

# **Texas Private Security Advisory Committee (TPSAC)**

## **Meeting Minutes**

**January 8, 2025**

### **1. Call to Order**

The regular meeting of the Texas Private Security Advisory Committee was called to order at 11:13 a.m. on January 8, 2025, via conference call as well as in person at 5806 Guadalupe St., Building I, Austin, Tx 78752.

### **2. Roll Call**

<b>Patti James</b>	Chairwoman	Private Investigator Representative
<b>Wade Hayden</b>	Member	Public Representative
<b>DJ Seeger</b>	Member	Public Representative
<b>Debi Ulmer</b>	Member	Alarm Systems, Elec Access Control
<b>John Helweg</b>	Member	Locksmith Representative
<b>Vanessa Mayo</b>	Assistant Chief	Texas Department of Public Safety
<b>Audrey Rosales</b>	Service Director	Texas Department of Public Safety
<b>Thomas James</b>	Major, Service Director	Texas Department of Public Safety
<b>Mark Berry</b>	Captain	Texas Department of Public Safety
<b>Robert Hawkins</b>	Spec Assign Manager	Texas Department of Public Safety
<b>Christopher Lyons</b>	RSD Manager	Texas Department of Public Safety
<b>Ryan Garcia</b>	Program Manager	Texas Department of Public Safety
<b>Lawrence Cortez</b>	Program Supervisor	Texas Department of Public Safety
<b>Linsey Silva</b>	Program Supervisor	Texas Department of Public Safety
<b>Amalia Sanchez</b>	Program Supervisor	Texas Department of Public Safety
<b>Trey Struhall</b>	Program Supervisor	Texas Department of Public Safety
<b>Steve Moninger</b>	Senior Policy Analyst	Texas Department of Public Safety
<b>Amanda Contrino</b>	Senior Policy Analyst	Texas Department of Public Safety
<b>Patricia Herrera</b>	Comp and Enforcement Spec	Texas Department of Public Safety
<b>Haydee Saenz</b>	Comp and Enforcement Spec	Texas Department of Public Safety
<b>Samantha Coronel</b>	Admin Operations Team Lead	Texas Department of Public Safety
<b>Deborah Failey</b>	Personnel Admin Specialist	Texas Department of Public Safety
<b>Renee Davis</b>	Personnel Admin Specialist	Texas Department of Public Safety
<b>Carlos Romero</b>	Admin Operations Specialist	Texas Department of Public Safety

### **3. Minutes from October 9, 2024**

The minutes of the previous meeting were unanimously approved as distributed.

#### **4. Quarterly Reports from Regulatory Services Division**

##### **a. Executive Office Report**

Captain Mark Berry informed the committee there is an applicant for the board replacement of Tucker Whitt, and DPS is in the process of reviewing an application received for approval.

##### **b. Complaints/Investigations**

Captain Mark Berry was asked by Ron Joy to inform the committee that DPS did a Private Security Guard check for a local Independent School District (ISD) was hiring unlicensed Private Security Guards. DPS went to six different locations within the ISD and out of those six locations, five arrests were made for impersonating a security guard. They were people in uniforms who had not done the due diligence to become a Private Security Guard. One individual specifically had a criminal history with 12 arrests and two of which have injured a child, elderly or disabled with an intent to harm. DPS is now working in conjunction with the Highway Patrol and the Rangers to pursue charges and an arrest warrant on the individual who hired those five people. Captain Mark Berry states it is still an ongoing investigation.

##### **c. Disciplinary Actions**

Ryan Garcia mentioned there is nothing new to add.

##### **d. Licensing Statistics**

Ryan Garcia mentioned the statistics were provided in the quarterly report and available for viewing, if anyone has questions to contact him regarding the report.

#### **5. Industry Reports**

##### **a. Security Officers**

No report currently.

##### **b. Investigators**

Patti James stated she had nothing to report.

##### **b. Alarm systems and Electronic Access Control**

Debi Ulmer stated she had nothing to report.

**c. Locksmiths**

John Helweg stated he had nothing to report currently.

**d. Public Report**

Wade Hayden stated he had nothing to report.

**6. Discussion and Possible Recommendation Items**

There were no discussion or possible recommendation items currently.

**7. Future agenda items**

Steve Moninger stated that there were no future agenda items currently.

**8. Date of next meeting**

Date of the next meeting will be held April 9, 2025, at 11:00 a.m.

**9. Adjourn**

Meeting was adjourned at 11:38 a.m.