



North Carolina Department of Public Safety

Private Protective Services Board

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Paul Sherwin, Director

MEETING MINUTES OF THE NORTH CAROLINA PRIVATE PROTECTIVE SERVICES BOARD

DATE: June 16, 2022
TIME: 9:00 A.M.
PLACE: Hampton Inn & Suites, 3920 Arrow Drive
Raleigh, North Carolina 27612

SUBMITTED BY: Paul Sherwin, Director

MEMBERS PRESENT

Stacy Buff
Ron Burris*
Debra Duncan
Tamara Rabenold*
Kim Heffney
Vice-Chair Steve Johnson
Nada Lawrimore
Jerry Pitman
Andy Renfrow
Gerry Stickl
Sam Russell
Assata Buffaloe

MEMBERS ABSENT

Chair - Bud Cesena
Dave Stephens

*v: virtual

STAFF PRESENT

Paul Sherwin Ray Bullard
Jeff Gray Daniel Cheatham
Amanda Rolle Mercedes Sierra
Kim Odom
Garcia Graham
Carolina Valand

VISITORS PRESENT

William MacRae Ordie McFarland Jr.
Christopher Jackson* John Honeycutt*
Stephen Brown* Julie Turner*
Greg Pickrell* Bill Wilke*
James Pool* Denise Martin*
Jeff Kiker* Wendy Ackermann*
Todd Garrett* Allison Josey*
Rudy Lopez*

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Vice-Chairman Steve Johnson called the June 16, 2022 meeting of the North Carolina Private Protective Services Board to order at 9:00 A.M.

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 and refrain from the deliberation and vote in that matter."

SAM RUSSELL MADE A MOTION TO ACCEPT THE APRIL 21, 2022 BOARD MEETING MINUTES. SECONDED BY NADA LAWRIKORE. MOTION CARRIED. NONE OPPOSED.

FINAL AGENCY DECISIONS

None

GRIEVANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

Ron Burris presented the Grievance Committee report. Mr. Burris, Vice-Chair Steve Johnson, Jerry Pitman, Nada Lawrimore, Gerry Stickl, and Tamara Rabenold met in person and virtually on June 14, 2022, from 9:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M. and heard a total of fifteen (15) cases.

JERRY PITMAN MADE A MOTION TO ACCEPT THE GRIEVANCE COMMITTEE REPORT. ANDY RENFROW SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED. NONE OPPOSED

SEE ATTACHMENT FOR THE FULL GRIEVANCE REPORT

SCREENING COMMITTEE REPORT

Stacy Buff presented the Screening Committee report. Stacy Buff, Debra Duncan, Kim Heffney, Assata Buffaloe and Sam Russell met on June 15, 2022, from 9:00 A.M. to 11:35 A.M. and heard a total of forty-four (44) cases and 4 addendums.

SAM RUSSELL MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE ALL CASES PRESENTED TO THE SCREENING COMMITTEE WITH THE EXCEPTION OF RYAN SCOTT RABENOLD ON THE ADDENDUM. JERRY PITMAN SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED. NONE OPPOSED.

NADA LAWRIKORE MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE RYAN SCOTT RABENOLD. TAMARA RABENOLD RECUSED HERSELF. SAM RUSSELL

SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED. NONE OPPOSED.

SEE ATTACHMENT FOR THE FULL SCREENING REPORT

LAWS AND RULES COMMITTEE REPORT

Vice Chairman Steve Johnson presented the Law and Rules Committee report. Vice-Chairman Steve Johnson, Debra Duncan, Kim Heffney, Jerry Pitman and Tamara Rabenold met on June 15, 2022, from 2:30 P.M. to 3:00 P.M. The Committee discussed several items: First, the Committee discussed the status of the Board's pending bill. Vice-Chairman Steve Johnson stated that the bill has not yet been heard in the House, but he is optimistic it will pass before adjournment. The committee also reviewed and discussed rules changes to 14B NCAC 16 .0904 (a)(4) and 14B NCAC 16 .0707 (c)(4). The Committee recommended that Attorney Gray submit a proposed draft to the August Committee meeting for approval, then the full Board meeting.

