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MEETING MINUTES

1001 Preston Street, 9th Floor

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1:30 p.m.

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P R O C E E D I N G S

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2 CHAIRMAN FIELDS: It is 1:30. Welcome to  
3 the Tuesday, October 9th, 2018 Bail Bond Board meeting.  
4 We have a new member or at least a new representative.  
5 Sergeant DeLeon from the Sheriff's Office.

6 Welcome, sir. Thank you for your  
7 service.

8 SERGEANT DELEON: Thank you, thank you.  
9 Thank you very much.

10 CHAIRMAN FIELDS: We have a quorum. The  
11 court reporter has everyone's name. I hope that  
12 everyone is fine by me just getting into the business of  
13 the Court.

14 You have everyone's name, Madame Court  
15 Reporter? She has -- thank you --

16 She indicated that she has everyone.  
17 Sergeant DeLeon, she'll get that in just a few minutes.

18 The first item of business is the reading  
19 of the prior minutes.

20 Is there approval of the prior minutes?

21 MR. STRICKLAND: Motion.

22 CHAIRMAN FIELDS: Second?

23 HONORABLE GARCIA: Second.

24 CHAIRMAN FIELDS: All those in favor,  
25 please signify by saying aye.

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1 THE BOARD: Aye.

2 CHAIRMAN FIELDS: Opposed by the same sign.  
3 Motion carries.

4 First item of old business is a request  
5 for a new license by Andy Hernandez doing business as  
6 Fearless Bail Bond Company at 4202 North Main Street,  
7 Houston, Texas 77009. The license number to be  
8 determined. Phone number: (713) 862-8888. This is a  
9 request for a two-year renewal.

10 Mr. Hernandez, good afternoon, sir.  
11 Would you raise your right hand to be sworn?

12 (Witness sworn.)

13 CHAIRMAN FIELDS: Thank you, sir. And he  
14 is attended by his counsel, Mr. Michael Monks.

15 MR. MONKS: Your Honor, may I ask a  
16 question?

17 CHAIRMAN FIELDS: Sir -- yes, sir.

18 MR. MONKS: Good mood or bad mood?

19 CHAIRMAN FIELDS: Fantastic.

20 MR. MONKS: Oh. Well, that's not always a  
21 good thing.

22 CHAIRMAN FIELDS: That's right.

23 MR. MONKS: Well, just before we proceed, I  
24 want to thank the Members of the Board for giving my  
25 client an opportunity to --

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1           We tabled this matter from an earlier  
2 meeting so that when he initially filed his application,  
3 either without the benefit or the detriment of an  
4 attorney, he had filed it himself. But the Board was  
5 kind of enough to give us an opportunity to table it so  
6 that we could file an amended application which I think  
7 reflects his accurate financial situation, although I am  
8 confident that Mr. Butera will have a few questions for  
9 us.

10           CHAIRMAN FIELDS: Are there any issues from  
11 the Sheriff's Office? Sergeant DeLeon?

12           SERGEANT DELEON: I have a few questions in  
13 regards to the application. In regards to the financial  
14 statement that you mentioned, when you look in the cash  
15 on hand balance on page 12, it -- it is \$189,541.48.  
16 And then when I add up the totals on page 16 of those  
17 same -- should be in your bank account. When you total  
18 those up, there's a 50,000-dollar difference.

19           So can you explain the whereabouts that 50,000  
20 that's ...

21           MR. HERNANDEZ: Yes.

22           MR. MONKS: Thank you very much for asking  
23 the question. I had the same question. I'm going to  
24 turn it over to my client so that he can go ahead and  
25 answer that.

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1 MR. HERNANDEZ: Yes, sir. That's in a  
2 month that I have in cash in a safe at home.

3 SERGEANT DELEON: Okay.

4 MR. MONKS: He's intending to put that up  
5 as collateral for this license, if it is approved.

6 SERGEANT DELEON: Okay. Also in regards  
7 to -- going back to your financial statement -- I  
8 appreciate the answer. Thank you.

