



North Carolina Department of Public Safety

Private Protective Services Board

Roy Cooper, Governor
Eddie M. Buffaloe, Jr., Secretary

Tamara Rabenold, Chair
Paul Sherwin, Director

Meeting Minutes
August 17, 2023, 9 a.m.
Hampton Inn and Suites – Raleigh/Crabtree Valley

Board Members Present

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

Suzanne Creech
Richard Epley
Candace Ratliff
Steve Johnson
Jerry Pitman
Andy Renfrow

Staff Present

Paul Sherwin
Ray Bullard
Kim Odom
Mercedes Sierra
Jeff Gray

Board Members Absent

Kim Heffney

Call to Order

Vice-chair Steve Johnson called the August 17, 2023, 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."

New Board Member Welcome

Mr. Johnson introduced and welcomed new Board member Candace Ratliff, licensee of Professional Security Services, who was recently appointed to the Board by Governor Roy Cooper. Mr. Johnson also mentioned that this month's meeting marked 50 years since the Board

held its first meeting August 1973. He invited all meeting guests to attend the Board's 50th anniversary celebration taking place at the conclusion of the meeting.

Final Agency Decision(s)

Attorney Gray reported there were no final agency decisions this month.

Approval of the June 2023 Board Meeting Minutes

Motion: Stacy Buff made a motion to accept the June 22, 2023, Board meeting minutes. Assata Buffaloe 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 August 15, 2023, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. New Board member Candace Ratliff observed the meeting. They heard 22 cases. Committee Chair Ron Burris presented the Grievance Committee report.

Motion: Tamara Rabenold made a motion to accept all cases except 2022-PPS-070 (Lane), 2023-PPS-019 (VanNorman), and 2022-PPS-085 (Locascio). Assata Buffaloe seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Motion: Stacy Buff made a motion to accept 2023-PPS-019 (VanNorman). Suzanne Creech seconded. The motion carried unanimously. Andy Renfrow and Richard Epley recused from the vote.

Motion: Suzanne Creech made a motion to accept 2022-PPS-070 (Lane). Sam Russell seconded. The motion carried unanimously. Steve Johnson recused from the vote.

Motion: Assata Buffaloe made a motion to accept 2022-PPS-085 (Locascio). Jerry Pitman seconded. The motion carried unanimously. Sam Russell recused from the vote.

SEE THE ATTACHMENT FOR THE FULL GRIEVANCE REPORT.

Screening Committee: Screening Committee members Sam Russell, Debra Duncan, Dave Stephens, Kim Heffney, and Richard Epley met on August 16, 2023, from 9 a.m. to 12:35 p.m. to review 84 new license applications, one QA for Two Companies application, three registration denial appeals, and one Close Personal Protection endorsement denial appeal. New Board member Candace Ratliff observed the meeting. Debra Duncan presented the Screening Committee report.

Motion: Suzanne Creech made a motion to accept all the Committee's recommendations, except Kimberly Jo Haswell. Jerry Pitman seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Motion: Sam Russell made to accept the Committee's recommendation for Kimberly Jo Haswell. Assata Buffaloe seconded. The motion carried unanimously. Andy Renfrow recused from the vote.

SEE THE ATTACHMENT FOR THE FULL SCREENING COMMITTEE REPORT.

Laws and Rules Committee: Committee Chair Steve Johnson reported the Laws and Rules Committee did not meet this month; therefore, he had no report to deliver.

Training and Education Committee: Training and Education Committee members Richard Epley, Steve Johnson, Dave Stephens, and Sam Russell met on August 16, 2023, from 1 to 1:30 p.m. Committee Chair Steve Johnson presented the Training and Education Committee report, which included updates about completed and planned train-the-trainer courses and the results of recent compliance audits of two certified trainers by Board staff.

Mr. Johnson explained that the Training and Education Committee recommended that Board staff resume providing industry training following at least two Board meetings per year, beginning with the October 2023 meeting.

Mr. Johnson discussed pending changes to the N.C. Criminal Justice Education and Training Standards Commission's administrative rule 12 NCAC 09F .0104 which will affect some of the Board's firearms trainers who also teach concealed handgun courses. He explained that the pending rule change will eliminate the ability of Board-certified firearms trainers to use their PPSB firearms trainer certification to teach concealed handgun courses. Instead, they must be certified as a concealed handgun course instructor by the Commission, the National Rifle Association, the U.S. Concealed Carry Association, or another entity where a Commission-certified instructor taught the course.

Finally, Mr. Johnson reported that the Committee reviewed seven applications for new continuing education courses and one application for renewal of an existing continuing education course. He stated that the Committee recommended approving all the courses.

Motion: Stacy Buff made a motion to accept the Training and Education Committee report. Jerry Pitman seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

SEE THE ATTACHMENT FOR THE FULL TRAINING AND EDUCATION COMMITTEE REPORT.

Board Elections

Attorney Gray conducted the elections.

Board Chair

Motion: Steve Johnson made a motion to nominate Tamara Rabenold for Board Chair. Dave Stephens seconded.

Motion: Assata Buffaloe made a motion to close the nominations for Board Chair. Sam Russell seconded.

Motion: Steve Johnson made a motion to elect Tamara Rabenold as Board Chair by acclamation. Sam Russell seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Tamara Rabenold was elected Board Chair.

Board Vice-chair

Motion: Dave Stephens made a motion to nominate Steve Johnson for Board Vice-chair. Tamara Rabenold seconded.

Motion: Suzanne Creech made a motion to nominate Jerry Pitman for Board Vice-chair. Andy Renfrow seconded.

No additional nominations were made. Attorney Gray asked for a vote of all in favor of electing Steve Johnson as Board Vice-chair. Eight Board members voted in favor of Mr. Johnson. Attorney Jeff Gray asked for a vote of all in favor of electing Jerry Pitman as Board Vice-chair. Five members voted in favor of Mr. Pitman.

Steve Johnson was elected Board Vice-chair.

Grievance Committee Chair

Motion: Steve Johnson made a motion to nominate Ron Burris as chair of the Grievance Committee. Assata Buffaloe seconded.

Motion: Assata Buffaloe made a motion to close the nominations. Dave Stephens seconded.

Motion: Stacy Buff made a motion to elect Ron Burris as chair of the Grievance Committee by acclamation. Sam Russell seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Ron Burris was elected chair of the Grievance Committee.

Screening Committee Chair

Motion: Stacy Buff made a motion to nominate Debra Duncan as chair of the Screening Committee. Sam Russell seconded.

Motion: Andy Renfrow made a motion to close the nominations. Tamara Rabenold seconded.

Motion: Sam Russell made a motion to elect Debra Duncan as chair of the Screening Committee by acclamation. Steve Johnson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Debra Duncan was elected chair of the Screening Committee.

Laws and Rules Committee Chair

Motion: Andy Renfrow made a motion to nominate Richard Epley as chair of the Laws and Rules Committee. Suzanne Creech seconded.

Motion: Ron Burris made a motion to nominate Steve Johnson as chair of the Laws and Rules Committee. Sam Russell seconded. No additional nominations were made. Attorney Gray asked for a vote of all in favor of electing Richard Epley as chair of the Laws and Rules Committee. Four members voted in favor of Mr. Epley. Attorney Gray asked for a vote of all in favor of electing Steve Johnson as chair of the Laws and Rules Committee. Seven members voted in favor of Mr. Johnson.

Steve Johnson was elected chair of the Laws and Rules Committee.

Training and Education Committee Chair

Motion: Stacy Buff made a motion to nominate Dave Stephens as chair of the Training and Education Committee. Steve Johnson seconded.

Motion: Sam Russell made a motion to close the nominations. Assata Buffaloe seconded.

Motion: Debra Duncan made a motion to elect Dave Stephens as chair of the Training and Education Committee by acclamation. Sam Russell seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Dave Stephens was elected chair of the Training and Education Committee.

Finance Committee Chair

Motion: Richard Epley nominated Stacy Buff as chair of the Finance Committee. Andy Renfrow seconded.

Motion: Suzanne Creech nominated Sam Russell as chair of the Finance Committee. Stacy Buff seconded.

Motion: Assata Buffaloe made a motion to close the nominations. Andy Renfrow seconded.

Attorney Gray asked for a vote of all in favor of electing Stacy Buff as chair of the Finance Committee. Five members voted in favor of Mr. Buff. Attorney Gray asked for a vote of all in favor of electing Sam Russell as chair of the Finance Committee. Seven members voted in favor of Mr. Russell.

Sam Russell was elected chair of the Finance Committee.

Emerging Technology Committee Chair

Motion: Tamara Rabenold made a motion to nominate Stacy Buff as chair of the Emerging Technology Committee. Steve Johnson seconded.

