

Alabama Electronic Security Board of Licensure  
Special Called Meeting – Rules Committee  
Monday, September 8, 2025, 10:00 a.m.  
AESBL Administrative Office  
465 Cotton Gin Road  
Montgomery, AL 36117

Geoff Wilson, Vice Chairman, called the meeting to order at approximately 10:02 a.m. at the AESBL Administrative Office in Montgomery, Alabama, as posted on the Secretary of State’s website and the AESBL website. Mr. Wilson asked Janet Robinson, Executive Director, to call the roll. Committee members present: Geoff Wilson, Scott Motes, and James Turner. Barbara McGowin with the Alabama Locksmith Association was also present.

**I. Quorum:**

A quorum was present. Vania Hosea from the Alabama Attorney General’s Office certified the quorum.

**II. Minutes of August 19, 2025, Board Meeting:**

Mr. Wilson asked members to review the minutes for the August 19, 2025, Board Meeting. Motion to approve the minutes was made by Mr. Motes. Second by Mr. Turner. All were in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.

**III. Items to Discuss:**

**A. Administrative Code: Licensure Procedures**

Ms. Robinson presented a draft of changes to 304-X-01-.03 to add CCTV and Electronic Access Control to Section 2, Item B. A motion to accept the changes and to add Locksmith was made by Mr. Motes. Second by Mr. Turner. All were in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.

Ms. Robinson presented a draft of changes to 304-X-1-.03, Section 2, Items C and D. A motion to accept the changes, which were correcting typographical errors, was made by Mr. Wilson. Second by Mr. Motes. All were in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.

**B. Administrative Code: Code of Ethics**

Harold Mann, AESBL Compliance Auditor, presented draft changes to 304-X-1-.07. These changes reflected the reorganization of the Rules by category. Mr. Mann added language to include issues the staff has noticed when processing administrative complaints—304-X-01-.07(B)(4)(a-f). Committee members agreed to add language to Item (B)(5) stating that companies shall not target all individuals, especially those aged 60 or older. Additionally, a form will be added to licensing packets requiring the individual licensee to acknowledge that he/she has read the AESBL Code of Ethics and understands all Rules, including training and fees, that govern the AESBL. A motion to accept these changes was made by Mr. Motes. Second by Mr. Turner. All were in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.

**C. Administrative Code: Licensing Reciprocity**

A motion was made by Mr. Wilson for the following:

1. The Board will establish reciprocity with Louisiana, Mississippi, Tennessee, and South Carolina.
2. Reciprocity with South Carolina will require a state/federal background check conducted through ALEA.
3. A new section of Chapter 304-X-1 will be created to accommodate the language for reciprocity.
4. The list of reciprocity will be classified by licensing discipline rather than by state.
5. Reciprocity will only apply to first-time applicants.
6. Upon renewal, reciprocal licensees will be required to submit continuing education units and a state/federal background check.

Second by Mr. Motes. All were in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.

**IV. Other Business:**

**A. Proposed Rules Change: Automotive Technician**

Mrs. McGowin informed the Board that NASTF was requiring state licensing for automotive technicians in order to receive codes for transponder keys and key fobs. Rather than licensing technicians for locksmith work, which is a course they do not need, Mrs. McGowin suggested a new classification be created. A motion was made by Mr. Turner for the following:

1. To establish this classification, Rules changes will be made to Definitions (.01), Licensing Procedures (.03), and Educational Requirements (.05).
2. The fee for the license classification shall be \$50.00.
3. Certification courses, Automotive 101 and Automotive 102 and a proctored exam by the Alabama Locksmith Association, will be required training.
4. State and Federal background checks will need to be conducted by ALEA for all applicants.
5. Individuals licensed for this classification shall be required to renew and must submit continuing education upon renewal.

6. The classification will be known as Vehicle Security Professionals.
7. The employing companies must be registered with the Board but shall be considered exempt and will not pay a company fee.

Second by Mr. Motes. All were in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.

**B. Special Request: Low Voltage Integrators LLC**

Ms. Robinson informed the Board that an individual licensed as a Qualifying Agent for his current company has submitted for licensure for his own security business. However, he does not have at least 25% ownership in his current company by which he is employed. His notarized statement indicated that he would no longer be the Qualifying Agent for his current company as of December 31, 2025. The Board granted him an exception to the ownership rule. A motion to allow Mr. Merkel to continue as Qualifying Agent for Anchor Parking and Perimeter Security, Inc., until December 31, 2025, was made by Mr. Motes. Second by Mr. Wilson. All were in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.

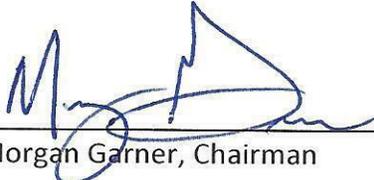
**C. Legislation for Statute Change in 2026**

Board members declined to introduce new legislation for statute changes for the 2026 general session.

**Adjourn:**

Motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Wilson. Second by Mr. Motes. All were in favor. None opposed. Motion carried. The Board adjourned at 11:31 a.m.

Approved by the Board on November 18, 2025.

  
Morgan Garner, Chairman

  
Janet Robinson, Executive Director