9 MR. HERNANDEZ: Yes, sir.

10 SERGEANT DELEON: When you list automobiles  
11 at 2079, your one automobile is -- where do we --

12 Where did you obtain the value of that?

13 MR. HERNANDEZ: That was from the blue  
14 book.

15 SERGEANT DELEON: Kelley Blue Book?

16 MR. HERNANDEZ: Yes, sir.

17 SERGEANT DELEON: Okay. And going along  
18 that same path, the home furnishings and the office  
19 furnishings, where does -- where does those --

20 What are those figures? Where do you  
21 obtain the value for those figures?

22 MR. HERNANDEZ: Those was personal  
23 estimates that I calculated from money that I've  
24 invested and spent on said furniture.

25 MR. MONKS: And specifically to respond to

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1 that -- because \$50,000 may seem like a lot. But what  
2 he does is he has some specific recording equipment and  
3 may be he can just tell you a little bit about that.

4 What do you have?

5 MR. HERNANDEZ: Yes, sir. I also do music  
6 so I do have a recording studio at my home which would  
7 explain the large amount.

8 SERGEANT DELEON: Okay. And as far as  
9 questions, that's all I have. I just have one comment.

10 As far as -- as of today, the Sheriff's  
11 Office knows of no past due unpaid judgments owed to  
12 Harris County as of yesterday, 10/8/18.

13 MR. HERNANDEZ: Yes, sir. That has been  
14 taken care of.

15 SERGEANT DELEON: That was -- you had  
16 one -- it's coming due. It's on 10/9. It's actually  
17 today so close of business. It really isn't due.

18 But it's already been taken care of?

19 MR. HERNANDEZ: Yes, sir.

20 SERGEANT DELEON: Okay.

21 CHAIRMAN FIELDS: From the State?

22 MR. BUTERA: I do have some questions. And  
23 Mr. Hernandez, it may be helpful to review your  
24 application from July. You have a copy of that?

25 MR. HERNANDEZ: I ...

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1 MR. BUTERA: Okay. I brought an extra  
2 copy. I didn't bring enough for everyone, but there is  
3 some to share if y'all are interesting in looking. You  
4 may not want to.

5 MR. MONKS: Mr. Butera, can we have one?

6 MR. BUTERA: Sure. I brought one.

7 Mr. Hernandez, I have in front of me two  
8 applications: One that you submitted dated July 12th of  
9 2018 and one dated August 30th of 2018.

10 Do you have those in front of you?

11 MR. MONKS: We have the one -- yes, we do.

12 MR. BUTERA: Okay. Very good. And I'll  
13 just draw your attention first to page 18 of both of  
14 these applications. You executed --

15 Well, let me ask you. Is that your  
16 signature on page 18?

17 MR. HERNANDEZ: Yes, sir.

18 MR. BUTERA: Under the oath there?

19 MR. HERNANDEZ: Yes, sir.

20 MR. BUTERA: Okay. And it says the  
21 undersign certificates that the information contained in  
22 this financial statement has been carefully read and is  
23 complete without material omissions true and correct.

24 And you signed both of those for both  
25 applications on July 12th and August the 30th; is that



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1 correct?

2 MR. HERNANDEZ: Yes, sir.

3 MR. BUTERA: And just keep your voice up a  
4 little bit so I can hear you.

5 MR. HERNANDEZ: Yes, sir.

6 MR. BUTERA: Very good. And the court  
7 reporter also needs to hear you.

8 So I'd like to go through briefly and ask  
9 you some questions about differences between these two  
10 applications and some other the questions.

11 But the first thing you said that stuck  
12 out to me is you have \$50,000 in cash at home in a safe;  
13 is that right?

14 MR. HERNANDEZ: Yes, sir.

15 MR. BUTERA: Okay. And that accounts for  
16 part of your \$189,000 cash on hand in your second  
17 application dated August the 30th; is that correct?