Motion: Sam Russell made a motion to nominate Suzanne Creech as chair of the Emerging Technology Committee. Andy Renfrow seconded.

Motion: Assata Buffaloe made a motion to close the nominations. Sam Russell seconded. Attorney Gray asked for a vote of all in favor of electing Stacy Buff as chair of the Emerging Technology Committee. Eight members voted in favor of Mr. Buff. Attorney Gray asked for a vote of all in favor of electing Suzanne Creech as chair of the Emerging Technology Committee. Four members voted in favor of Ms. Creech.

Stacy Buff was elected chair of the Emerging Technology Committee.

Ethics Liaison

Motion: Stacy Buff made a motion to nominate Debra Duncan as the Board's liaison to the N.C. Ethics Commission. Suzanne Creech seconded.

Motion: Assata Buffaloe made a motion to close the nominations. Stacy Buff seconded.

Motion: Steve Johnson made a motion to elect Debra Duncan as the Board's liaison to the N.C. Ethics Commission by acclamation. Stacy Buff seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Debra Duncan was elected as the Board's liaison to the N.C. Ethics Commission.

Old Business

Debra Duncan reminded the Board members that many of them are due to complete their bi-annual ethics training.

New Business

Director Paul Sherwin explained that the annual conference of the International Association of Security and Investigative Regulators (IASIR) will be held Oct. 11-13, 2023, in Las Vegas, and he said the Board typically sends several representatives. The Board decided to send the following people to the conference: Director Sherwin, Attorney Gray, and Board members Andy Renfrow, Suzanne Creech, and Jerry Pitman.

Director Sherwin explained that the annual International Protective Security Board (IPSB) conference will be held Dec. 6-8, 2023, in Dallas, Texas, and he said the Board typically sends several representatives. The Board decided to send members Andy Renfrow, Jerry Pitman and Suzanne Creech to the conference.

Director Sherwin presented his memorandum of findings related to a decline in the number of guests attending Board meetings. The Board discussed ideas to improve meeting attendance, including modifying the number of continuing education credits that licensees may obtain for attending a Board meeting in person versus virtually. Ultimately, the Board decided to take no action and will revisit the issue later.

Director Sherwin presented the proposed Board meeting dates for 2024.

Motion: Andy Renfrow made a motion to accept the 2024 meeting dates. Jerry Pitman seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Attorney Gray stated that several Board members are due to receive their initial or biannual training required by NCGS 93B-5. Those Board members due for the training agreed to complete it following Committee meetings on Wednesday, Oct. 18, 2023.

Chair Tamara Rabenold explained that she wished to establish an ad-hoc committee to focus on unlicensed activity and explore the possibility of the Board creating a sworn law enforcement officer position on its staff. Members Stacy Buff, Assata Buffalo, Steve Johnson, Suzanne Creech, Candace Ratliff and Andy Renfrow volunteered to serve on the Committee.

Motion: Suzanne Creech made a motion to establish an ad-hoc committee to examine unlicensed activity and whether the Board should have a sworn law enforcement investigator. Andy Renfrow seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Chair Tamara Rabenold suggested the Board begin writing and distributing to licensees a summary of each Board meeting, known as a "Hot Sheet." She explained that the Hot Sheet would be emailed to Board licensees and other interested persons in the days following a Board meeting, and that the document would highlight any significant Board actions or discussions that occurred during the meeting.

Motion: Andy Renfrow made a motion to begin distributing a Hot Sheet after each Board meeting. Suzanne Creech seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Suzanne Creech expressed her desire to allow Board meeting guests to make public comment during Board meetings. The Board agreed without a formal vote that an opportunity for public comment shall be placed on future meeting agendas.

Chair Tamara Rabenold asked Director Sherwin if the Board's license management software, Permittium, can generate on-demand a report showing the email address of each licensee. Director Sherwin stated Permittium does not currently have this capability. Chair Rabenold said this capability could be useful when distributing the Hot Sheet and other important information to Board licensees.

Motion: Andy Renfrow made a motion to instruct Director Sherwin to submit a formal request to Permittium to develop an on-demand licensee email report. Dave Stephens seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

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.

Andy Renfrow asked Director Sherwin if the Board can accept electronic fingerprints submitted by private fingerprinting service vendors. Director Sherwin explained that the N.C. State Bureau of Investigation (NCSBI) currently accepts electronic fingerprints from law enforcement agencies only, though he had heard the NCSBI was exploring expanding eligibility to private vendors. The Board asked Director Sherwin to follow up with NCSBI officials and ask for an update on this matter.

Motion: Stacy Buff made a motion to accept the Director's Report. Jerry Pitman 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: Jerry Pitman made a motion to accept the Attorney's Report. Andy Renfrow seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

SEE THE ATTACHMENT FOR THE FULL ATTORNEY'S REPORT.

Good of the Order

Suzanne Creech asked if meetings of the Laws and Rules Committee are open to the public. Attorney Gray answered yes, nearly all the Board's meetings are open to the public, except for the Screening and Grievance Committees, or other special closed meetings.

Jerry Pitman commented that past-due travel reimbursements and per diem payments owed to Board members were getting paid and he thanked Board staff for finding a solution to the delays.

Richard Epley asked how new committees will be formed, following the elections. Chair Tamara Rabenold explained she will contact Board members and ask for their preferences and then consult with Committee chairs to make assignments.

Motion: Dave Stephens made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Suzanne Creech seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Meeting Adjourned: 11:37 a.m.

Paul Sherwin, Director

Mercedes Sierra, Board Secretary

Board Meeting Guests

Brian Cid*	Dean Wiley*	Jeffrey Mixon*	Julie Turner*
Lewis Lilla*	Lori Bineham*	Michael Bineham*	Mark Edmonds*
Nicky Ezell*	Vernon Jerry*	Ronald Reich*	Billy Delaporte*
Tony Oakley	Dennis O'Shell	Donald Miller	Shaun Marso
Joseph Felton	Gregory Hatten	Oscar Quick	Roberto Santana
Harry Wright	Randall Rabenold	Peter Leyden Jr.	Michael Pollard
Graham Horne	Craig Gorham	Roman Terehoff	Brian Barber
Timothy Neal	Todd Conner	William McRae	Patrick Sterling
Patrick Mitchell	Jean Joseph	Winnie Darius	Tina Wilson
Terry Baker	Matthew Hewlett	Michael Easterday	David Roebuck
Burley Williams	James Turnage	Timothy Reynolds	Richard Watts
Charles Stuber	William Blair	Theodore Kowaleski Jr.	

***V: Virtual**

PPSB Grievance After Report for August 17, 2023 9:00 am

Case Number	Complaint Against	Allegation(s)	Grievance Committee Recommendation	Board Action
1. 2022-PPS-064	Jeffrey Lane Norris The Task Group, LLC 1129 Township Pkwy Belmont, NC 28012	NCGS 74C-12(d)(2) NCGS 74C-(d)(3)	Find a violation of NCGS 74C-12(d)(2) and NCGS 74C-12(d)(3). Issue a non-disciplinary Letter of Caution to Jeffrey Norris.	Accepted
2. 2022-PPS-070	Michael Edward Lane Eastern North Carolina Polygraph Services, Inc. 3216 Quinn Dr Wilson, NC 278960000	NCGS 74C-12(a)(25) NCGS 74C-12(a)(31) 14B NCAC 16.0503(8)	Find a violation of 14B NCAC 16 .0503(8). Michael Lane is to complete a course on diversity, equity and inclusion, as approved by the Director, no later than Nov. 30, 2023. Find no violation of NCGS 74C-12(a)(25) and NCGS 74C-12(a)(31).	Accepted
3. 2022-PPS-085	Dominick Henry Locascio J.P. Investigative Group, Inc. 9716-B Rea Rd Ste 211 Charlotte, NC 282770000	NCGS 74C-12(a)(22) NCGS 74C-12(a)(26) NCGS 74C-2	Find a violation of NCGS 74C-12(a)(22), NCGS 74C-12(a)(26), and NCGS 74C-2. Issue a non-disciplinary Letter of Caution to Dominick Locascio.	Accepted
4. 2023-PPS-008	Derek Raynor BBS and Big Boot 3920 Sterling Pointe Drive Winterville, NC 28590	NCGS 74C-2	Find a violation of NCGS 74C-2. Continue the cease and desist order that was previously issued to Derek Raynor and Big Boot Security, LLC. Attorney Gray is to file a Complaint for Injunctive Relief against Derek Raynor.	Accepted

