

# Texas Private Security Advisory Committee (TPSAC)

Meeting Minutes

April 12, 2023

## 1. Call to Order

The regular meeting of the Texas Private Security Advisory Committee was called to order at 11:06 a.m. on April 12, 2023, via conference call.

## 2. Roll Call

Patti James	Chairwoman	Private Investigator Representative
Wade Hayden	Member	Public Representative
John Helweg	Member	Locksmith Representative
Debi Ulmer	Member	Alarm System & Electronic Access Rep
Jason Hester	Assistant Chief	Texas Department of Public Safety
Chris Sims	Service Director	Texas Department of Public Safety
Sherrie Zgabay	Service Director	Texas Department of Public Safety
Mark Berry	Captain	Texas Department of Public Safety
Robert Hawkins	Special Assignments Manager	Texas Department of Public Safety
Lisa Cargill	RSD Manager	Texas Department of Public Safety
Christopher Lyons	RSD Manger	Texas Department of Public Safety
Jeremy LeCrone	Program Manager	Texas Department of Public Safety
Amalia Sanchez	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
Steve Moninger	Senior Policy Analyst	Texas Department of Public Safety
Leslie Stevens	Personnel Admin Specialist	Texas Department of Public Safety
Renee Davis	Staff Services Specialist	Texas Department of Public Safety
Deborah Failey	Staff Services Specialist	Texas Department of Public Safety
Carlos Romero	Admin Operations Specialist	Texas Department of Public Safety

## 3. Minutes from April 13, 2022

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

## 4. Quarterly Reports from Regulatory Services Division

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

Assistant Chief Hester stated that the Legislative Session was in full swing with approximately 170 bills being filed relating to the Regulatory Services Division (RSD). One such bill, House Bill 1480, would rekindle the Qualified Manager. This bill, if passed, would require both the company owner and qualified manager to pass the exam. This bill is awaiting a subcommittee hearing for further discussion. Another bill filed that has an impact to the Private Security industry involves school security officers. If passed this bill would allow reserve

police officers and honorably retired police officers to carry weapons on school campuses and to be employed by school districts as security personnel. This bill would also exempt them from licensure.

Assistant Chief Hester informed the committee that Alan Trevino's appointment to the committee has expired and Alan decided not to reapply. He stated that three applications for this vacancy have been received and were being evaluated for recommendation to Chair Patti James in the near future.

**b. Complaints/Investigations**

Assistant Chief Hester stated that Captain Hanson recently retired from DPS. The new RSD Captain is Mark Berry. Assistant Chief Hester stated the department continues to move forward with industry/guard checks in the field.

**c. Disciplinary Actions**

Jeremy LeCrone presented this information to the committee. There were no follow up questions.

**d. Licensing Statistics**

Ryan Garcia presented this information to the committee. There were no follow up questions.

**5. Industry Reports**

**a. Security Officers**

There was no report provided.

**b. Investigators**

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

**c. Alarm systems and Electronic Access Control**

Debi Ulmer stated she had nothing to report at this time.

**d. Locksmiths**

John Helweg 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**

Steve Moninger presented proposed rule changes to the committee. He also stated that any proposed changes would not go to the Public Safety Commission until after the close of the Legislative Session. Chairwoman James asked for clarification regarding rule 35.5.

**a. Amendments to Rule 35.5, Standards of Conduct, clarifying the use of the department's name or seal and providing for company licensee's responsibility for employee conduct relating to sales or other customer interactions occurring on behalf of the company.**

Steve Moninger stated that the changes to this rule were drafted at John Helweg's suggestion to address Salespersons who are not regulated. This would enable the department to act against a company if one of their employees violates the Private Security rules.

**b. Amendments to Rule 35.9, Advertisements, excluding residential address from required item in advertisements and otherwise clarifying the requirements.**

Steve Moninger stated proposed changes to this rule are excluding residential address from advertisements.

**c. Proposed new Rule 35.124, Alarm Company and Alarm Training School Licenses, clarifying experience requirements.**

Steve Moninger stated that proposed changes to this rule clarify the requirement for alarm company license applicants to have two years of experience to apply for a company license.

**d. Amendments to Rule 35.143, Training Instructor Approval, clarifying hours required and adding additional means of qualification.**

Steve Moninger stated proposed changes to this rule would remove the requirement that classroom and firearm instructor certificates must total 40 hours. This requirement is not expressed in statute and is causing an unnecessary backlog of applications. More substantively, these changes are adding another option to obtain a license by providing for submission of documentation establishing regular instruction in handguns and graduation from a handgun instructor school that uses a nationally accepted course.

The committee voted unanimously in favor of all rule changes as presented.

**7. Future agenda items**

No future agenda items at this time.

**8. Date of next meeting**

Date of the next meeting was confirmed to be July 12, 2023 at 11am.

**9. Adjourn**

Meeting adjourned at 11:34 a.m.