18 MR. MONKS: What page is that on, Mike?

19 MR. BUTERA: It's on page 12 of the August  
20 30th application.

21 MR. HERNANDEZ: Yes, sir.

22 MR. BUTERA: Okay. Where was that amount  
23 on your July 12th application?

24 MR. HERNANDEZ: It was on page number 12.

25 Oh, sorry. Yes, sir, the \$189,541.

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1 MR. BUTERA: Sorry. Say that again, sir.  
2 Where -- where is that \$50,000 reflected on your July  
3 application?

4 MR. HERNANDEZ: It was not.

5 MR. BUTERA: So that was not included on  
6 your July application.

7 MR. HERNANDEZ: No, sir.

8 MR. BUTERA: Did you have the \$50,000 in  
9 cash at that time?

10 MR. HERNANDEZ: Yes, sir.

11 MR. BUTERA: But you did not include it in  
12 your sworn application in July.

13 MR. MONKS: If I could -- well, answer the  
14 question and then I'd like to have the opportunity to  
15 clarify.

16 Because on page 10 of that application,  
17 he list \$50,000. He did not put it in both locations.  
18 He put it on page 10, \$50,000 upon approval. He didn't  
19 list it in the second in the -- in his financial  
20 statement. And the reason is, is that he felt like it  
21 was going to be up with the County and wouldn't be his  
22 money.

23 MR. BUTERA: Is that your answer,  
24 Mr. Hernandez.

25 MR. HERNANDEZ: Yes, sir.

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1 MR. BUTERA: Okay. Let me ask you about  
2 some other variances in your application.

3 So again, drawing your attention to page  
4 12 -- your attention -- excuse me -- to page 12.

5 In your July application, you listed  
6 \$101,000 as cash-on-hand. And then your August  
7 application, that amount goes up to \$189,541.48.

8 Can you explain that variance for us,  
9 please?

10 MR. HERNANDEZ: Yes, sir. And first, I  
11 just wanted to apologize. When I originally did this  
12 application for the July application, I did so without  
13 the counsel of my attorney. And then I had a chance to  
14 go over everything to get everything right, the way it  
15 was supposed to be done, and that is what you see  
16 reflected in the addendum.

17 MR. BUTERA: And so what caused, the --  
18 either omission or representation in your July  
19 application that was changed for your August  
20 application?

21 MR. HERNANDEZ: The -- well, main thing  
22 would be the cash amount that wasn't included  
23 originally.

24 MR. BUTERA: So that's 50,000. What about  
25 the remainder?

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1 MR. HERNANDEZ: That was on the  
2 re-evaluation of -- with the home furniture and the  
3 studio and things that I have included.

4 MR. BUTERA: No. Just to clarify. I'm  
5 talking only about the cash-on-hand item on page 12.  
6 The very first box that says cash on hand and in banks,  
7 Scheduled 2.

8 MR. HERNANDEZ: Oh. I apologize, sir.  
9 That is due to the updated amount that is reflected in  
10 the agreement.

11 MR. BUTERA: Sure. I understand. I'm  
12 asking you why you didn't include that in July.

13 MR. HERNANDEZ: Because that money wasn't  
14 up to that amount at that set time. It -- I don't --  
15 I'm sorry. As I have continuous doing business, my  
16 cash-on-hand in the banks and said forth has went up.

17 MR. BUTERA: So you came into -- yeah.

18 So minus the 50,000 that you already said  
19 you didn't include, you came into over \$30,000 since  
20 from July the 12th to August the 30th. Is that your  
21 testimony?

22 MR. MONKS: In addition -- if I may.  
23 Because -- well, there were --

24 There is an account that he has -- a buff  
25 account which almost all bondsmen here are familiar

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1 with. And he included that which he had not included  
2 before because the buff account actually is money that's  
3 technically in his name but also in the name of the  
4 insurance company. And that also increased the amount  
5 that was potentially in his name.

6 So he had \$50,000 for the money that he  
7 had listed in the first application but had not put  
8 on -- put in his account because he felt that was going  
9 to be deposited. He did not list the buff account  
10 because the buff account technically is not in his name  
11 by itself; but in and over an abundance of caution, he  
12 did list it because that would increase what would  
13 accurately reflect what might be his money. Do you see  
14 what I'm saying?