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5.	2023-PPS-009 Michelle Diane Seiz American Security Associates, Inc. 4394 Seminole Drive Acworth, GA 30101	14B NCAC 16 .0108(b)	Find a violation of NCGS 74C-11. Enter into a consent agreement with Michelle Seiz and American Security Associates, Inc. in the amount of \$1,224.00 for 10 unarmed security guard registration violations. Staff is to conduct a follow-up registration audit of Q2 & Q3 2023.	Accepted
6.	2023-PPS-017 Steven Corbin Task Force Protection 2214 Wrightsville Avenue Suite B Wilmington, NC 28403	14B NCAC 16 .0108(a)	Find a violation of NCGS 74C-11. Enter into a consent agreement with Steven Corbin and Task Force Protection in the amount of \$97.92 for one self-reported unarmed security guard registration violation.	Accepted
7.	2023-PPS-018 Charles Wayne McCurry GRL Management Group, Inc. 4128-B Vanessa Drive Southport, NC 28461	14B NCAC 16 .0108(b)	Find a violation of NCGS 74C-11 and NCGS 74C-13. Enter into a consent agreement with Charles McCurry and GRL Management Group, Inc. in the amount of \$15,973.20 for 126 unarmed security guard registration violations and three armed security guard registration violations. Staff is to conduct a follow-up registration audit of Q2 & Q3 of 2023.	Accepted
8.	2023-PPS-019 Joel Andrew Van Norman Lolair Protection Agency, Inc. 5448 Apex Peakway Suite 120 Apex, NC 27502	74C-12 (a)(1) 74C-12 (a)(25) 14B NCAC 16 .0108 (a) 14B NCAC .0807 (h) 14B NCAC .0907 14B NCAC .0908	Find a violation of NCGS 74C-12(a)(1), NCGS 74C-12(a)(25), 14B NCAC 16 .0108(a), 14B NCAC .0807(h), 14B NCAC .0907, and 14B NCAC .0908. Issue a disciplinary Letter of Reprimand to Joel VanNorman.	Accepted

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9.	2023-PPS-021 Lawrence David Garcia Ameriguard Security Services, Inc. 5470 W Spruce Ave Ste 102 Fresno, CA 937220000	NCGS 74C-13	Find a violation of NCGS 74C-13. Enter into a consent agreement with Lawrence Garcia and Ameriguard Security Services, Inc., in the amount of \$6,058.80 for 33 armed security guard registration violations. Staff is to conduct a follow-up registration audit of Q2 & Q3 2023.	Accepted
10.	2023-PPS-022 Forrest Dane Dodd Prosecur Services Group, Inc. 512 Herndon Pkwy Ste A Herndon, VA 201700000	NCGS 74C-11 14B NCAC 16 .0108(b)	Find a violation of NCGS 74C-11. Enter into a consent agreement with Darren Lopez and Prosecur Services Group, Inc., in the amount of \$4,406.40 for 36 unarmed security guard registration violations. Staff is to conduct a follow-up registration audit of Q2 & Q3 2023.	Accepted
11.	2023-PPS-024 Jason Andrew Yow Yow Investigations 819 Larkwood Drive Greensboro, NC 27410	NCGS 74C-12(a)(26)	Find a violation of NCGS 74C-12(a)(26). Issue a non-disciplinary Letter of Caution to Jason Yow.	Accepted
12.	2023-PPS-025 Johnnie Barnhill 911 Security 840 Olivia Drive Greenville, NC 27834	NCGS 74C-2	Find a violation of NCGS 74C-2. Continue the cease and desist order previously issued to Johnnie Barnhill and 911 Security. Refer this matter to the Screening Committee should Mr. Barnhill apply for a license or registration.	Accepted

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13. 2023-PPS-028	Kirk Patrick Hylton Maroon Security Group, LLC 3400 Walsh Parkway, Suite 333 Suite 333 Fayetteville, NC 28311	14 B NCAC 16 .0108(b)	Find a violation of NCGS 74C-11. Enter into a consent agreement with Kirk Hylton and Maroon Security Group, LLC in the amount of \$489.60 for four unarmed security guard registration violations. Staff is to conduct a follow-up registration audit of Q2 and Q3 2023.	Accepted
14. 2023-PPS-031	Robin George Leckey WTSA Security, LLC 626 Margaret Dr. Statesville, NC 28677	14B NCAC 16 .0108(b)	Find a violation of NCGS 74C-11. Enter into a consent agreement with Robin Leckey and WTSA Security, LLC in the amount of \$244.80 for two unarmed security guard registration violations. Staff is to conduct a follow-up registration audit of Q2 & Q3 2023.	Accepted
15. 2023-PPS-036	Furman Michael Jones American Security and Protection Service, LLC 375 Little Ranger Rd Murphy, NC 28906	NCGS 74C-11 14B NCAC 16 .0104(b)	Find a violation of NCGS 74C-11 and NCGS 74C-13. Enter into a consent agreement with Furman Jones and American Security and Protection Service, LLC in the amount of \$7,344.00 for 54 unarmed security guard registration violations and four armed security guard registration violations. Staff is to conduct a follow-up registration audit of 2021 and Q2 and Q3 of 2023.	Accepted
16. 2023-PPS-043	Eric Raphael Collins Conquer Security Services P.O. Box 562032 Charlotte, NC 28256	NCGS 74C-10	Find a violation of NCGS 74C-10. Issue a disciplinary Letter of Reprimand to Eric Collins of Conquer Security Services. Staff is to conduct random verifications of Conquer Security Services' liability insurance.	Accepted

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17. 2023-PPS-044	Lance Adrian Jones Safe & Secure Worldwide Protection Group, LLP 801 Summit Ave Ste 2B Greensboro, NC 27405	NCGS 74C-10	Find a violation of NCGS 74C-10. Issue a disciplinary Letter of Reprimand to Lance Jones of Safe & Secure Worldwide Protection Group, LLP.	Accepted
18. 2023-PPS-045	Charles Wayne McCurry GRL Management Group, Inc. 4128-B Vanessa Drive Southport, NC 28461	NCGS 74C-13 14B NCAC 16 .0807	Find a violation of NCGS 74C-13. Enter into a consent agreement with Charles McCurry and GRL Management Group, Inc., in the amount of \$183.60 for one armed security guard registration violation.	Accepted
19. 2023-PPS-046	Charles Reedy C&M Defense Group 4917 Albermarle Rd ste 206 charlotte, NC 28205	NCGS 74C- 12(a)(7) 14B NCAC 16 .0104(e)	Find a violation of NCGS 74C-11, NCGS 74C-13, NCGS 74C-12(a)(7), and 14B NCAC 16 .0104(e). Enter into a consent agreement with Charles Reedy and C&M Defense Group in the amount of \$3,553.00 for two unarmed security guard registration violations, 12 armed security guard registration violations, and 13 months of unlicensed activity.	Accepted
20. 2023-PPS-053	Tyquan Lamonte Satterthwaite 3967 NC Hwy 33 W Greenville, NC 27834	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 Tyquan Satterthwaite and refer this matter to the Screening Committee should he apply for a license or registration.	Accepted

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21. 2023-PPS-054	Gary Mitchell Griffin 483 Water Street Grifton, NC 28530	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 Gary Griffin and refer this matter to the Screening Committee should he apply for a license or registration.	Accepted
22. 2023-PPS-055	Frankco Lamar Gilliam Coco's Sports Bar 605 South East Greenville Blvd Suite A Greenville, NC 27858	NCGS 74C-13(b)	Find no violation.	Accepted

Board Meeting Report

Board Date 08/17/2023

	Name Company Address	License	Committee Recommendation	Board Action
1.	Opio Muhammad Abdullah Cosmopolitan Security Control 1024 Mebane Oaks Rd Mebane, NC 27302	Security Guard And Patrol	Approve Security Guard and Patrol	Accepted
2.	Marybell Acevedo Watchful Eye Investigative Group 7220 Duncans Ridge fuquay varina, NC 27526	Private Investigator	Approve Private Investigator	Accepted
3.	Dominique Belle Surveillance PO Box 788 Thomasville , NC 27361	Private Investigator Associate	Approve Private Investigator Associate Level 1 with zero hours	Accepted
4.	Sean Edward Breed ICU Investigative Services LLC 1001 Wade Ave Raleigh, NC 27605	Private Investigator	Approve Private Investigator	Accepted
5.	Dominique Montrel Bryant Alpha Pack Security LLC 1004 biting st greensboro, NC 27403	Security Guard And Patrol	Deny Lack of verifiable experience, unfavorable employment history, unfavorable credit, and falsification of application	Accepted

