



North Carolina Department of Public Safety

Private Protective Services Board

January 2025 N.C. Private Protective Services Board Meeting Hot Sheet

This summary highlights key points from the January meeting of the Board and its committees. Full meeting minutes and detailed committee reports will be available after Board approval at the next meeting on March 20, 2025.

Grievance Committee: Five cases heard.

- One cease-and-desist order issued to unlicensed or unregistered persons.
- Three cases settled with consent agreements.
- One Letter of Caution issued for advertising private protective services without the appropriate license(s).
- Reminder: Many registration violations involve improper use or documentation of probationary unarmed security guards. To help:
 - Refer to Page 2 of the updated [Report of Probationary Unarmed Guard document](#) for an example employment timeline.
 - Review Pages 9-10 of the [Registration Procedures Manual](#) for proper guidelines on probationary employee use.

Screening Committee: Reviewed 28 license applications (comprised of: 11 PI, 7 Security Guard and Patrol, 3 PI Associate, 4 Close Personal Protection, 1 Courier, 1 Electronic Countermeasures, 1 Polygraph Examiner).

- 25 licenses approved; 3 licenses denied.

Law & Rules Committee:

- **ABC Commission Petition Denied:** On January 15, the N.C. Alcohol Beverage Control Commission ([ABCC](#)) denied the PPSB's request to amend its rules requiring ABCC permit holders to certify they will use licensed security. The PPSB will keep working with the ABCC to address unlicensed activity in permitted establishments.
- **Draft Legislation Approved:** The Committee proposed, and the Board approved, draft legislation to amend [N.C. Gen. Stat. § 74C](#). Key changes include allowing [H.R.218/LEOSA](#) credentials as an alternative to a concealed carry permit. Currently, PPSB-credentialed individuals must have both a concealed carry permit and an armed registration to carry a concealed firearm while on duty. The full draft legislation will be available after it is filed in the next few weeks.
- **Polygraph Licensing Review:** The Special Committee on Polygraph Licensing, led by Board member David Poston, will meet again in February. The committee is reviewing administrative rules for polygraph examiners ([Rules .0501-.0504](#)).

Training & Education Committee:

- The Committee heard from the Special Committee on Continuing Education, led by Board member Andy Renfrow, and continued its discussion about the Board's current

rules, policies and procedures related to its continuing education program. The Special Committee will meet again before the March PPSB meeting.

- The Committee approved the payment of a \$5,000 [educational grant](#) to Catherine Flowers, of [P.I. Leadership Academy](#), who worked for the last year to develop several Board-approved continuing education courses.
- The 2025 schedule for unarmed and firearms trainer certification courses is available [here](#).

ASLB/PPSB Joint Special Committee

- The ASLB/PPSB Joint Special Committee met on January 9 to explore ways the two Boards can collaborate. The discussion focused on the growing need for security guard and patrol companies to provide remote monitoring of clients' security camera feeds. The ASLB is considering amending its statute to create a simpler licensing process for companies that exclusively offer security camera monitoring services.

Other Board Discussion Points, Industry References & Reminders:

- The Board asked Director Sherwin to research the feasibility of creating an award program whereby industry members could be recognized for their positive contributions to the industry and the public.
- Other Board policies and informational memorandums are available [HERE](#).
- Board meeting minutes and Hot Sheets are available [HERE](#).

Upcoming Events:

- Feb. 18, [public comment hearing for rule changes](#), Board's office ([written comment](#) will be accepted through April 4, 2025)
- March 20, [PPSB Meeting](#), Raleigh (2 hours CE)
 - Industry Training following March 20 Board meeting (4 hours CE)
- May 7-9, [S.C. Association of Legal Investigators conference](#), Myrtle Beach (CE eligible)
 - Director Sherwin and Board member Jerry Pitman attending
- May 15, PPSB Meeting, Raleigh (2 hours CE)
- June 3-5, [Techno Security & Digital Forensics Conference](#), Wilmington (CE eligible)
 - Director Sherwin and Board members Jerry Pitman, Suzanne Creech and Candace Ratliff attending
- Dec. 3-5, [IPSB Close Protection Conference](#), Charlotte (CE eligible)