15 MR. BUTERA: Sure. So let me ask you in  
16 that vein to turn to page 15 of both of those  
17 applications. And this is where --

18 On Schedule 2, you would disclose the  
19 basis for that number on page 12. So you would list the  
20 actual bank accounts you're relying on to get that  
21 101,000 number or the 189,000 number.

22 So I ask you to look at page 15 of your  
23 July application and you list a single bank account at  
24 TDECU with a balance of \$6,534. Do you see that?

25 MR. MONKS: Let me just get to that page.

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1 MR. BUTERA: Sure.

2 MR. MONKS: Page 15?

3 MR. BUTERA: Yes, sir.

4 MR. MONKS: Okay.

5 MR. BUTERA: Schedule 2 at the top.

6 MR. MONKS: Yes.

7 MR. BUTERA: You list a single bank account  
8 from TDECU.

9 MR. MONKS: Uh-huh.

10 MR. BUTERA: Is that right, Mr. Hernandez?

11 MR. HERNANDEZ: Yes, sir.

12 MR. BUTERA: Okay. And then look at  
13 page 15 of your August application. You list the TDECU  
14 account with the same account number.

15 MR. HERNANDEZ: Yes, sir.

16 MR. BUTERA: You also list a Chase account  
17 with 3,200-dollar balance.

18 MR. HERNANDEZ: Yes, sir.

19 MR. BUTERA: And then an Amergy account  
20 with 129,000-dollar balance. Estimating -- I mean,  
21 rounding those numbers. Do you see that?

22 MR. HERNANDEZ: Yes, sir.

23 MR. BUTERA: All right. So which of those  
24 is the buffer account that Mr. Monks was describing?

25 MR. HERNANDEZ: The Amergy account --

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1 MR. BUTERA: And what about the Chase  
2 account?

3 MR. HERNANDEZ: The Chase account is the  
4 personal account that I have.

5 MR. BUTERA: That you knew of when you  
6 submitted your application sworn in July?

7 MR. HERNANDEZ: That I knew that I had as a  
8 personal account. I was not aware because I had not  
9 consulted with representation and I filled this  
10 application by myself. But I did not include that, that  
11 bank account, because I thought that this was only  
12 supposed to be business-oriented, that this --

13 The TDECU account is the account that I  
14 have directed for the business account that is -- that's  
15 in the business name.

16 MR. BUTERA: So the Chase account is a  
17 personal account?

18 MR. HERNANDEZ: Yes, sir.

19 MR. BUTERA: Do you have any other personal  
20 accounts that you failed to disclose?

21 MR. HERNANDEZ: No, sir.

22 MR. BUTERA: Do you have any other business  
23 accounts that you failed to disclose?

24 MR. HERNANDEZ: No, sir.

25 MR. BUTERA: Either in the July or August

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1 application.

2 MR. HERNANDEZ: No, sir.

3 CHAIRMAN FIELDS: Aside from the 50, do you  
4 have any other cash on hand?

5 MR. HERNANDEZ: No. That's -- that's the  
6 dedicated cash amount that I have. That's what I have  
7 put aside.

8 CHAIRMAN FIELDS: Every dollar you got,  
9 it's included in this document. Whether it's assets,  
10 furniture, things, comic books, money. Everything that  
11 you got, it's in here. We're not going to hear about  
12 any (inaudible.) later.

13 MR. HERNANDEZ: No, no, sir.

14 CHAIRMAN FIELDS: Okay.

15 MR. BUTERA: We'll move on quickly.

16 Mr. Hernandez, look at page 12 again at  
17 both applications. In your July application, you listed  
18 a \$3,500 item for automobiles.

19 MR. HERNANDEZ: Yes, sir.

20 MR. BUTERA: And then your August  
21 application, you changed that amount to \$27,900. What  
22 accounts for that difference?