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6.	Ricky Gamble Bryant Command Investigations 1540 International Parkway, Suite 3070 Lake Mary, FL 32746	Private Investigator Associate	Approve Private Investigator Associate Level 1 with 500 hours	Accepted
7.	Kevin Matthew Campbell Campbell Investigative Services, LLC 225 Rowland Campbell Rd Siler City, NC 27344	Private Investigator	Approve Private Investigator	Accepted
8.	Vincent Michael Cardieri Piedmont Private Investigations, Inc. 1973 J.N. Pease Pl Charlotte, NC 282620000	Security Guard And Patrol	Approve Security Guard And Patrol	Accepted
9.	Rory David Carter Superior Tasking Advantage Contracting, Inc. 511 South 5th Street Gadsden, AL 35901	Security Guard And Patrol	Approve Security Guard And Patrol	Accepted
10.	Jason Todd Collins Tried and True Investigations, LLC 6910 Garrett Store Road Liberty, NC 27298	Close Personal Protection	Approve Close Personal Protection	Accepted
11.	JOHN FRANKLIN COLLINS JR Collins Assessment Group,LLC 1405 MAYBERRY RD Dallas, NC 28034	Private Investigator	Approve Private Investigator	Accepted

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12.	Matthew Benjamin Creech Knightsaber Tactical 107 East Blalock Rd Howard, NC 27851	Private Investigator	Deny Unfavorable work history.	Accepted
13.	Matthew Benjamin Creech Knightsaber Tactical 107 East Blalock Rd Howard, NC 27851	Close Personal Protection	Deny Unfavorable work history.	Accepted
14.	Brandon Dillon New Providence Forge Security, LLC 403 King Ave Fayetteville, WV 25840	Electronic Countermeasures	Approve Electronic Countermeasures	Accepted
15.	Michael East Forensic Solutions Group, LLC 171 Blair Drive Angier, NC 27501	Private Investigator	Approve with Condition Receipt of favorable fingerprint-based criminal history record check	Accepted
16.	Ryan Ellis Sugar Mountain Ski Resort 1009 Sugar Mountain Dr Banner Elk, NC 28604	Proprietary	Deny Failure to complete application process	Accepted
17.	Emily Katherine Evancho Frasco, Inc. 215 W. Alameda Avenue Burbank , CA 91502	Private Investigator Associate	Approve Private Investigator Associate Level 1 with 1,000 hours	Accepted

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18.	Jamie Edward Fulk Ash Forensics 6524 Shallowford Road Unit 698 Lewisville, NC 27023	Private Investigator	Approve Private Investigator	Accepted
19.	Jeffrey Robert Gordon Command Investigations, LLC 250 International Parkway Lake Mary, FL 32746	Private Investigator	Approve Private Investigator	Accepted
20.	John Griffin III AGB Investigative Services, Incorporated 7545 s western ave Chicago , IL 60620	Security Guard And Patrol	Approve with Condition Receipt of favorable fingerprint-based criminal history record check	Accepted
21.	MICAH GRIMES Lighthouse Investigative Services 106 N Water St. #103 Wilmington, NC 28401	Private Investigator	Approve Private Investigator	Accepted
22.	Todd Elliott Harris Detecting You Investigative Services 2474 Missouri road Maxton, NC 28364	Private Investigator	Approve Private Investigator	Accepted
23.	Kimberly Jo Haswell Renfrow & Associates 2474 Walnut St Unit 280 Cary, NC 27518	Private Investigator	Approve Private Investigator	Accepted

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24.	CYNTHIA DENISE HAYES Executive investigations of NC 57 Union Street S Concord, NC 28025	Private Investigator Associate	Approve Private Investigator Associate Level 2 with 1,200 hours	Accepted
25.	Obra Lee Hogans Jr Protective Security Services 16540 Flintrock Falls Lane Charlotte, NC 28278	Security Guard And Patrol	Approve Security Guard And Patrol	Accepted
26.	JUDSON NATHANIEL HOLLIFIELD Dominion XP, LLC 40 Cane Creek Industrial Park Rd Fletcher, NC 28732	Private Investigator	Approve Private Investigator	Accepted
27.	Matthew Avery Igou Seaside Claims Services, LLC 13720 Old Saint Augustine Rd. Jacksonville, FL 32258	Private Investigator	Approve with Condition Receipt of favorable fingerprint-based criminal history record check	Accepted
28.	Patrick Lamar Jackson 204 Gertrude Street Unit 1 Fayetteville, NC 28303	Courier Service	Approve with Condition Receipt of favorable fingerprint-based criminal history record check	Accepted
29.	Jeffrey Allen Kantner Jr Digistream Investigations P.O box 167, 300 fayetteville st Raleigh, NC 27602	Private Investigator Associate	Approve Private Investigator Associate Level 1 with zero hours	Accepted

	Name Company Address	License	Committee Recommendation	Board Action
30.	Timothy Michael Ketcham Intelligence & Investigative Solutions, LLC 6708 Pine Brook Ln Willow Spring, NC 27592	Electronic Countermeasures	Approve Electronic Countermeasures	Accepted
31.	Timothy Michael Ketcham Intelligence & Investigative Solutions, LLC 6708 Pine Brook Ln Willow Spring, NC 27592	Private Investigator	Approve Private Investigator	Accepted
32.	Joseph Daniel Kirby AARDWOLF International, LLC 1135 Kildaire Farm Rd Cary, NC 275110000	Close Personal Protection	Approve Close Personal Protection	Accepted
33.	Luis LealContreras Global threat Solutions, LLC 109 Hay st Fayetteville, NC 28301	Close Personal Protection	Approve Close Personal Protection	Accepted
34.	Luis LealContreras Global threat Solutions, LLC 109 Hay st Fayetteville, NC 28301	Private Investigator	Approve Private Investigator	Accepted
35.	Luis LealContreras Global threat Solutions, LLC 109 Hay st Fayetteville, NC 28301	Security Guard And Patrol	Approve Security Guard And Patrol	Accepted

	Name Company Address	License	Committee Recommendation	Board Action
36.	Theodore Sims Lemmons Sims Private Investigations, LLC 8 Dundas Circle Suite H Greensboro, NC 27407	Private Investigator	Approve Private Investigator	Accepted
37.	Lafreda Genise Lester LFG Group LLC 10923 Hellebore Road Charlotte, NC 28213	Private Investigator	Approve Private Investigator	Accepted
38.	Lewis Anthony Lilla Dynamic Protection Group, Inc. 21 Walt Whitman Road Huntington Station, NY 11746	Private Investigator	Approve Private Investigator	Accepted
39.	Lewis Anthony Lilla Dynamic Protection Group, Inc. 21 Walt Whitman Road Huntington Station, NY 11746	Security Guard And Patrol	Approve Security Guard And Patrol	Accepted
40.	Booster Tex Lindsey III Signature 360 310 S Fuquay Ave Fuquay Varina, NC 27526	Private Investigator	Approve Private Investigator	Accepted
41.	Booster Tex Lindsey III Signature 360 310 S Fuquay Ave Fuquay Varina, NC 27526	Electronic Countermeasures	Approve Electronic Countermeasures	Accepted
42.	Booster Tex Lindsey III Signature 360 310 S Fuquay Ave Fuquay Varina, NC 27526	Close Personal Protection	Approve Close Personal Protection	Accepted

	Name Company Address	License	Committee Recommendation	Board Action
43.	Jeffrey H. Longstreet AS Surveillance, LLC P.O. Box 788 Thomasville, NC 27361-0788	Private Investigator	Approve Private Investigator	Accepted
44.	Edward Lowery Exlog Global, LLC 8031 Phillips Hwy Jacksonville, FL 32256	Security Guard And Patrol	Approve Security Guard And Patrol	Accepted
45.	Walter Silvio Meyer Alpha Diversified Solutions, Inc 8313 Monbo Road Catawba, NC 28609	Close Personal Protection	Approve Close Personal Protection	Accepted
46.	Timothy Jay Miles Executive Miles Transport LLC 222 Canoe Lane Lexington, NC 27295	Close Personal Protection	Approve Close Personal Protection	Accepted
47.	CaiLee Ann Moon The North Carolina Protection Group 740 Greenville Blvd. Greenville, NC 27858	Private Investigator Associate	Approve Private Investigator Associate Level 2 with 1,000 hours	Accepted
48.	Cody Eugene Muse Muse Investigations, LLC 48 Chowan Dr Fletcher, NC 28732	Security Guard And Patrol	Approve Security Guard And Patrol	Accepted
49.	Steven Myers Wesleyan Education Center 1917 N Centennial St High Point, NC 27262	Proprietary	Approve Proprietary Application	Accepted