DEBRA DUNCAN MADE A MOTIONED TO ACCEPT THE LAWS AND RULES REPORT. KIM HEFFNEY SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED. NONE OPPOSED.

TRAINING AND EDUCATION COMMITTEE REPORT

Vice-Chairman Steve Johnson presented the Training and Education report. On June 15, 2022, the Training and Education Committee met from 1:00 P.M. to 1:30 P.M. Vice-Chairman Steve Johnson, Stacy Buff, Tamara Rabenold, Assata Buffaloe and Sam Russell were present. Training Investigator Ray Bullard presented the trainer courses delivered in 2022 and the course schedule for 2022-2023. Investigator Bullard's report also included information from two reported accidental weapon discharges. The Committee discussed several topics: First, the Committee discussed the interpretation of Guard Dog Service Profession license. If the dog is only used for protection, this is a Security Guard & Patrol function, but if a dog is used for a specific task such as bomb detection, drug detection, etc., this would require a Guard Dog license. Second, Vice-Chairman Steve Johnson stated that Director Sherwin submitted a list of organizations that provide conferences and seminars for continue education credits for standing approval. The Committee discussed and approved the list, and hope that it will help to streamline the renewal process. Also, the Committee reviewed and approved sixteen (16) applications for continuing education credits. Lastly, the Committee discussed and approved a grant application from Central Piedmont Community College.

The Committee deferred the discussion on changing 14B NCAC 16 .0707 to the Laws and Rules Committee.

Director Sherwin reminded the industry members that the Board is currently accepting grant applications for both industry training and the Community College Scholarship program. The applications can be found on the PPS website and are accepted throughout the year.

ASSATA BUFFALOE MADE A MOTION TO ACCEPT THE TRAINING AND EDUCATION REPORT. KIM HEFFNEY SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED. NONE OPPOSED.

SEE ATTACHMENT FOR THE FULL TRAINING AND EDUCATION REPORT

NEW BUSINESS

Jerry Pitman reported that he attended the South Carolina Association of Legal Investigators (SCALI) annual Spring conference in May 2022. He stated that there were 189 attendees at the conference, and he enjoyed the speaker's presentation which was very informative. Mr. Pitman thanked the Board for sending him as a PPS representative to the conference.

Sam Russell suggested to the Board that individuals who are currently licensed and working in an armed capacity should carry one identification card that includes all endorsements. After a brief discussion Vice-Chairman Steve Johnson asked Director Sherwin to look into this matter.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Director Paul Sherwin presented the Director's Report.

STACY BUFF MADE A MOTION TO ACCEPT THE DIRECTOR'S REPORT AS PRESENTED. JERRY PITMAN SECONDED THE MOTION CARRIED. NONE OPPOSED.

SEE ATTACHMENT FOR THE FULL DIRECTOR'S REPORT

ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Attorney Jeff Gray presented the Attorney's Report.

The Committee also reviewed and discussed rule amendments to 14B NCAC 16 .0806, .0904, and .0911 and recommended the Board approve changes to the rules. (See attachment 2 of Attorney's Report).

STAY BUFF MADE A MOTION TO ACCEPT THE ABOVE PROPOSED RULES. KIM HEFFNEY SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED. NONE OPPOSED.

NADA LAWRIMORE MADE A MOTION TO ACCEPT THE ATTORNEY'S REPORT. DEBRA DUNCAN SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED. NONE OPPOSED.

SEE ATTACHMENT FOR THE FULL ATTORNEY'S REPORT

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Mr. Jerry Pitman asked Director Sherwin for an update on the reimbursement and per diem for Board members and Director Sherwin gave them an update.

DEBRA DUNCAN A MOTION TO ADJOURN. SAM RUSSELL SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED.

Meeting Adjourned: 10:26 A.M.

Paul Sherwin
Director

Garcia Graham
Reporter