23 MR. HERNANDEZ: For that difference? I put  
24 the value of the vehicle at the time that was showing in  
25 the statement. I did not -- yes. I missed -- I



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1 mis-accurately, not intentionally --

2 MR. MONKS: What did you buy the car for?

3 MR. HERNANDEZ: Thirty ...

4 MR. MONKS: 35,000. What is this value?

5 This is the blue book value of the car at  
6 this time. He --

7 MR. BUTERA: Where's the documentation  
8 about what the car is, what the blue book value is,  
9 what your --

10 You included none of that in your  
11 application. Do you have that information?

12 MR. MONKS: You need to answer his  
13 question.

14 MR. HERNANDEZ: No.

15 MR. MONKS: No. At this time, we do not,  
16 Mr. Butera. I've done one or two applications before.  
17 I have not -- I haven't heard of us having to bring the  
18 blue book value of the car but I can assure that was  
19 what was referred to when we did the amended  
20 application.

21 MR. COSELLI: What kind of car is it?

22 MR. HERNANDEZ: It's a 2018 Toyota Camry.

23 CHAIRMAN FIELDS: 2018.

24 MR. HERNANDEZ: Yes, sir.

25 CHAIRMAN FIELDS: Thank you, sir.

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1 MR. HENDERSON: Mr. Butera ...

2 MR. BUTERA: Yeah, yes. Yes, sir.

3 MR. HENDERSON: Can I go back to the bank  
4 account for just a minute?

5 MR. BUTERA: I mean, I'm not trying to keep  
6 anyone else from asking questions. Of course, sir.

7 MR. HENDERSON: There is an attachment to  
8 the current application --

9 MR. BUTERA: Yes, I see that.

10 MR. HENDERSON: -- that has that account  
11 number ending in 304 for Amergy Bank, shows an ending  
12 balance of 100,879.

13 CHAIRMAN FIELDS: That's a 29,000-dollar  
14 difference.

15 MR. HENDERSON: Yes. And it shows a  
16 previous balance which would have been the June 30th  
17 balance adding 82,000.

18 CHAIRMAN FIELDS: How do you account for  
19 the 29,741-dollar difference?

20 MR. MONKS: Mr. Henderson ...

21 MR. HENDERSON: Yes.

22 MR. MONKS: Basically, that is an account  
23 that's used to pay forfeitures out of. So if he has to  
24 pay a bond forfeiture, it reduces the amount. And so  
25 that would be the difference if there was -- if there

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1 was a hundred twenty-seven at the time that he filed the  
2 application. But if he had to pay a bond forfeiture out  
3 of it, it would reduce it by that amount.

4 MR. HENDERSON: But it's gone up.

5 MR. MONKS: The -- well, if you look.

6 How much was it initially? It looks  
7 like ...

8 MR. HENDERSON: It was initially 82,000 and  
9 he deposited 23,000 during the month of July.

10 MR. MONKS: Right.

11 MR. HENDERSON: And no money came out of  
12 that except for one check that was returned that was  
13 deposited.

14 MR. MONKS: And so I'm just trying to --  
15 and maybe I misunderstood the question. It wouldn't be  
16 the first time.

17 MR. HENDERSON: How did we get from a  
18 hundred thousand to 129,000?

19 MR. MONKS: The 129,000 ...

20 MR. HENDERSON: Which is on both  
21 applications.

22 MR. MONKS: The 129 -- what page is 129 on,  
23 sir?

24 MR. HENDERSON: Page 15, Schedule 2.

25 MR. MONKS: Okay. Thank you.

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1 MR. BUTERA: Of the August application.

2 MR. MONKS: One -- page 15? I don't --  
3 I don't see 129 on page 15.

4 MR. BUTERA: Third -- Mike, you might be  
5 looking at the July application --

6 MR. MONKS: Yes.

7 MR. BUTERA: -- where he failed to disclose  
8 that.

9 MR. MONKS: Yeah. Because --

10 MR. BUTERA: Look at your August  
11 application.

12 MR. MONKS: Because it was also in the name  
13 of the corporation but he should have put that down.

14 MR. BUTERA: But if you want to see the  
15 number, it's on page 15 of the August application.

16 MR. MONKS: Right. And so ...

17 MR. BUTERA: That amount doesn't match the  
18 statement that he's included. It's more than the proof  
19 that he's included for that account.