	Name Company Address	License	Committee Recommendation	Board Action
50.	Tony Mack Oakley Global Laser Enrichment P.O. Box 614 Hillsborough, NC 27278	Proprietary	Approve Proprietary Application	Accepted
51.	Maury Osbourne Asset Recovery Services 966 Granny Shepherd Road Mars Hill, NC 28754	Private Investigator	Approve Private Investigator	Accepted
52.	David Kenneth Pidgeon Diversified Investigations Inc PO Box 696 New Bern, NC 28563	Private Investigator	Approve Private Investigator	Accepted
53.	Rosemarie Pigot-Pekera Go Pro Investigations 6762 Barefoot Cove Court Denver, NC 28037	Private Investigator Associate	Approve Private Investigator Associate Level 1 with 800 hours	Accepted
54.	David Gregory Potts Risk Management Services NC LLC 9711 Washingtonian Boulevard, Suite 550 Gaithersburg, MD 20878	Private Investigator	Approve Private Investigator	Accepted
55.	Wayne Scott Promisel Compass Investigative Services, LLCes 8572 Pine Nut Drive, NE Leland, NC 28451	Private Investigator	Approve with Condition Surrender sworn law enforcement officer certification	Accepted

	Name Company Address	License	Committee Recommendation	Board Action
56.	Rahim Mohammad Purmul Surveillance & Security Solutions, LLC 366 Lake Royale Louisburg, NC 27549	Private Investigator Associate	Approve Private Investigator Associate Level 1 with 400 hours	Accepted
57.	Nathan Pynn Allied Universal Compliance and Investigations 910 Paverstone Dr Raleigh, NC 27615	Private Investigator Associate	Approve Private Investigator Associate Level 2 with 1,900 hours	Accepted
58.	James Roberts Raven Rock Investigations 213 N Main Street China Grove, NC 28023	Private Investigator Associate	Approve Private Investigator Associate Level 1 with 500 hours	Accepted
59.	Jacob Taylor Rodriguez XPressGuards 2200 SW 59th Ave. Westpark, FL 33023	Security Guard And Patrol	Approve Security Guard And Patrol	Accepted
60.	Katherine Ruelas CRC 2840 Plaza Place Raleigh, NC 27612	Private Investigator Associate	Approve Private Investigator Associate Level 1 with zero hours	Accepted
61.	Douglas John Ruhl Strategic Security Corp. 176 ASBURY RD EGG HARBOR TWP, NJ 08234-7126	Private Investigator	Approve Private Investigator	Accepted

	Name Company Address	License	Committee Recommendation	Board Action
62.	Brian James Saintsing Blue Wire Investigations LLC. P.O. Box 656 Welcome, NC 27374	Private Investigator	Approve Private Investigator	Accepted
63.	Trevor Devon Simpson Jr Simpson Protective Services, LLC 2146 Roswell Road Marietta, GA 30062	Private Investigator	Approve Private Investigator	Accepted
64.	Megan Ida Elizabeth Smit Executive Investigations of NC, Incorporated 57 Union Street S Concord, NC 28025	Private Investigator Associate	Approve with Condition Private Investigator Associate Level 2 with 1,200 hours, on the condition a favorable fingerprint-based criminal history record check is received.	Accepted
65.	Luis Javier Solano Blue Chameleon Investigations 4833 Old Charlotte Hwy Monroe , NC 28110	Private Investigator Associate	Approve Private Investigator Associate Level 2 with 1,000 hours	Accepted
66.	Jason J Solorzano Overton Security 1212 E ARAPAHO RD RICHARDSON, TX 75081	Security Guard And Patrol	Approve with Condition Receipt of favorable fingerprint-based criminal history record check	Accepted
67.	Bobby Steen Advantage Surveillance 360Commercial Park Drive Thomasville, NC 27360	Private Investigator	Deny Unfavorable work history and credit history, and falsification of application	Accepted

	Name Company Address	License	Committee Recommendation	Board Action
68.	Spencer Kelly Summey Victory Investigations & Protection P.O. Box 79006 Greensboro, NC 274170000	Digital Forensics Examiner	Approve Digital Forensics Examiner	Accepted
69.	Marco Talamantez PFC Safeguards 2960 E Sunset Rd. Las Vegas, NV 89120	Security Guard And Patrol	Approve Security Guard And Patrol	Accepted
70.	Ryan Van Deusen Vantage Point Defense, LLC 8941 Harthill Drive Kernersville, NC 27284	Private Investigator	Approve Private Investigator	Accepted
71.	Ryan Van Deusen Vantage Point Defense, LLC 8941 Harthill Drive Kernersville, NC 27284	Close Personal Protection	Approve Close Personal Protection	Accepted
72.	James Michael Vance Vale Solutions 80 Union Chapel Rd Weaverville, NC 28787	Private Investigator	Approve with Condition Vance provides a satisfactory credit payment plan to Board staff.	Accepted
73.	James Michael Vance Vale Solutions 80 Union Chapel Rd Weaverville, NC 28787	Security Guard And Patrol	Approve with Condition Vance provides a satisfactory credit payment plan to Board staff.	Accepted
74.	James Michael Vance Vale Solutions 80 Union Chapel Rd Weaverville, NC 28787	Courier Service	Approve with Condition Vance provides a satisfactory credit payment plan to Board staff.	Accepted

	Name Company Address	License	Committee Recommendation	Board Action
75.	Ross Anthony Whaley AS Surevillance LLC 360 Commercial Park Drive Thomasville, NC 27360	Private Investigator	Approve Private Investigator	Accepted
76.	Ronnall Keith Whitfield Public Safety Solutions 1033 Sam Horton Rd Louisburg, NC 27549	Private Investigator	Approve Private Investigator	Accepted
77.	Dean Wiley IMFs Corporation 112 South Wilson Avenue Dunn, NC 28334	Proprietary	Approve Proprietary Application	Accepted
78.	George Murphy Wolfrom GW investigations 2421 Compass Pointe South Wynd Leland, NC 28451	Private Investigator	Approve Private Investigator	Accepted
79.	Robert Lee Young III Praesidium Protective Services Group, LLC 125 E Plaza Drive Mooresville, NC 28115	Close Personal Protection	Approve with Condition Receipt of favorable fingerprint-based criminal history record check.	Accepted

PPSB Screening AFTER Report for August 17, 2023

Addendum

Name Company Name Address	Credential	Recommendation	Action
Edward McDonald Excalibur Associates Inc. 11 College St. Ste. B Ellijay, GA 30540	QA for Two Companies	Defer	(APPROVED)
Leslie Britt Elite Security Group NC, LLC 7907 NC Hwy 903 Halifax, NC 27839	Armed Registration	Approve	(APPROVED)
Johnathan Lyons GRL Management Group, LLC 4128-B Vanessa Drive Southport, NC 28461	Unarmed Registration	Approve	(APPROVED)
Vanessa May GRL Management Group, LLC 4128-B Vanessa Drive Southport, NC 28461	Unarmed Registration	Deny	Deny due to a lack of good moral character (APPROVED)
Glenn Millan All Access Investigation & Protective Services, LLC P.O. Box 1851 Sparta, NC 28675	CPP Endorsement	Deny	Deny due to being ineligible for the CPP endorsement (APPROVED)



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North Carolina Private Protective Services Board Training and Education Committee Agenda

August 17, 2023

The upcoming PPS Trainer courses are scheduled:

Course: Unarmed Guard Trainer and Workshop

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

- September 18-22, 2023
- December 4-8, 2023
- February 5-9, 2024
- May 6-10, 2024
- July 15-19, 2024
- September 9-13, 2024
- December 9-13, 2024

Course: Firearms Trainer Recertification/Prequalification

Location: Samarcand Training Academy, Jackson Springs

- September 18, 2023
- November 27, 2023 (Recert for both HG and LG)
- March 26, 2024 (Recert for both HG and LG)
- May 8, 2024
- June 26, 2024
- September 16, 2024
- November 25, 2024

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Completed Training

- June 23, 2023- ALE Course for ABC Officers (PPSB Presentation)
- June 28, 2023- Handgun Prequalification and Recertification
- July 10-14, 2023- Unarmed Guard Trainer Course

Trainer Audits

Patrick Penland

Date of audit: Thursday, July 13, 2023

PPSB Trainer #519-FT and 718703-LGFT

Trainer Patrick Penland was issued a written reprimand for failing to submit pre-delivery and post-delivery reports to the PPS Training Officer in the required timeframe as outlined in 14B NCAC 16 .0907 and 14B NCAC 16 .0908 of the PPSB administrative code.

Justin Gray

Date of audit: Wednesday, August 2, 2023

PPSB Trainer #644856-HGFT

On August 2, 2023, I met with Justin Gray at Caromont Health in Charlotte, NC to conduct an audit of his pre and post-delivery firearm reports. I was missing some pre and post-delivery reports from Blackstone Shooting Sports (BSS), which prompted the audit. Justin was contracted by BSS to teach firearms to PPSB registered armed guards as needed. In reviewing Justin's training records for Caromont Health, all the pre and post-delivery reports to PPSB were accounted for. Justin stated during the audit he was told by Blackstone Shooting Sports they would be submitting the reports on his behalf, which did not occur.

