



Bureau of Security and Investigative Services
Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes
April 16, 2026 Meeting
In-Person Meeting

Industry Members Present

Frank Huntington III (Private Investigator Industry)
Mark Miller (Private Patrol Operator Industry)
Chris Sayers (Proprietary Security Industry)
Leon Scroggins (Repossession Industry)
Angel Yanez (Training Facility Industry)
Glenn Younger (Locksmith Industry)

Bureau Staff Present

Samuel Stodolski – Assistant Chief
Andrea Dailly – Deputy Chief of Licensing
Majdi Abdelsalam – Deputy Chief of Enforcement
Kerry Ortman – Administration and Policy Manager

DCA Staff Present

Shelly Jones – Department of Consumer Affairs (DCA) Executive Office, Assistant Deputy Director
Karen Munoz – DCA Fiscal Office, Supervisor II
Kaila Van Lindt – DCA Fiscal Office, Budgets Analyst

Minutes Taken By

Valerie Peterson – BSIS Policy Analyst

1. Call to Order / Roll Call

Assistant Chief Stodolski called the meeting to order at 10:01 am. BSIS Policy Analyst, Valerie Peterson, called roll. It was stated that a quorum had been established.

2. Review and Approval of Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes from November 13, 2025

At 10:03 am, a motion to accept the minutes from the meeting of November 13, 2025 was made by Mr. Leon Scroggins with Mr. Mark Miller providing the motion to second. BSIS Policy Analyst, Valerie Peterson, conducted a vote with 6 in favor/0 opposed/3 absent. Motion passes.

Assistant Chief Stodolski opened the floor to the committee members for any questions about the previous meeting minutes. Q&A was closed with no questions from the committee members.

Assistant Chief Stodolski then opened the meeting to public comments for this agenda item. There were no public comments or questions.

3. Department of Consumer Affairs Executive Update

At 10:06 am, Assistant Chief Stodolski welcomed department updates from Shelly Jones with the Executive Office of Department of Consumer Affairs' (DCA).

Ms. Jones shared that Chief Deputy Director, Christine Lally, was named as the Acting Director for the department following the retirement of Director Kirkmeyer, who retired at the end of December 2025. Ms. Jones has served in multiple leadership roles within the department since 2013 and will remain in the position until a formal Director is appointed by the Governor's Office.

Ms. Jones reported that last year, executive action was taken by Governor Newsom to assist licensees who were affected by the LA County fires to allow a one-year postponement of licensing renewal fees for survivors who were impacted by those fires. In January, DCA began sending notices to licensees who chose the postponement which included a reminder to submit their fees either online through BreEZe or through the mail.

Ms. Jones relayed that the proposal to split DCA's oversight agency, the Business and Consumer Services and Housing Agency, into two state agencies to contain the California Housing and Homelessness Agency and the Business and Consumer Services Agency was approved on July 5, 2025 and will become operative July 1, 2026. The new Business and Consumer Services Agency will be responsible for consumer affairs, licensing, and enforcement with DCA being under this new umbrella.

Ms. Jones reminded the Committee members of the budget travel notice to be fiscally prudent in decisions when making reservations and traveling.

Ms. Jones communicated that DCA developed Unconscious Bias training which is required for board and bureau members and encouraged the Committee members to complete the training through LMS.

Asst. Chief Stodolski asked for questions or comments from the Committee. There were no comments or questions posed from the Committee members.

Asst. Chief Stodolski asked for public comments relevant to this agenda item. There were no other public comments or questions.

4. Budget Update

At 10:08 am, Asst. Chief Stodolski introduced Kaila Van Lindt, DCA Budget Analyst. Ms. Van Lindt was joined by DCA Fiscal Office Supervisor, Karen Munoz.

Ms. Van Lindt reviewed the Bureau's fund condition statement as of fiscal month eight for FY 2025-2026. Ms. Van Lindt communicated that the budget office will continue to monitor the Bureau's revenue and expenditures, and report back to the Bureau with monthly expenditure projections.

Ms. Van Lindt reminded the meeting participants that the fund condition statement is a snapshot in time and one of the main drivers of expenditure increases in future years will be a result of personal service adjustments, such as general salary increases, employee compensation, and retirement rate adjustments. Any future legislation or unanticipated events can also result in the Bureau's need for additional resources.

