

MINUTES
UTAH SECURITY SERVICES
LICENSING BOARD
October 23, 2025
Hybrid Meeting Room 474

CONVENED: 9:01 a.m.

ADJOURNED: 12:24 p.m.

Bureau Manager:
Board Secretary:

Tracy Taylor
Katie Corak

Board Members Present:

Sean Ricks, Acting Chairperson
Joshua Smith
Benjamin Beckes
Sheriff Travis Tucker
J. Daniel Schoenfeld

Board Members Absent:

Nicholas Blanchette
Chief Collen Jacobs

Guests:

Richard Hemma
Clark Aposhian
Joshua Thompson
Jacob Lewis
James Olsen
Dustin Hansen
Joshua J. Allred
Dana Rich
Ryan Gilbert
Paul Nelson
David Piscotta, Priority Protection Group LLC
Gordon Brennan, Priority Protection Group LLC
Wendy Pearson, Priority Protection Group LLC
Jason Kremers, All Pro Security
Jake Robichaux
Cory Green
John Jones
Ian McDonald, Raptor Academy

DOPL Staff Present:

Sicily Hill, Compliance Specialist
Kirsten Shumway, Legal Analyst

TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION

ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS:

Approve Minutes:

Compliance Update:

APPOINTMENTS:

Clark Aposhian-QR

Joshua Thompson-QR

DECISIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Sheriff Tucker made a motion to approve the August 14, 2025 minutes. Mr. Smith seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Hill provided the Board with a Compliance update, and the Board met with probationer Ryan Gilbert. Mr. Gilbert left his job abruptly in August 2025 and had not been in contact with Ms. Hill until this week. Mr. Gilbert made the decision to step away from work to address health issues but failed to notify the Division as required. The Board commended Mr. Gilbert for taking care of his health and asked that he keep in contact with the Division as required by his probation stipulation. Item noted with no action taken.

Mr. Aposhian attended his appointment with the Board. Mr. Aposhian provided the Board with an overview of his employment history as well as his qualifications and answered questions from the Board. Mr. Aposhian's qualifying agent status was revoked six years ago because Mr. Aposhian was found to have engaged in unprofessional conduct. Due to the limited information regarding unprofessional conduct and Mr. Aposhian's description of his position and job duties at DAW Security, Mr. Ricks made a motion to table DAW Security's application for licensure until the December meeting so more information can be gathered and presented to the Board. Sheriff Tucker seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Thompson attended his appointment with the Board. Mr. Thompson provided the Board with an overview of his employment history as well as his qualifications and answered questions from the Board. Mr. Smith made a motion to approve Mr. Thompson as the replacement qualifying agent for Pal American Security Inc. Mr. Beckes seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Richard Hemma -QR

Mr. Hemma attended his appointment with the Board. Mr. Hemma provided the Board with an overview of his employment history as well as his qualifications and answered questions from the Board. Sheriff Tucker made a motion to approve Mr. Hemma as the qualifying agent for JG Security UT LLC. Mr. Smith seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Jacob Lewis-QR

Mr. Lewis attended his appointment with the Board. Mr. Lewis provided an overview of his employment history as well as his qualifications and answered questions from the Board. Mr. Smith made a motion to approve Mr. Lewis as the qualifying agent for Security Services Northwest Inc. Sheriff Tucker seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

James Olsen-QR

Mr. Olsen attended his appointment with the Board. Mr. Olsen provided an overview of his employment history and qualifications and answered questions from the Board. Sheriff Tucker made a motion to approve Mr. Olsen as the qualifying agent for First Coast Security Solutions Inc. Mr. Beckes seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Elijah Kratzer-
Renewal Review

Mr. Kratzer did not attend his appointment with the Board. Mr. Ricks made a motion to deny the renewal of Mr. Kratzer's Armed Private Security Officer license. Mr. Beckes seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Dustin Hansen-HR

Mr. Hansen attended his appointment with the Board. Mr. Ricks reviewed Mr. Hansen's history with the Board. Mr. Hansen answered questions from the Board. Mr. Ricks made a motion to approve Mr. Hansen's application for licensure as an Armed Private Security Officer, Sheriff Tucker seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Joshua J. Allred-HR