I explained to Justin that while a company may prefer to submit pre and post-delivery reports on his behalf, it is ultimately the trainer's responsibility to ensure we receive them. Justin stated he understood and will make sure we receive all reports in a timely manner in the future.

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Topics for Discussion

Weapon Discharges

None reported.

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		New Application(s):					
1.	Catherine Flower	The Power of Sayings "No" for efficient Leadership	PPSB-23-018	Catherine D. Flowers	Classroom/On-Line/Virtual	07/13/2023	3.0
	Catherine Flowers	Employee Termination, Best Practice	PPSB-23-019	Catherine D. Flowers	Classroom/On-Line/Virtual	07/13/2023	3.0
3.	Thomas H. Humphreys	Searching Online Public Records Like a Pro	PPSB-23-020	Thomas H. Humphreys	Online	08/07/2023	1.5
4.	Jason Neifert	Process Serving: Fundamentals and Techniques for Serving Legal Documents	PPSB-23-021	Jason Neifert & Gabriel Stevens	Classroom	04/11/2023	6.0
5.	Jason Neifert	Surveillance and Situational Awareness	PPSB-23-022	Jason Neifert & Gabriel Stevens	Classroom	04/11/2023	
	Jason Neifert	Background Investigations: Techniques and Practices for Ethical information Gathering and Reporting	PPSB-23-023	Jason Neifert & Gabriel Stevens	Classroom	04/11/2023	8.0
	Jason Neifert	Investigators Safety	PPSB-23-024	Jason Neifert & Gabriel Stevens	Classroom	04/11/2023	4.0
		(RENEWALS)					
1.	Catherin Flowers (UPDATE)	Active Shooter/Workplace Violence & Defense	PPSB-23-005	Catherine D. Flowers	Classroom/On-Line/Virtual	07/11/2023	6

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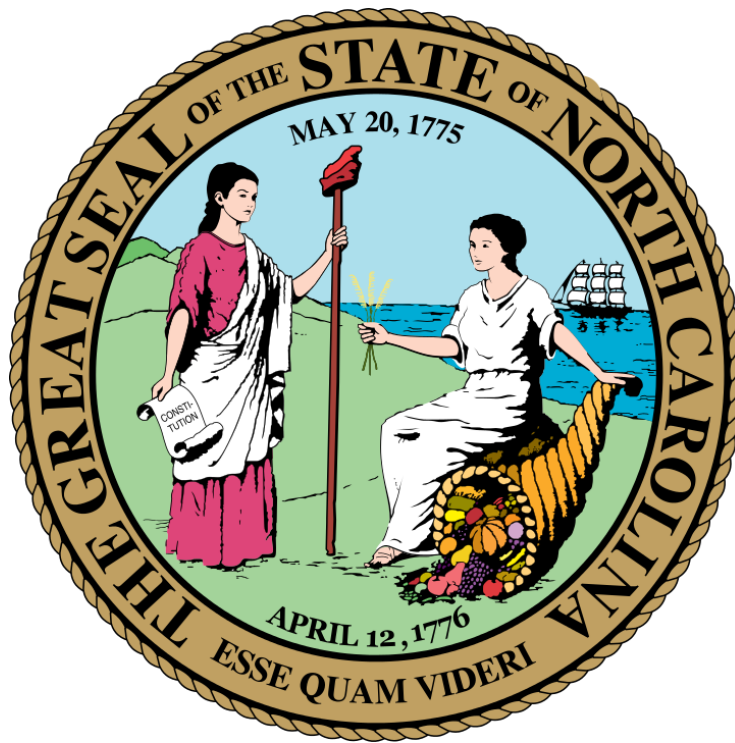
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NORTH CAROLINA PRIVATE PROTECTIVE SERVICES BOARD

August 17, 2023

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:

- Investigator I
- Registration Processor (x2) – Recruitment in progress for one position

Former registration processor Rey Surillo resigned in June 2023 for personal reasons.

OPERATIONS

Registration Unit

- Registration applications received year-to-date: 15,885
 - Same period 2022: 14,479
 - Same period 2021: 13,880
 - Same period 2020: 13,857
 - Same period 2019: 15,379

Licensing Unit

- Licensing applications received year-to-date: 682
 - Same period 2022: 781
 - Same period 2021: 518
 - Same period 2020: 788
 - Same period 2019: 527

Investigations Unit

- License applicant background investigations completed year-to-date: 264
 - Same period 2022: 172
 - Same period 2021: 181
 - Same period 2020: 197
 - Same period 2019: 198
- Complaint investigations completed year-to-date: 64
 - Same period 2022: 56
 - Same period 2021: 38
 - Same period 2020: 27
 - Same period 2019: 55

Training Unit

- Trainer applications received year-to-date: 229
 - Same period 2022: 158
 - Same period 2021: 224
 - Same period 2020: 142
 - Same period 2019: 140

OTHER

On June 16, 2023, Deputy Director Ray Bullard and Investigator Darla Cole accompanied officers from the Raleigh Police Department and agents from N.C. Alcohol Liquor Enforcement on an operation to inspect several bars and restaurants in Raleigh that may be using unlicensed or unregistered security personnel.

The group conducted inspections at Touchdown Sports Bar, Patio Nightclub, StarBar Raleigh, and Club Insomnia. In total, eight non-credentialed security personnel were criminally charged with providing unlawful armed security, two bar officials were criminally charged with hiring non-credentialed security personnel, eight handguns and two rifles were seized by law enforcement officers, and other additional criminal charges stemming from the inspections included possession of a firearm by a felon, misdemeanor marijuana possession, and misdemeanor possession of drug paraphernalia. All 10 individuals who were criminally charged with 74C violations are also being investigated by Board staff and will be referred to the Grievance Committee, as appropriate.

LICENSING, REGISTRATION, AND CERTIFICATION SUMMARY

Total active in Permittum: 26,101 (+3.8% from June 2023 meeting)

Registration		
	Armed	3765
	Armed Armored Car	439
	Armed Private Investigator	116
	Armed Private Investigator Associate	18
	Unarmed	17905
	Unarmed Armored Car	20
Registration Total		22263
License		
	Armored Car Profession	80
	Courier Service Profession	88
	Electronic Counter Measures Profession	51
	Electronic Counter Measures Trainee	8
	Guard Dog Service Profession	15
	Polygraph Examiner	31
	Polygraph Trainee Permit	3
	Private Investigator	1917
	Private Investigator Temp Permit	4
	Private Investigator Associate	320
	Private Investigator Associate Temp Permit	3
	Proprietary	98
	Psychological Stress Evaluator	11
	Security guard and Patrol	545
	Special Limited Guard and Patrol	6
License Total		3305
Certification		
	Firearms Trainer	203
	Unarmed Guard Trainer Certification Total	330
Certification Total		533

Close Personal Protection Endorsements: 105

Close Personal Protection License Applications Received: 16

To date: 4 issued, 9 evaluated by August Screening Committee, 3 pending)

Digital Forensics Examiner License Applications Received: 7

To date: 3 issued, 1 evaluated by August Screening Committee, 3 pending)

Digital Forensics Examiner Trainee License Applications Received: 2

To date: 2 withdrawn (submitted in error)

Private Protective Services Board Financial Report
Fiscal Year 2023
(July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023)

PPSB Operating Fund Revenue and Expenditures

FY23 revenue	\$	1,611,703.05
FY23 expenditures	\$	(1,522,742.30)
FY23 FUND BALANCE INCREASE/(DECREASE)		\$ 88,960.75

PPSB Operating Fund Cash Flow

Beginning Cash Balance (July 1, 2022)	\$	1,600,025.98
FY23 revenue	\$	1,611,703.05
FY23 expenditures	\$	(1,522,742.30)
FY23 ENDING FUND BALANCE		\$ 1,688,986.73