Asst. Chief Stodolski opened the floor to Advisory Committee members for questions to Ms. Van Lindt. Mr. Huntington acknowledged that discussion around SB 1203 will appear later in the meeting; however, he asked if the Budget Office has reviewed the bill in relation to the possibility of needing to increase licensing fees. Ms. Van Lindt acknowledged that fiscal analyses and discussions with staff at the Bureau and the Budget Office have taken place and are ongoing as the bill moves through the legislature. Asst. Chief Stodolski offered background process timelines for legislation and any needed implementation.

Asst. Chief Stodolski asked for public comments relevant to this agenda item. There were no public comments or questions.

5. Bureau Chief's Introduction, Welcome Remarks, and Bureau Updates

At 10:15 am, Asst. Chief Stodolski welcomed the committee members on behalf of Chief Jensen, thanked them for participating, traveling, and for their continued hard work. Asst. Chief Stodolski reminded the attendees that there are still four openings for public members to join the Advisory Committee. Committee members are appointed by the DCA Director and applications for the Advisory Committee can be found on the DCA homepage at dca.ca.gov. Asst. Chief Stodolski reminded the attendees that licensees cannot apply to be a public member, but the Bureau is looking to fill those vacant openings and encouraged the attendees to recommend anyone willing to serve.

Asst. Chief Stodolski mentioned Chief Jensen sent an email to the Committee members earlier in the week to bring forward any discussion items and asked the members to bring up their suggestions later in the meeting.

Asst. Chief Stodolski brought up the Superbowl, World Cup, and 2028 Olympics in Southern California as events that have the potential to strain the Bureau in terms of

expediting requests for licensing. To get ahead of the rush, the Enforcement Unit will reach out beforehand to participating companies to offer education and compliance reminders.

Asst. Chief Stodolski encouraged any potential applicants to apply online, adding that the Bureau's licensing processing times are meeting processing timelines. There is an 85-90% online renewal participation rate. Asst. Chief Stodolski recommended using the email address and the Contact Us page on the Bureau's website when contacting the Bureau. If consumers call the Bureau, the 800 number goes to a DCA Call Center, not to the Bureau itself.

Asst. Chief Stodolski asked for questions and comments from the Advisory Committee. Mr. Miller commented that the processing times on BreEZe for security guard and firearms licensing have been fast and expressed appreciation. Mr. Yanez added that the guard processing times have been quick, but the company and facility applications have taken a bit longer. There were no further questions or comments from Committee members.

Asst. Chief Stodolski asked for public comments and questions regarding this agenda item. There were no questions or comments related to this agenda item.

6. Bureau's Staffing Update

At 10:21 am, Asst. Chief Stodolski provided the staffing update for the Bureau. He advised that the Bureau is currently at a 11% vacancy rate as of March 6th and that management is working to fill all vacancies left by retirements and promotions.

Asst. Chief Stodolski asked for questions and comments from the Advisory Committee. Mr. Sayers asked about the potential impact that SB 1203 may have on the Bureau's staffing needs and its fiscal impact. Asst. Chief Stodolski provided a rundown on the process of legislation and when the Bureau might be affected. Mr. Scroggins asked whether the Bureau can hire temporary staff for upcoming, large events such as the Superbowl, World Cup, and Olympics. Asst. Chief Stodolski answered that the Bureau has been able to hire limited-term employees, however, the timing seems to be that once training is complete, the limited term is up. Instead, the Bureau has attempted to be proactive and reach out to the NFL and the participating security companies to inform them of the window of processing times. There were no further questions or comments.

Asst. Chief Stodolski asked for questions and comments from the public. There were no public comments or questions.

7. Update on the Bureau's Licensing Unit

At 10:28 am, Deputy Chief of Licensing, Andrea Dailly, presented the Licensing unit update.

Deputy Chief Dailly provided that since the last meeting on November 13, 2025, the

staffing levels in the Licensing Unit have remained largely the same, but the unit has continued to build strong momentum. The Company Licensing Unit has successfully onboarded a new manager and a new analyst, and both are already bringing fresh energy and support to the team.

Deputy Chief Dailly also stated that the Licensing Unit is moving steadily toward completing the onboarding process for the Employee Licensing Manager vacancy, as well as the Analyst I vacancy in the Company Licensing Unit. The expectation is for both positions to be fully on board soon, which will further strengthen the unit's overall capacity.

