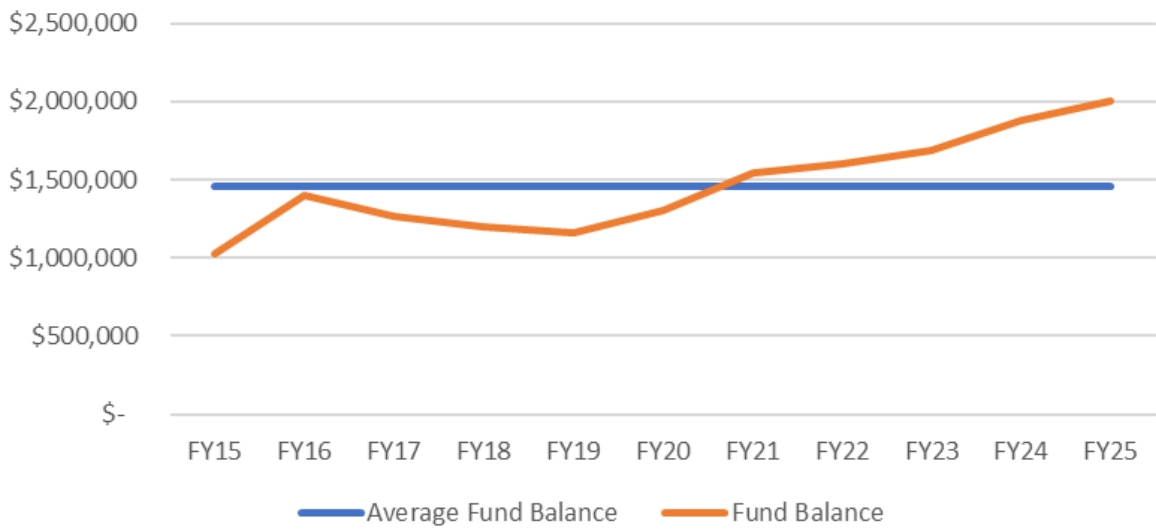
Beginning Cash Balance (July 1, 2025)		\$ 139,260.38
FYTD26 revenue		\$ 9,250.00
FYTD26 expenditures		\$ -
<b>FYTD26 ENDING FUND BALANCE</b>		<b>\$ 148,510.38</b>

## BUDGET GRAPHICS



\*September 2025 revenue of ~\$217,546.45 was credited to October 2025. Revenue in October 2025 was ~\$193,509.00.

### Historical PPSB Fund Balance Fiscal Years 2015-2025



**PRIVATE PROTECTIVE SERVICES BOARD**

Raleigh, North Carolina

March 19, 2026

**ATTORNEY'S REPORT**



**PRIVATE PROTECTIVE SERVICES BOARD**

Raleigh, North Carolina

March 19, 2026

**I. CONSENT AGREEMENT, SETTLEMENT AGREEMENTS & CIVIL PENALTIES**

1. On May 15, 2025, Hector Falu/ Falu Security, a civil penalty in the total amount of \$14,000.00, with \$2,000.00 for each violation of NCGS 74C-11(a); NCGS 74C-12(a)(6); NCGS 74C-12(a)(29); NCGS 74C-12(a)(31); NCGS 74C-13(b); 14B NCAC 16 .0108(b); and 14B NCAC 16 .0110(a). Mr. Falu had appealed to the Office of Administrative Hearings, which upheld the Board's action. The Board voted to accept the Proposed Proposal for Decision at its January 15<sup>th</sup> meeting. Payment has not been received.
2. On November 20, 2025, Jaunayd Abdul-Kareem/AW Security Services, entered into a Consent Agreement with the Board in the amount of \$489.60 for four unarmed security guard registration violations. The Consent Agreement was signed by QA Jaunayd Abdul-Kareem on November 29, 2025. Paid In Full.
3. On November 20, 2025, Ambra Caruso-Narcio/A & Associates, Inc., entered into a Consent Agreement with the Board in the amount of \$1,468.80 for nine unarmed security guard registration violations and two-armed security guard registration violations. The Consent Agreement was signed by QA Ambra Caruso-Narcio on November 26, 2025. Paid In Full.
4. On January 15, 2026, De Shaunn Victoria Pollock/Oak View Group, entered into a Consent Agreement with the Board in the amount of \$1,615.00 for nineteen months of unlicensed activity. The Consent Agreement was signed by QA De Shaunn Victoria Pollock on January 27, 2026. Paid In Full.
5. On January 15, 2026, Robert Charles Rue/Tatitlek Federal Services, Inc, entered into a Consent Agreement with the Board in the amount of \$85.00 for one month of unlicensed activity. The Consent Agreement was signed by QA Robert Charles Rue on January 27, 2026. Paid In Full.
6. On January 15, 2026, Thomas Waddell Allen, Jr./Allen's Professional, entered into a Consent Agreement with the Board in the amount of \$170.00 for one month of unlicensed activity. The Consent Agreement was signed by QA Thomas Waddell Allen, Jr. on January 27, 2026. Paid In Full.
7. On January 15, 2026, Edgar Fritz/Reliance Forensics, LLC, entered into a Consent Agreement with the Board in the amount of \$2,125.00.00 for twenty-five months of unlicensed activity. The Consent Agreement was signed by QA Edgar Fritz on January 27, 2026. Paid In Full.
8. On January 15, 2026, John Keith Brown/Southern Protection Agency, entered into a Consent Agreement with the Board in the amount of \$734.40 for six unarmed security