PPSB Education Fund Revenue and Expenditures

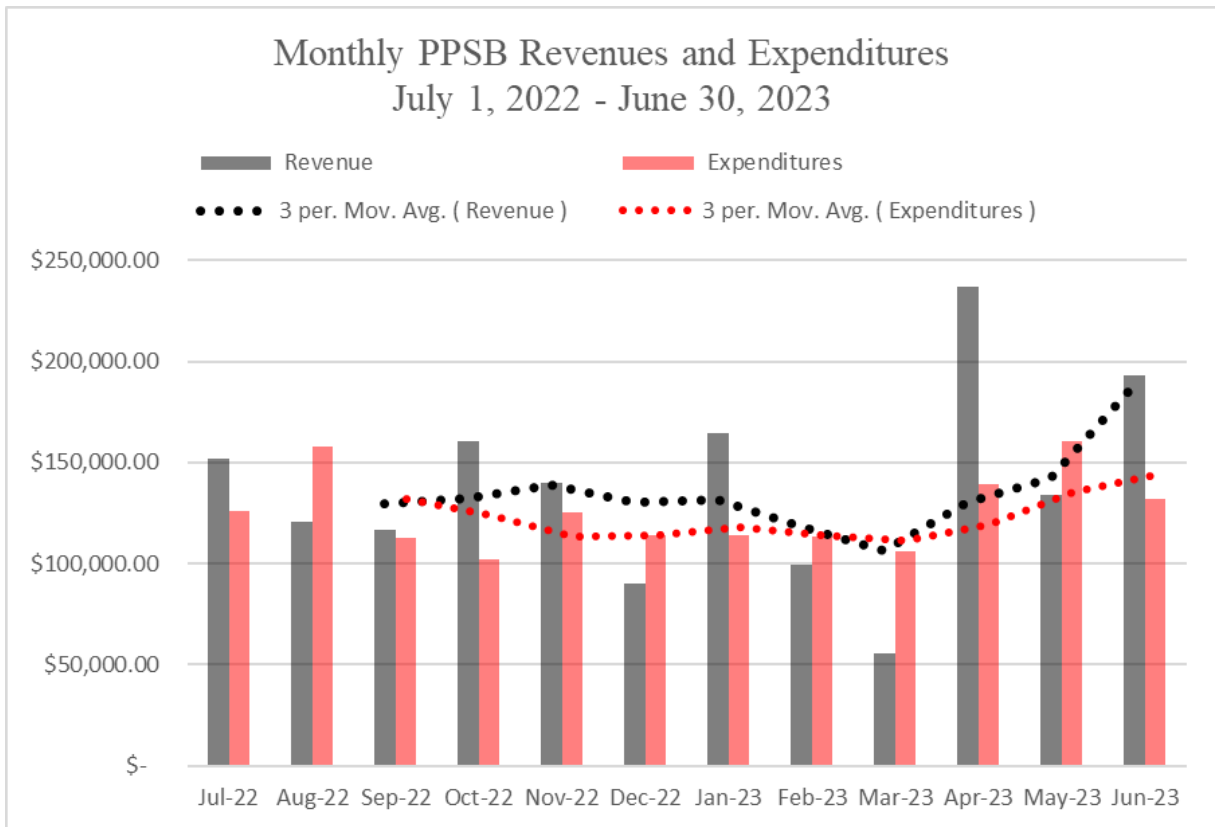
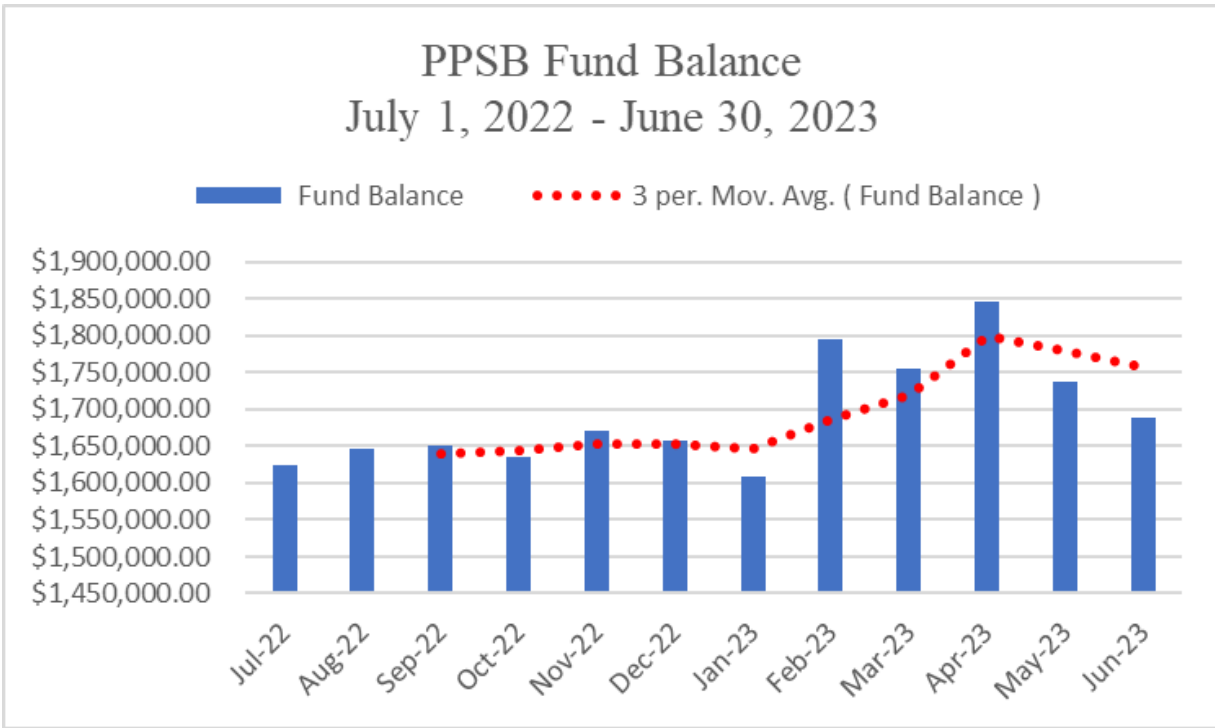
FY23 revenue	\$	14,431.21
FY23 expenditures	\$	(11,001.00)
FY23 EDUCATION FUND BALANCE INCREASE/(DECREASE)		\$ 3,430.21

PPSB Education Fund Cash Flow

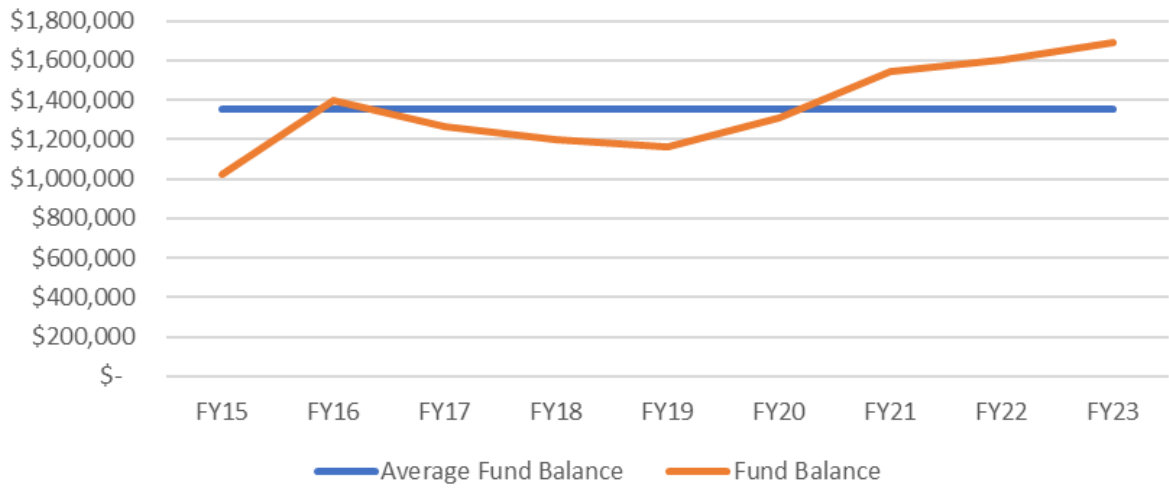
Beginning Cash Balance (July 1, 2022)	\$	129,663.17
FY23 revenue	\$	14,431.21
FY23 expenditures	\$	(11,001.00)
FY23 ENDING FUND BALANCE		\$ 133,093.38

Note: In accordance with the memorandum of understanding between the N.C. Department of Public Safety and the Board, \$37,500 was deducted from Board funds in May 2023. These funds are used to compensate NCDPS for the administrative support it provides Private Protective Services, including human resources, IT, finance, etc.