Mr. Allred attended his appointment with the Board. Mr. Ricks reviewed Mr. Allred's history with the Board. Mr. Allred answered questions from the Board. Mr. Beckes made a motion to approve Mr. Allred's application for licensure as Armed Private Security Officer license. Sheriff Tucker seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Anthony D. Gonzales-HR

Mr. Gonzales did not attend his appointment with the Board. Mr. Ricks made a motion to deny Mr. Gonzales' application for licensure as Unarmed Private Security Officer license. Mr. Smith seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Tevita Piukala Tuitupou-HR

Mr. Tuitopou did not attend his appointment with the Board. Mr. Ricks made a motion to deny Mr. Tuitupou's application for licensure as an Unarmed Private Security Officer. Mr. Smith seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Dana Rich-HR

Ms. Rich attended her appointment with the Board. Mr. Ricks reviewed Rich's history with the Board. Ms. Rich answered questions from the Board. Mr. Beckes made a motion to approve Ms. Rich's application for licensure as an Unarmed Private Security Officer. Mr. Smith seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Marc Ogden-HR

Mr. Ogden withdrew his application for licensure the day before the meeting. Therefore, this item was stricken from the agenda.

Chelsea Bryan-HR

Ms. Bryan did not attend her appointment with the Board. Mr. Ricks made a motion to deny Ms. Bryan's application for licensure as an Unarmed Private Security Officer. Mr. Smith seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

DISCUSSION & ACTION ITEMS:

Priority Protection Group LLC

Firearms Training Program:

The Board reviewed a firearms training program from Priority Protection Group LLC, a licensed contract security company in Utah. The Division and the Board expressed concern regarding the somewhat low level of difficulty of the final exam. Mr. Gordon Brennan, President of Priority Protection Group explained the reasoning the structure of the exam and some of the questions. After some discussion, Sheriff Tucker made a motion to approve the firearms training program upon submission of a revised final exam approved by the Division. Mr. Beckes seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

IASIR Update:

Ms. Taylor provided the Board with a summary of the IASIR conference she attended as Utah's representative earlier this month. The conference brought together security regulators from 15 states and 2 Canadian territories along with industry leaders from across North America to discuss the challenges every jurisdiction is facing in the security services profession. Ms. Taylor gleaned useful information on the topics of executive protection, the use of rifles in the security profession, and licensing policies and procedures in other jurisdictions. Overall, Ms. Taylor found the conference to be well organized and very useful. IASIR has extended the Board an offer of membership in their organization. The Board asked Ms. Taylor to gather more information about the cost and benefits of membership and provide it to the Board for consideration at the next board meeting.

Operating Standards-Vehicles

Mr. Cory Green, Qualifying Agent for Rockwell Security, a licensed contract security company in Utah, addressed the Board regarding operating standards, specifically the requirements of R156-63a-610 (4), which requires security patrol vehicles have the word "Security" either alone or in conjunction with the company name, on each side and the rear of the company vehicle in letters no less than four inches in height and in a color contrasting to the color of the vehicle and legible from a reasonable distance. Mr. Green believes this is an vague and unreasonable requirement that is not beneficial to the security profession because people can easily discern a security patrol vehicle from a law enforcement vehicle and 4-inch lettering is too big to fit on a vehicle, ATV, and motorcycles. Ms. Taylor explained that while there was not a problem with unmarked security patrol vehicles prior to this rule being made, it was put into place because without having any requirements on the lettering, the rule is unenforceable. The Board agreed with this assessment and found 4-inch lettering to be a reasonable size able to fit on various types of vehicles. Additionally, an extremely small percentage of companies would use motorcycles for patrol. Item noted with no action taken.

Rule Clean Up Review:

The board reviewed and discussed section(s) of proposed changes to the administrative rule. Item noted with no action taken at this time as this review is ongoing.

ADJOURN:

Adjourned at 12:24 p.m.


Note: These minutes are not intended to be a verbatim transcript but are intended to record the significant features of the business conducted in this meeting. Discussed items are not necessarily shown in the chronological order they occurred.

Date: _____

Date: 12/11/2025

Nicholas Blanchette

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Security Services Licensing Board Chairperson

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Bureau Manager, Division of Professional Licensing