guard registration violations. The Consent Agreement was signed by QA John Keith Brown on January 28, 2026. Paid In Full.

9. On January 15, 2026, Louis Kilgo/Top Shelf Ent. entered into a Consent Agreement with the Board in the amount of \$550.80 for three armed security guard registration violations. The Consent Agreement was signed by QA Louis Kilgo on January 28, 2026. Paid in Full.
10. On January 15, 2026, Harold Crisp/Signal of Asheville, entered into a Consent Agreement with the Board in the amount of \$6,460.00 for nineteen unarmed security guard registration violations. The Consent Agreement was signed by QA Harold Crisp on January 28, 2026. To be paid in three monthly installments. Received first payment.
11. On January 15, 2026, Jeffrey Bradshaw/Bradshaw Security, LLC, entered into a Consent Agreement with the Board in the amount of \$622.40 for one unarmed security guard registration violation. The Consent Agreement was signed by QA Jeffrey Bradshaw on January 28, 2026. Paid in Full.
12. On January 15, 2026, Wilfred Blood/SecTek, Inc., entered into a Consent Agreement with the Board in the amount of \$46,680.00 for Seventy-five unarmed security guard registration violations. The Consent Agreement was signed by QA Wilfred Blood on January 27, 2026. Paid in Full.
13. On January 15, 2026, Gerald Stickl/Sunstates Security, LLC, entered into a Consent Agreement with the Board in the amount of \$489.60 for four unarmed security guard registration violations. The Consent Agreement was signed by QA Gerald Stickl on January 27, 2026. Paid in Full.
14. On January 15, 2026, Joseph LaSorsa/LaSorsa & Associates was assessed a civil penalty in the amount of \$1,000.00 for failure to submit continuing education rosters. Mr. LaSorsa has appealed to the Office of Administrative Hearings. Payment has not been received.

## **II. OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS**

*See, Hearings List (Attachment 1).*

## **III. ADMINISTRATIVE RULES**

Passage of Senate Bill 710 (S.L. 2025-51) necessitated the amendment of numerous administrative rules. Additionally, the Law & Rules Committee and the Board had proposed other rule amendments which I had been holding pending passage of Senate Bill 710. Further -- at the time -- I thought the Board needed to obtain approval of the four rules that had been rejected by the Rules Review Commission in June and August.

The Board approved these rules as amended at its September Board meeting.

The Notice of Text was filed September 24, 2025. The Public Hearing was held Tuesday, November 4<sup>th</sup> at the Board's office, and the Public Comment Period expired December 12, 2025.

Written Public Comment was received from two licensees, both of whom contend the Board lacks the statutory authority to consider expunged criminal charges and convictions. (Session Law 2025-51 gave the Board the authority.) The Board voted to approve these rule amendments at its January 15<sup>th</sup> meeting.

The Submission for Permanent Rule forms were filed on January 29<sup>th</sup>. I received a number of questions and a few Requests for Changes, which I have responded. These rule amendments are scheduled to be considered by the Rule Review Commission at its March 26<sup>th</sup> meeting.

#### **IV. LITIGATION**

a. At its September 2025 meeting, the Board instructed me to seek an injunction against Kejuan Shackleford d/b/a/ Big Dawg Security for unlicensed security guard and patrol activity. Mr. Shackleford had hired both armed and unarmed security in Wayne County and surrounding areas.