BUDGET GRAPHICS



Historical PPSB Fund Balance Fiscal Years 2015-2023



PRIVATE PROTECTIVE SERVICES BOARD

Raleigh, North Carolina

August 17, 2023

ATTORNEY'S REPORT



PRIVATE PROTECTIVE SERVICES BOARD

Raleigh, North Carolina

August 17, 2023

I. CONSENT AGREEMENT, SETTLEMENT AGREEMENTS & CIVIL PENALTIES

1. On February 16,2023, Brian White/Eagle Eye entered into a Consent Agreement with the Board in the amount of \$306.00 for one armed/one unarmed Security Guard registration violation. The temporary Consent Agreement was signed by Armed Guard Robert McCrury on February 1, 2023. Paid in full.
2. On April 20,2023, Andrew Luchey/A & Associates, Inc.; entered into a Consent Agreement with the Board in the amount of \$1,224.00 for registration violations. The temporary agreement was signed by QA Andrew Luchey on April 3, 2023. Payment has not been received.
3. On April 20,2023, James Randolph Walker /Sherlock & Walker LLC agreed to a civil penalty in the amount of \$2000.00. The signed Civil Penalty has been returned and paid in full.
4. On June 22,2023, Bruce Seibert/Defender Services, Inc. entered into a Consent Agreement with the Board in the amount of \$1836.00 for registration violations. The temporary agreement was signed by QA Bruce Seibert Jr. on March 10, 2023. Paid in full.
5. On June 22,2023, Vance Warren/ Safety & Security Solutions, LLC entered into a Consent Agreement with the Board in the amount of \$9,914.40 for registration violations. The temporary agreement was signed by QA Vance Warren on June 9, 2023. Paid in full.
6. On June 22,2023, Jeffrey Bradshaw/ Bradshaw Security, LLC entered into a Consent Agreement with the Board in the amount of \$4,100.40 for registration violations. The temporary agreement was signed by QA Jeffrey Bradshaw on February 14, 2023. Paid in full.
7. On June 22,2023, Wilfred Blood/ SECTEK, Inc. entered into a Consent Agreement with the Board in the amount of \$1,101.60 for registration violations. The Consent agreement was signed by QA Wilfred Blood on July 11, 2023. Paid in full.
8. On June 22,2023, Robert Caruso/ Metro One Loss Prevention Services Group (Guard Division) entered into a Consent Agreement with the Board in the amount of \$25,214.40 for registration violations. The temporary agreement was signed by QA Robert Caruso on May 16, 2023. Paid in full.

9. On June 22,2023, Roger Ladd/ N.C. Detective Agency, Inc entered into a Consent Agreement with the Board in the amount of \$244.80 for registration violations. The Consent Agreement was signed by QA Roger Ladd on July 17, 2023. Paid in full.
10. On June 22,2023, Noah Graeme/ APOD Group, LLC. entered into a Consent Agreement with the Board in the amount of \$2,937.60 for registration violations. The Consent Agreement was signed by QA Noah Graeme on July 26, 2023. Paid in full.
11. On June 22, 2023, Mark Angelo/ Fund Holder Report, LLC agreed to a civil penalty in the amount of \$2,000.00 for violating N.C.G.S 74C-12 (a)(31). The signed Civil Penalty has not been returned and payment has not been received.
12. On June 22,2023, Marco Norman/ Occam Security entered into a Consent Agreement with the Board in the amount of \$3,549.60 for registration violations. The temporary agreement was signed by QA Marco Norman on April 6, 2023. Payment has not been received.

II. OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS

See, Hearings List (Attachment 1).

III. ADMINISTRATIVE RULES

a. As previously reported, Director Sherwin had an issue arise wherein a licensed Security Guard and Patrol business's corporate status had been dissolved. By operation of law this meant it no longer existed as a legal entity. After scouring the Board's law and administrative rules he and I concluded the Board lacked the authority to take action.

Therefore, on behalf of staff, I proposed an amendment to 14B NCAC 16 .0205, a new subsection, (g), to the Law & Rules Committee at its December 2022 meeting. The Committee's recommendation was reflected in its report and the Board voted to approve this amendment.

I also used this opportunity to make a conforming change to the definition of "Associate Log" in 14B NCAC 16 .1101(4) to conform with the change adopted in the Digital Forensic Examiner trainee rule as to who is responsible for maintaining the trainee's log.

The Notice of Text was filed January 10, 2023. The Public Hearing was scheduled for Tuesday, February 21, 2023 at 2:00 p.m. at the Board's office and the Public Comment Period would have expired April 3, 2023. However, right before the Public Hearing Director Sherwin discovered that I had failed to send him the notice and rules for posting on the Board's website as required. I had to re-notice these rule amendments.

The (re-)Notice of Text was filed March 2, 2023. The Public Hearing was April 18, 2023 at 2:00 p.m. at the Board's office. The Public Comment Period expired June 2, 2023. There were no comments, oral or written.

The Board approved these rule amendments at its June 22, 2023 meeting.

The Submission for Permanent Rule forms were filed on July 3, 2023 and, for some inexplicable reason, combined for review with the rules in b., below.

b. As you know two subcommittees of the Law & Rules Committee worked diligently to craft new rules, and amend existing rules, to implement the new Close Personal Protection and Digital Forensic Examiner licenses. These administrative rules -- new Sections .1500, .1600 & .1700 -- and conforming amendments to .0201, .0403 & .0807 -- were considered at the December 2022 Law & Rules Committee meeting at its recommendation was reported to the full Board at its December 15, 2022 meeting and approved.

In order to implement the application process as soon as possible these new rules and rule amendments were filed as Temporary Rules, which hastened the usual rulemaking process. (The authority to do so is found in N.C. Gen. Stat. § 150B-21.1(a)(2), “[t]he effective date of a recent act of the General Assembly...,” which was October 1, 2022 for the majority of SB 424’s provisions, and January 1, 2023 for the PI/PIA “grandfathering” provision for the CPP license.) The temporary rulemaking process still required a Public Hearing and a Public Comment Period, which expired January 31, 2023. One comment was received and was considered and adopted at the Board’s February 16, 2023 meeting.

The Notice of Text for the Permanent rules was filed March 2023. The Public Hearing was held April 4, 2023 at 2:00 p.m. at the Board’s office. The Public Comment Period expired May 15, 2023. No oral comments were received, however one written comment was received. A version of new .1502 with the addition of the language from the public comment was provided to the Board at its June 22nd meeting. All the rule adoptions and amendments, including the new .1502, were approved by the Board.

The Submission for Permanent Rule forms were submitted on July 5, 2023. These rules were combined with the two rule amends in a., above, and numerous Request for Technical Change were sent to me. Many of these requests mirrored similar requests made of the virtually identical Temporary rules, but in the majority of instances two and three times the changes were requested. These Request for Change were e-mailed to me on August 8th at noon with a due date of August 11th at 5:00 p.m.

These rule amendments and adoptions were to be considered by the Rules Review Commission at its meeting today, however between the sheer volume of requests and the short response time, I have asked that the period of review be extended. The Temporary rules will remain in effect during this time.

IV. LITIGATION

a. At its February 16, 2022 meeting the Board instructed me to file a Complaint for Injunctive Relief against Byron Kyle Phillips, individually and d/b/a Dem Boyz Security for operating an unlicensed Security Guard and Patrol business in the Pitt County area.

The Complaint was filed on March 3, 2023. Defendant failed to answer or otherwise plead. Entry of Default was entered on May 23, 2023 and I filed a Motion for Default Judgment on June 8, 2023. The Defendant failed to respond by July 8th and a Default Judgment Order was entered on July 17, 2023 and served on Defendant Phillips on July 21st.

b. Also at its February 16th meeting the Board instructed me to file a Complaint for Injunctive Relief against Jeremy Lamond Henderson, individually and d/b/a North Carolina Protective Services and Cannon Amusements for operating an unlicensed Security Guard and Patrol business in the Cabarrus County area. At one time North

Carolina Protective Services had been a licensed Security Guard and Patrol business and Cannon Amusements had been a licensed proprietary organization with the Board. Defendant has had numerous criminal charges which tend to center around impersonation of a law enforcement officer.

The Complaint was filed on March 8, 2023, but the Sheriff was unsuccessful with service and it was returned. I obtained an Alias & Pluries Summons on May 5, 2023 and retained Private Investigator Kay Rivera, as a private process server, who -- after diligent attempts at service -- was not successful either.

Investigator Lee Kelly was unsuccessful, as well, when Defendant failed to appear in criminal court for charges related to this action. I am continuing to attempt service.

c. An unsuccessful applicant for an Unarmed Guard Registration “jumped the gun” (pun intended!) and filed a Petition for Judicial Review in his county of residence without having exhausted all of his administrative remedies, to wit requesting a contested case hearing before the Office of Administrative Hearings. I moved to dismiss, which was granted by the Superior Court Judge presiding.

The applicant has been afforded a contested case hearing.

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, and was effective that date.

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

VI. FINAL AGENCY DECISIONS

None.

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MASTER HEARINGS LIST
as of August 8, 2023**

OAH HEARING DATE	PETITIONER	TYPE OF APPLICATION	FAD STATUS OR HEARING DATE
January 18, 2023	Andy Renfrow; The Renfrow Group	Suspension of SG & P Business License and PI License	October 19, 2023.
June 27, 2023	Daniel Scrimenti 23 DOJ 02494	Summary Suspension of Armed Guard Registration	Guard terminated; hearing withdrawn May 25, 2023.
August 22, 2023	Kenneth Keith Plummer 23 DOJ 03153	Denial of Security Guard & Patrol Business License	
August 22, 2023	Joseph A. Gibson 23 DOJ 03477	Denial of Unarmed Guard Registration	