Deputy Chief Dailly noted that the three licensing teams continue to collaborate and share resources to maintain stability and make steady progress toward meeting and exceeding BSIS' application processing time goals. While the Company Licensing Unit is still experiencing longer turnaround times, the unit is seeing real progress, increased stability, and a stronger foundation as new staff come on board.

Deputy Chief Dailly remarked that both the Employee Licensing Unit and the Weapons Unit continue to exceed their goal processing times.

Assistant Chief Stodolski asked if there were any questions from the members. Mr. Miller recognized that the licensing numbers for security guards keep increasing and that the unit has been maintaining processing times despite the increase. Mr. Huntington inquired about whether the PIQM certificate is a lifetime certification. He also asked about the numbers reported in the licensing population table contained in the Staff Report. There were no further questions or comments from the committee members.

Assistant Chief Stodolski opened the floor for public comments or questions. There were no public comments or questions.

8. Update on the Bureau's Enforcement Unit

At 10:35 am, Deputy Chief of Enforcement, Majdi Abdelsalam provided the Enforcement update.

Deputy Chief Abdelsalam reported that the Disciplinary Review Unit issued 2,214 application denials so far this year. In January 2026, Tim Watkins was hired as the unit's Disciplinary Review Manager and is strengthening the unit's operations.

Deputy Chief Abdelsalam stated that Complaint Intake and Resolution case volume remains steady and is continuing to move efficiently, averaging 3 days of intake. There are 465 pending cases, including 213 incident reports. To date the unit has secured over \$38,000 in consumer restitution.

Deputy Chief Abdelsalam relayed that Enforcement is continuing to focus heavily on unlicensed operations with 26% of pending investigations involving unlicensed activity and 59% of citations issued this FY tied to those violations. Enforcement analysts are

managing an average caseload of 119 complaints and 31 active inspections with an average time to close a complaint being 78 days.

Deputy Chief Abdelsalam shared that the Bureau and its Special Investigators conducted a 2-day enforcement operation at the Coachella Valley Music and Arts Festival in partnership with the DCA's Division of Investigation. At the festival, approximately 220 compliance checks were conducted with overall compliance being high. The operation was well coordinated and successful in a highly visible environment.

Deputy Chief Abdelsalam reported that in March 2026, he and Asst. Chief Stodolski attended the Private Investigator Legislative Day hosted by CALI which provided them with an opportunity to engage with industry stakeholders.

Also mentioned was a virtual coffee chat in August 2025 hosted by CALSAGA attended by Deputy Chief Abdelsalam, Asst. Chief Stodolski, and Enforcement Manager, Uriel Mora, where discussions about what licensees can expect during BSIS' inspections and questions were answered by industry members.

Deputy Chief Abdelsalam relayed that Chief Jensen attended and spoke at the California Alarm Association Winter Conference in early December 2025. Common application deficiencies, complaint information, and licensing timelines were topics of discussion with a question-and-answer session.

In January 2026, the enforcement unit's Special Investigators attended the City of Sacramento's Pubs, Clubs, and Bars (PCB) meeting with representatives from Sac. City Police, Fire, Code Compliance, and Entertainment Services Division. The Bureau's Special Investigators (SIs) provided an overview of BSIS' role, mission, regulatory authority, and engaged directly with hospitality and nightlife business owners to address licensing and enforcement related questions.

Chief Jensen and Asst. Chief Stodolski also continue to meet regularly with leadership of the CA Assoc. of Licensed Repossessors.

Asst. Chief Stodolski asked the committee members for any questions or comments related to this agenda item. Mr. Huntington thanked Deputy Chief Abdelsalam for attending the PI Legislative Day and mentioned that in the future, CALI may ask for a BSIS update via webinar so that many more people can join by logging in. Mr. Miller asked whether "DOJ prohibited" regarding firearm denials equates to the applicable party being on a prohibited list? The Committee members had a few more questions regarding the reports provided and Mr. Huntington asked if, in the future, a report could be broken out into unlicensed complaints and actual complaints. Asst. Chief Stodolski responded that the request can be investigated and considered. Mr. Scroggins asked whether the report could reflect legitimate complaints and whether allegations were found to be valid.

Asst. Chief Stodolski asked the committee members for any additional questions or comments related to this agenda item. There were no further questions or comments

Asst. Chief Stodolski opened the floor for public comments.