A Complaint for Injunctive Relief was filed on October 3, 2025, but service was unsuccessful, including an attempt while he was in jail in Lenoir County. An Alias & Pluries Summons was obtained and sent to the Wayne County Sheriff's Office on December 19<sup>th</sup> for service at the address on the Lenoir County arrest warrant but was returned unserved by Wayne County. Training Officer/Investigator Karen Battle served the Defendant at his court appearance in Lenoir County on January 16<sup>th</sup>. He failed to answer or otherwise plead and I filed a Motion for Default Judgment on February 20<sup>th</sup>. Entry of Default was obtained on March 6<sup>th</sup>. I am awaiting the signed Default Judgment.

b. Also at its September 2025 meeting, the Board instructed me to seek an injunction against the Oak View Group, LLC, for unlicensed security guard and patrol activity. Oak View is a full-service management company for sports and entertainment venues and the violations occurred as a result of transferring local government employees of a proprietary security entity to Oak View when it took over management of all the venues owned by the City of Greensboro. It was given ample time to comply but failed to do so.

A Complaint for Injunctive Relief was filed on October 17, 2025, and served October 24<sup>th</sup>. An Answer (or other pleading) was due November 24, 2025; however, the Defendant received an extension of time until December 23, 2025, then a second extension until January 22, 2026.

Oakview was granted a license at the Board's January 15, 2026 meeting and I was instructed to dismiss the action. A Notice of Voluntary Dismissal without Prejudice was filed on January 23<sup>rd</sup>.

c. At its November 2025 meeting, the Board instructed me to seek an injunction against Clifton Tinnen, Catherine G. Malinowski, and United Risk & Safety Consulting Group for unlicensed security guard and patrol activity.

In February 2019, Mr. Tinnen entered into a Consent Agreement as owner and QA of a different company, Integrity Protection Services, in the amount of \$19,461.60. He failed to sign or pay, and the license was revoked in June 2019. He ultimately signed the Consent Agreement and the Grievance Committee agreed to accept it late and reinstate his license. He never paid.

It was discovered last year that he was contracting with apartment complexes for security guard and patrol services in the name of a new entity.

A Complaint for Injunctive Relief was filed on December 9, 2025, and service was achieved on Defendant Malinowski and Defendant United Risk & Safety Consulting Group by the Orange County Sheriff's Office. Although I was contacted by an attorney who claimed to represent all three Defendants, neither Defendant Malinowski nor Defendant United Risk & Safety Consulting Group answered or otherwise pled. Both have been defaulted and Entry of Default was obtained on February 25, 2026. I am awaiting the signed Default Judgment.

Defendant Tinnen avoided service by Sheriff's Offices in two counties, and by three attempts by a private process server. He was finally served on March 9, 2026.

d. At its January 2026 meeting, the Board instructed me to seek an injunction against Zozer El and Nova Nine Protection, LLC for unlicensed security guard and patrol activity. Mr. El had been contracting unarmed guards to a manufacturing company in Catawba County.

The Civil Summons and Complaint for Injunctive Relief was filed on January 30, 2026, and mailed via certified mail to the Mecklenburg County Sheriff's Office on February 3<sup>rd</sup>. I have been tracking it online through USPS Tracking. For over a month it has been "moving within the USPS network..."

## V. LEGISLATION

a. Senate Bill 451, Occupational Professional Licensing Relief, would require 26 enumerated boards to cut their required continuing education hours in half (i.e. "by fifty percent (50%)") or double the amount of time the licensee has to comply (i.e. if 12 months, then 24).

For seven enumerated boards whose requirements are set forth in their administrative rules, the board is required to amend its administrative rule(s). For 16 other boards--including the Alarm Systems Licensing Board--the bill actually amends the board's statute (here, G.S. 74D-4(e1); *see*, Attachment 4) and instructs the board to adopt rules to implement the change. In the case of the Board, it would mean amending (or re-writing) 14B NCAC 17. 0502.

Referred to the Senate Committee on Regulatory Reform April 7, 2025, and was debated, in committee without a vote, on April 16<sup>th</sup>. (Interestingly, the identical language of the bill briefly appeared in another bill, HB 763, above, by way of committee substitute but was subsequently removed.)

b. House Bill 949, School Protection Act, would allow a person hired as an armed security guard to possess a firearm on nonpublic educational property so long as the armed security guard is also a sworn law enforcement officer. Currently, a civilian licensed by the North Carolina Private Protective Services Board as an armed security guard may not possess a firearm on either public or nonpublic educational property (unless employed as a security guard for a hospital or health care facility located on educational property).