20 MR. MONKS: And what day was that?

21 CHAIRMAN FIELDS: So in the July app.,  
22 there was 89,000 in the account apparently, plus another  
23 23,000-dollar check or something that he got for a total  
24 of about 102 -- 102,000.

25 MR. MONKS: Okay.

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1                   CHAIRMAN FIELDS: Now, he's saying that  
2 he's got 129,000 in that account. Where did the  
3 additional money come from?

4                   MR. HERNANDEZ: That came from the actual  
5 amount in the account at the time that the application  
6 was filled out. But the only -- the statement that I  
7 have attached was the only statement that I had because  
8 the cycle had not yet closed.

9                   CHAIRMAN FIELDS: So the additional \$23,000  
10 came from where again?

11                  MR. HERNANDEZ: From current business that  
12 I had already done but had not reflected in the account.

13                  CHAIRMAN FIELDS: Yes, sir.

14                  MR. HERNANDEZ: The money was being  
15 deposited but I didn't have the statement that I could  
16 print out just to include in the application. But if --  
17 I mean, I could get an actual -- actualized statement  
18 reflecting the amount in the account. I just -- It  
19 wasn't made available to me at that time but I did get  
20 an amount.

21                  CHAIRMAN FIELDS: So you're saying --

22                  MR. HENDERSON: And that -- he did deposit  
23 23,000 during the month of July. It's in savings --  
24 since his application is dated August 30th. If he  
25 deposited another \$23,000 during the month of August ...

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1 CHAIRMAN FIELDS: That'd put him --

2 MR. HENDERSON: Yeah.

3 CHAIRMAN FIELDS: Is that accurate --

4 MR. HERNANDEZ: Yes.

5 CHAIRMAN FIELDS: -- that you did do those  
6 things?

7 MR. HERNANDEZ: Yes, sir, yes, sir.

8 CHAIRMAN FIELDS: Okay.

9 MR. BUTERA: A couple more questions,

10 Mr. Hernandez. So you've added -- you've  
11 addressed the automobile.

12 The furniture that you added from July to  
13 August, can you explain that? There's no list of  
14 furniture or where do those numbers come from? You have  
15 a --

16 On page 12 of your August application, a  
17 50,000-dollar asset for -- all you give as a description  
18 is home furniture and then a 15,000-dollar asset and the  
19 only description we have is office furniture.

20 What are those items? Where did you get  
21 them? Where are they now? What -- what accounts for  
22 that?

23 MR. HERNANDEZ: The office furniture is  
24 computers and equipment and furniture that is in the  
25 office. And -- and the home furniture not only includes

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1 regular home furnishing, but also the musical studio  
2 equipment that ...

3 MR. MONKS: Would you -- go ahead.

4 Mr. Butera, if you don't mind ...

5 MR. BUTERA: Of course.

6 MR. MONKS: Would you go ahead and kind of  
7 specify? Because I don't know anything about recording  
8 stuff. I don't know anything about that.

9 Would you tell the Members of the Board  
10 what you're talking about and how it could be, you know,  
11 more than a couple hundred bucks?

12 MR. HERNANDEZ: Oh, yes, sir. Most  
13 definitely. I do quite have a few approximately -- I  
14 would say three sound boards, each of which is --  
15 they're around the value of \$9,000 each. That's just in  
16 sound boards alone, not including microphones.

17 MR. BUTERA: So that's \$27,000, right?

18 MR. HERNANDEZ: Not including microphones,  
19 not including any other instruments or equipment, not  
20 including all the -- all the other equipment that I have  
21 but that is just the sound boards alone. But the value  
22 of the equipment is substantially, you know.

23 MR. BUTERA: Okay. You're either --

24 You're either -- this number then doesn't  
25 make sense in light of what you said in the last 30

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1 seconds. You put down 15 or 50,000 --

2 MR. MONKS: No. Hold on.

3 MR. BUTERA: I'm sorry. I'm confused now.

4 But it's gone -- so mixed up. I'll take back what I  
5 said.

6 So you don't have an itemization of what  
7 these items are, though, is the bottom line. You  
8 haven't provided that or included that with your  
9 application?