Mr. John Adair with the City of Sacramento Economic Development Dept. and Office of Nighttime Economy spoke about the outreach meeting with Deputy Chief of Enforcement, Mr. Abdelsalam, and the desire to create partnerships toward a more successful, safe, and vibrant nightlife economy. He acknowledged that businesses require guards and hoped to be an intermediary for support. Mr. Adair thanked Mr. Abdelsalam and the SIs and extended an olive branch to continue a partnership.

9. Update on Legislation Impacting the Bureau and Private Security Industries

At 10:49 am, Bureau Policy and Administration Manager, Kerry Ortman, presented updates on 2026 legislation impacting the Bureau and private security industries.

Asst. Chief Stodolski opened the discussion to comments and questions from Committee members. Mr. Huntington spoke about Business and Professions Code (BPC) 7524 to give background on AB 2485 and mentioned that in the future, the industry will discuss exempting court-appointed work to avoid violations. He asked if DCA can take positions on bills? Asst. Chief Stodolski commented that DCA has not historically taken positions on bills.

Mr. Miller commented on SB 1203 and California being the leader in security training and a model for other states and asked Asst. Chief Stodolski how California compares to other states. Asst. Chief Stodolski answered that our training is specific to our regulations and that as far as he is aware, California is the first to implement Appropriate Use of Force training and standards. Mr. Sayers inquired about SB 1203, expressing concerns regarding the prohibitions the bill would place on an employer's ability to train their own employees, especially due to the high number of employees his company retains. He emphasized that there are a lot of questions concerning this bill and that de-escalation has been taught for years. Mr. Scroggins questioned the potential costs to the Bureau and whether that would drive fees to be raised? A discussion ensued about the possibilities of ramifications of SB 1203 and its progression. There were no further comments or questions from the Committee members.

Asst. Chief Stodolski then invited public comments for this agenda item. There were no public comments or questions.

10. Update on Enacted or Pending Regulations

At 11:08 am, Bureau Policy and Administration Manager, Kerry Ortman, continued with updates on current and pending regulations.

Ms. Ortman announced that the public comment period closed on March 24th for the regulatory package pertaining to Exam Application Repeal, Terminology, and Training-related Updates and is moving toward the final package phase.

Ms. Ortman informed the participants that BSIS' Disciplinary and Denial Guidelines regulatory package is approaching the production phase, and a notice will also be posted on the Bureau's website when it is released for publication. Asst. Chief Stodolski added that these guidelines have not been updated since the mid-90's and is hoping to get the package completed soon. He opened the discussion to questions from Committee members. There were no questions from the Committee members regarding this agenda item.

Asst. Chief Stodolski then opened the meeting to public comments regarding enacted and pending regulations. There were no public comments or questions.

11. Discussion and Vote Regarding Meeting Format for Remaining 2026 Advisory Committee Meetings

At 11:10 am, Asst. Chief Stodolski began the discussion regarding the format of the remaining Advisory Committee meetings. Mr. Huntington presented a motion to have all remaining 2026 meetings in person with Mr. Scroggins providing the motion be seconded. Asst. Chief Stodolski confirmed the first and second motions.

BSIS Policy Analyst, Valerie Peterson, conducted a vote with 6 in favor/0 opposed/3 absent. Motion passes.

Asst. Chief Stodolski then opened the floor for public comments and questions. There were no public comments or questions.

12. Public Comments for Items Not on the Agenda

At 11:15am, Asst. Chief Stodolski opened public comments for items not on the agenda. There were no public comments.

13. Committee Members' Recommendations for Future Advisory Committee Meeting Agenda Items

At 11:16 am, Asst. Chief Stodolski opened the discussion to Committee members for recommendations on future Advisory Committee Meeting agenda items.

Mr. Younger inquired about potential fiscal impacts on an industry when changes are made via legislation and how unintended consequences, both positive and negative, may lead to fiscal impacts and how best to work with BSIS to ensure a net positive.

Mr. Sayers suggested a future discussion on moving away from paper licensing with Mr. Huntington and Mr. Miller in agreement.

Mr. Yanez suggested revisiting the discussion on updating the baton manual.

Mr. Scroggins suggested dialogue around breaking reports out with more detailed information.

Asst. Chief Stodolski opened the floor for more comments or suggestions from the members. There were no additional comments or suggestions.

Asst. Chief Stodolski asked the public for any comments or questions pertaining to this agenda item. There were no public comments or questions.

14. Adjournment

At 11:31 am, Asst. Chief Stodolski adjourned the meeting.