This bill was first referred to the House Education, K-12 Committee, then re-referred to the House Judiciary 2 Committee.

c. Senate Bill 280, Private School Security Act, would allow **employees or volunteers** of private schools to carry firearms or stun guns on educational property owned, used, or operated by the private school if: (1) the employee or volunteer has written authorization from the school board of trustees or school director to possess and carry the firearm or stun gun; (2) the employee or volunteer has a valid concealed handgun permit; (3) the employee or volunteer completes a minimum of eight hours of specific training in addition to the safety course required for the concealed handgun permit; and (4) the private school adopts and maintains minimum written standard operating procedures regarding possession and carrying of firearms and stun guns.

The bill would also allow a person in a place of religious worship that is located on educational property owned, used, or operated by the membership of the place of religious worship to possess weapons while attending worship services, as detailed in the bill.

Currently, the law allows a person to carry a handgun on private elementary, middle, or high school educational property that is also a location of religious worship if the handgun is only possessed and carried outside of school operating hours and a conspicuous notice has not been posted prohibiting the carrying of weapons.

This bill passed the Senate on May 8, 2025, and was referred to the House Committee on Rules.

d. Senate Bill 50, Freedom to Carry NC, would allow any person who is a citizen and 18 years of age or older to carry a concealed handgun in the State without a concealed handgun permit unless they are disqualified under various terms detailed in the bill, which are generally the same disqualifiers to obtaining a concealed handgun permit (e.g. being a fugitive from justice, a convicted felon, an unlawful user of an illegal controlled substance, etc.).

It passed the General Assembly on June 12<sup>th</sup> but was vetoed by the Governor. A veto override passed in the Senate on July 29, 2025, and after having been placed on the House calendar for an override vote eight times since July 29<sup>th</sup>, it is now on the House calendar for January 12, 2026.

e. Senate Bill 355, Support Department of Adult Correction, Section 2.2(a), would extend the sunset date for use of contract security guards at State prisons to June 30, 2027.

This bill passed the Senate on May 5, 2025, and has been re-referred to the House Committee on Pensions & Retirement.

## **VI. FINAL AGENCY DECISIONS**

None.

**PPSB  
MASTER HEARINGS LIST  
as of March 12, 2026**

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<b>OAH HEARING DATE</b>	<b>PETITIONER</b>	<b>TYPE OF APPLICATION</b>	<b>FAD STATUS OR HEARING DATE</b>
December 17, 2024	Lawrence Garcia; and Ameriguard Security Services, Inc. 24 DOJ 04257	Suspension of Security Guard and Patrol Business License	Final Agency Decision served May 19, 2025. (Note: Moved to extend time to file Petition for Judicial Review, then Motion withdrawn. No Petition filed.)
January 28, 2025	Willie R. Brown 24 DOJ 04992	Denial of Private Investigator License	Final Agency Decision served March 25, 2025.
January 28, 2025	David Kriwox; and Saker Aegis Systems, Inc. 24 DOJ 04994	Suspension of Security Guard and Patrol License	Final Agency Decision served May 19, 2025.
March 25, 2025	Terrence Jamal Kornegay 25 DOJ 00714	Summary Suspension of Armed Guard Registration	Proposed Proposed Final Decision to ALJ April 17, 2025; "Final Decision" filed by ALJ April. 30, 2025.
August 26, 2025	Hector Alexander Falu; and The Falu Corp. 25 DOJ 02815	Revocation of Security Guard and Patrol License	Final Agency Decision served January 22, 2026.
October 29, 2025	Natasha Williams 25 DOJ 02576	Appeal of Consent Agreement	Order of Dismissal filed October 30, 2025.
December 16, 2025	Thomas M. Colhart V 25 DOJ 03750	Denial of Private Investigator License	Proposed Proposal for Decision filed February 10, 2026.
December 16, 2025	Noah Adam Goldman 25 DOJ 03969	Summary Suspension of Armed Guard Registration	Order Upholding Summary Suspension filed December 30, 2025.
March 24, 2026	Joseph M. LaSorsa; and LaSorsa & Associates	Letter of Reprimand & Assessment of Civil Penalty	
March 26, 2026	Carl Dangerfield 25 DOJ 03965	Appeal of One-year Suspension of Private Investigator License	
April 21, 2026	Tony Reno Chambers, Jr. 25 DOJ 04482	Denial of Security Guard and Patrol License	