

Texas Private Security Advisory Committee (TPSAC)

Meeting Minutes

July 9, 2025

1. Call to Order

The regular meeting of the Texas Private Security Advisory Committee was called to order at 11:12 a.m. on July 9, 2025, via MS Teams conference call as well as in person at 5806 Guadalupe St., Building I, Austin, Tx 78752.

2. Roll Call

Patti James	Chairwoman	Private Investigator Representative
Wade Hayden	Member	Public Representative
John Helweg	Member	Locksmith Representative
DJ Seeger	Member	Public Representative
Louis Felini	Member	Security Guard Representative
Vanessa Mayo	Assistant Chief	Texas Department of Public Safety
Ron Joy	Service Director	Texas Department of Public Safety
Audrey Rosales	Service Director	Texas Department of Public Safety
Natalie Robertson	Service Director	Texas Department of Public Safety
Amanda Contrino	Senior Policy Analyst	Texas Department of Public Safety
Lisa Cargill	Field Ops Manager	Texas Department of Public Safety
Christopher Lyons	Field Ops Manager	Texas Department of Public Safety
Haydee Saenz	Compliance & Enforcement Specialist	Texas Department of Public Safety
Robert Hawkins	Special Assignment Manager	Texas Department of Public Safety
Lawrence Cortez	Program Supervisor	Texas Department of Public Safety
Ryan Garcia	Program Manager	Texas Department of Public Safety
Linsey Silva	Program Supervisor	Texas Department of Public Safety
Trey Struhall	Program Supervisor	Texas Department of Public Safety
Carlos Romero	Admin Operations Spec	Texas Department of Public Safety
Renee Davis	Personnel Admin Spec	Texas Department of Public Safety
Leslie Stevens	Sr. Personnel Admin Spec	Texas Department of Public Safety

3. Minutes from April 9, 2025

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

4. Quarterly Reports from Regulatory Services Division

a. Executive Office Report

Service Director Ron Joy addressed the committee stating no bills relating to Private Security pass the Texas Legislative session which ended in June.

b. Complaints/Investigations

Service Director Ron Joy addressed the committee stating that in the last fiscal quarter 4 (four) arrests were made for unlicensed Security Guard activity and 12 (twelve) arrest warrants were issued for impersonating Private Security Guards.

Chairwoman Patty James asked what the penalty was for impersonating a security guard, to which Service Director Joy stated it was a Class A Misdemeanor. Chairwoman James then asked if the DA was going to accept the charges, to which Service Director Joy stated that the charges had been accepted.

c. Disciplinary Actions

Ron Joy addressed the committee regarding the disciplinary actions section of the quarterly report. There were no questions

d. Licensing Statistics

Ryan Garcia addressed the committee regarding the licensing section of quarterly report. There were no questions.

5. Industry Reports

a. Security Officers

Louis Felini addressed the committee stating he wanted to thank DPS for the rule change related to Level II and Level III Security Guards. He explained Level II Security Guards were able to print their certificate and work immediately while awaiting the arrival of their hard card, but Level III Security Guards had to wait for the hard card to be received. He stated that by removing this restriction people were able to go to work more quickly. Service Director Ron Joy stated that RSD did not actually change any rules but rather changed procedures that RSD was following.

b. Investigators

Patti James stated she had nothing to report at this time.

c. Alarm systems and Electronic Access Control

Debi Ulmer was not available at this meeting and sent no report.

d. Locksmiths

John Helwig stated he had nothing to report at this time.

e. Public Report

Wade Hayden stated he had nothing to report at this time.

6. Discussion and Possible Recommendation Items

Ron Joy informed the committee that in 2023 DPS started receiving questions regarding security guards carrying rifles. In 2024 an administrative rule was revised to allow honorably retired Texas peace officers to have access to a rifle when on duty. He added there have been subsequent requests to increase the ability for armed security guards to carry rifles in addition to honorably retired Texas peace officers. Before DPS suggested making any rule changes they wanted to see what bills related to this issue passed during the Texas Legislature session. As no bills passed, they were bringing it to be addressed by the committee. He further stated this would also apply to armed security guards working in schools. Service Director Joy stated there may need to be some additional training requirements for security guards that work in schools as well. He proposed Chairwoman James create a subcommittee to research issues associated with this change, and suggested she appoint Security Guard Representative Louis Felini to the subcommittee. Patty James appointed Lewis Felini to the subcommittee on Guard Services Scope of Work and Training.

7. Future agenda items

There were no future agenda items currently.

8. Date of next meeting

Date of the next meeting will be held October 8, 2025, at 11:00 a.m.

9. Adjourn

Wade Hayden addressed the committee stating that at the end of July Senior Policy Analyst Steve Moninger would be retiring from DPS after many years of service. He stated he wished to propose a resolution to thank him for his time with the committee and all his efforts. He read the resolution as follows:

The Texas Private Security Advisory Committee recognizes the dedication support, guidance and sage counsel provided by Senior Policy Analyst and Attorney Steve Moninger over the many years. Mr. Moninger has demonstrated his dedication to the TPSAC, the Department of Public Safety and previously, the Private Security Board. Mr. Moninger has repeatedly demonstrated his great depth of knowledge on the laws, the code, and the rules of our agency and our department. He has been steadfast in his commitment to TPSAC and the DPS. He's admired for his calm nature, even when confronted with challengers, and might add, I was a challenger to Steve several times. Mr. Moninger has been a great addition to and a valued member of the TPSAC and DPS. We thank him for his service. He will be missed. We wish him all the best for the future. Thank you, Mr. Moninger.

Meeting adjourned at 11:34 a.m.