



February 2024 Board Meeting Hot Sheet

The following is a summary of discussion points covered during the February meeting of the Private Protective Services Board and its committees. Meeting minutes and detailed committee reports will be available after receiving Board approval at its next meeting on April 18, 2024.

Grievance Committee: 20 cases heard.

- As of January 1, 2024, new policies addressing [enhanced penalties for repeated registration violations](#), [follow-up registration compliance audit procedures](#), and [report disclosure guidelines](#) are in effect.

Screening Committee: Reviewed 63 license applications and one registration denial appeal.

- 62 licenses approved; one license denied; and one registration denial approved on appeal.

Law & Rules Committee:

- Evaluating the need for an administrative rule that requires unarmed guard trainers and firearms trainers to give each student a certificate of training completion. This proposed rule is being considered in response to numerous complaints from unarmed and armed guards whose trainers or employers withhold the certificate to prevent the guard from leaving to work for another company. This proposed rule will be discussed further at the April 2024 Laws and Rules Committee meeting.
- Public comment for [proposed amendments to 14B NCAC 16 .0707](#) is being received until April 11.

Training & Education Committee:

- The 2024 schedule for unarmed and armed trainer certification courses is available [HERE](#).

Emerging Technology Committee

- Discussed identifying topics it should seek to learn more about in the future, such as the use of non-lethal weapons and artificial intelligence in security. The Committee encourages industry members to offer suggestions for topics that could be researched by the Committee. Subject matter experts interested in potentially presenting on a relevant topic before the Committee should email Director Sherwin (paul.sherwin@ncdps.gov).

Special Committee on Continuing Education

- Comprised of 10 volunteers (5 Board members, 5 industry members, and DPS staff), it held its first meeting on February 1 to discuss goals and objectives. Future meetings are planned, but not currently scheduled.

Special Committee on Unlicensed Activity

- Currently comprised of Board members, it held its first meeting on February 8 to discuss goals and objectives. Reported that a legislative change is needed to authorize PPS to have a sworn investigator with law enforcement powers. Proposed the Board seek

partnership with the N.C. Conference of District Attorneys, the N.C. Sheriff's Association, and the N.C. Association of Chiefs of Police to educate key public safety partners about the dangers of unlicensed security providers. Also recommended the Board ask the N.C. Criminal Justice Education and Training Standards Commission to add a course to its 2026 law enforcement in-service training about unlicensed security activity. Future meetings are planned, but not currently scheduled.

Other Board Discussion Points, Industry References & Reminders:

- Board member Jerry Pitman will attend the South Carolina Association of Legal Investigators Conference May 8-10 on behalf of the Board.
- The Board voted to pilot holding its meetings in odd-numbered months in 2025 to coincide with its sister Board, the Alarm Systems Licensing Board.
- PI Institute recently released the results of its 2023 PI Industry survey, available [HERE](#).
- Persons providing close personal protection (CPP) services may be eligible for a [CPP endorsement](#) to their existing PI license, if they were a licensed PI on or before Dec. 31, 2021. Others must apply for the separate CPP license.
- Effective Sept. 1, 2023, persons providing CPP or digital forensics examiner (DFE) services are required to be licensed in accordance with [NCGS 74C-3\(a\)\(3a\) and 74C-3\(a\)\(5a\)](#), respectively.
- As of January 1, 2024, [several administrative rules](#) went into effect to include the new rule allowing for probationary private investigators and private investigator interns and apprentices (14B NCAC 16 .1109).
- Board meeting minutes can be found on the Board's [Meetings and Minutes webpage](#). Previous meeting Hot Sheets will be available soon.
- The Board's 2024 meeting schedule is available [HERE](#).
- Board policies and informational memorandums are available [HERE](#).

Upcoming Events:

- PPSB meeting, April 18, in Raleigh, N.C.
- PPSB-sponsored industry training (receive four hours of free CE), April 18, in Raleigh, N.C.
- [S.C. Association of Legal Investigators Conference](#), May 8-10, in Myrtle Beach, S.C.
- [Techno Security and Digital Forensics Conference](#), June 4-6, in Wilmington, N.C.
- [International Association of Security and Investigative Regulators Conference](#), October 9-11, in Charlotte, N.C.
- [N.C. Association of Private Investigators Conference](#), November 18-20, in Carolina Beach, N.C.