

Texas Private Security Advisory Committee (TPSAC)

Meeting Minutes

January 14, 2021

1. Call to Order

The regular meeting of the Texas Private Security Advisory Committee was called to order at 11:06 a.m. on January 14, 2021 via conference call.

2. Roll Call

Present:

Patti James	Chairwoman	Private Investigator Representative
Alan Trevino		Security Officer Representative
Debi Ulmer		Alarm Syst. & Elect. Access Rep.
Derrick Howard		Public Representative
Jason Hester	Assistant Chief	Texas Department of Public Safety
Sherrie Zgabay	Service Director	Texas Department of Public Safety
Chris Sims	Service Director	Texas Department of Public Safety
Huel Haynes	Program Manager	Texas Department of Public Safety
Ryan Garcia	Program Asst. Manager	Texas Department of Public Safety
Jeremy LeCrone	Program Manager	Texas Department of Public Safety
Sarah Gaytan	Program Manager	Texas Department of Public Safety
Molly Sanchez	Program Supervisor	Texas Department of Public Safety
Anne Yusim	Program Manager	Texas Department of Public Safety
Pablo Luna	Program Manager	Texas Department of Public Safety
Steve Moninger	Sr. Policy Analyst	Texas Department of Public Safety
Leslie Stevens	Executive Assistant	Texas Department of Public Safety
Krystal Sanders	Executive Assistant	Texas Department of Public Safety

3. Minutes from October 14, 2020

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

4. Quarterly Reports from Regulatory Services Division

Jason Hester informed the committee that the statistical information they received had a new format going forward. He explained that the format was changed to align with the annual report that is required by the Sunset Bill. Alan Trevino asked if the current report could be broken down further to show new licenses and renewal licenses separately, as the prior report had. Jason stated that he would look into that possibility and report back to the committee.

a. Licensing Statistics

Ryan Garcia presented this information to the committee members. There was no further discussion.

b. Disciplinary Actions

Jeremy LeCrone presented this information to the committee members. Alan Trevino asked if any of the total disciplinary actions were due to companies with insurance lapses. Molly Sanchez stated that insurance lapses were not part of these numbers.

c. Complaints/Investigations

Anne Yusim presented this information to the committee members. Alan Trevino asked how these complaints were received, to which Anne stated they were either received via telephone or email. Alan went on to ask if the 585 inspections were just related to Private Security. Anne responded that was correct. She also clarified that if it is not related to a complaint then it is considered an inspection, as inspections are considered compliance related.

d. Executive Office Report

Jason Hester informed the committee that DPS was currently doing a rewrite of the website, hoping to make it cleaner and more mobile friendly. He stated it should go live February 3rd.

Jason went on to say that the new legislature was sworn in on Tuesday, January 12th and RSD had completed 83 bill analysis so far, four being related to Private Security. HB932 mandates two additional training requirements, CPR and Taser, for Level 3 and Level 4 training. He said the problem with the bill is that there is no option to opt out of Taser training even if employees are not using them.

Jason further informed the committee that the Governor recently announced an end to all of the Driver License waivers as of April 14, 2021. He stated that RSD would follow the same deadline for its waivers upon approval from the Governor's office. He went on to say that after the April 14th deadline everyone will need to be up to date on their licensure to avoid any late fee assessment.

5. Industry Reports

a. Security Officers

There were no updates or reports at this time.

b. Investigators

There were no updates or reports at this time.

c. Alarm systems and Electronic Access Control

There were no updates or reports at this time.

d. Locksmiths

There were no updates or reports at this time.

e. Public Report

There were no updates or reports at this time.

6. Discussion and Possible Recommendation Items

Jason Hester addressed the committee regarding a prior meeting's issue. He stated that Wayne Mueller approved awarding Continuing Education credits for attending the committee meetings and that certificates would be issued. These credits could be used to help fulfil the CE requirements regarding Rules and Laws but could not gain the members Ethics credit. He asked the members if they preferred to receive the certificate at the end of each meeting or at the end of the fiscal year. The majority of members agreed that once a year would be fine.

a. Firearms Qualification Rule Suggestion

Jason Hester told the committee that a letter was received from Byron Frank at Ultimate Firearms Training Center concerning Private Security Rules 35.145 and 35.146. In the letter Mr. Frank pointed out two courses that are accepted for qualification under the current rules: the DPS Primary Issue Handgun Qualification Course, which is used for all commissioned officers at DPS, and the DPS License to Carry Handgun Licensing Course. Mr. Frank stated in his letter that the Primary course was not accessible to instructors, Jason informed the Committee that he discussed the issue with the Training Operations Division who agreed that it would be subject to release through the Public Information Act if requested. Jason informed the Committee that DPS would be making that course available to the Private Security industry.

Alan Trevino asked if there was a target date on when the DPS Primary course would be available, to which Jason stated by the end of the week. Alan further stated that once it was released he didn't think it would be necessary to change the current rule requirements. He said that if Mr. Franks wanted to go above and beyond the requirements in his training course that would be fine but, it is not necessary and will not be accepted in lieu of the requirements.

Alan Trevino made a motion that with the addition of firearms course the Texas Private Security Advisory Committee declined Mr. Frank's proposal. Debi Ulmer seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

7. Future agenda items

There were no future agenda items discussed at this time.

8. Date of next meeting- April 14, 2021, 11:00 a.m.

Date of the next meeting was confirmed to be April 14, 2021.

9. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 11:57 a.m.