10 MR. MONKS: No.

11 MR. BUTERA: Okay. Let me move quickly on  
12 to your liability section.

13 CHAIRMAN FIELDS: Did you have any of that  
14 stuff appraised? Any of your sound equipment, did you  
15 have it appraised by anybody?

16 MR. HERNANDEZ: No, sir. I appraised due  
17 to the actual value of ...

18 CHAIRMAN FIELDS: So that's what you paid  
19 for it?

20 MR. HERNANDEZ: No. That is not what I  
21 paid for it. That's what is actually worth right now.  
22 What I paid for it, it was --

23 CHAIRMAN FIELDS: And you base that on --  
24 how do you --

25 How do you know that? Did someone say,



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1 did some appraiser, did some bond broker --

2 Did somebody say this would be worth  
3 \$9,000? Or did you just say, "You know what? I think  
4 this is worth \$9,000"?

5 MR. HERNANDEZ: No, sir. I got an educated  
6 guess based on actual current values that the equipment  
7 is selling for.

8 MR. MONKS: May it please the Board ...

9 MR. COSELLI: Do you have an insurance  
10 writer on it?

11 MR. HERNANDEZ: No, sir.

12 MR. COSELLI: So it's just household goods,  
13 uh?

14 CHAIRMAN FIELDS: So if your house burns  
15 down, will the insurance cover the value of those sound  
16 boards and the mics and all that stuff or is it -- do  
17 you have it listed?

18 MR. HERNANDEZ: No, sir.

19 CHAIRMAN FIELDS: So if your house burns  
20 down, it's just lost and the Bail Bond Board would not  
21 be -- would not be covered, is essentially what I hear  
22 you saying. Am I hearing you accurately?

23 MR. MONKS: Other than the 50,000 we have  
24 up.

25 CHAIRMAN FIELDS: Well, other than the cash

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1 that would probably burn in the safe.

2 MR. MONKS: No. Because you have --

3 CHAIRMAN FIELDS: I'm not trying to make  
4 light of it. I mean, but ...

5 MR. MONKS: No. Because the Sheriff's  
6 Department would --

7 CHAIRMAN FIELDS: Right. The Sheriff's  
8 Department would get that. They'd seized that.

9 But how -- you see what we're trying to  
10 say? Don't mean to be rough on you.

11 I'm just saying you're saying you have  
12 that -- you're saying you didn't pay that amount for the  
13 equipment, but that's what it's currently selling for.

14 So either you paid more for it and it  
15 depreciated in value or you paid less for it and you're  
16 listing it at an appreciated value.

17 How much did you pay for it?

18 MR. HERNANDEZ: Each board was 18,000.

19 CHAIRMAN FIELDS: So they've depreciated to  
20 9,000. That's what it would be worth now, you believe,  
21 just from your experience --

22 MR. HERNANDEZ: That's what -- that's what  
23 would be ...

24 CHAIRMAN FIELDS: Fair market value.

25 MR. HERNANDEZ: Yes, sir.

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1 MR. MONKS: So you paid \$18,000 per board?

2 MR. HERNANDEZ: Yes, sir.

3 MR. MONKS: Three boards at 18,000.

4 CHAIRMAN FIELDS: How long ago did you  
5 purchase them?

6 MR. HERNANDEZ: (No response.)

7 CHAIRMAN FIELDS: Within the last five  
8 years?

9 MR. HERNANDEZ: Yes.

10 CHAIRMAN FIELDS: Within the last five  
11 years.

12 MR. HENDERSON: Yes, sir.

13 MR. COSELLI: But you don't have any  
14 insurance writer to say I've got valuable recording  
15 equipment. If the house burns down, I don't want it to  
16 be classified like a sofa or a toy so that it doesn't  
17 fall just under the deductible.

18 You don't have any writer where you say,  
19 okay. I'll pay -- you pay a little bit more on your  
20 insurance and we'll cover these instruments? You don't  
21 have anything like that?

22 MR. HERNANDEZ: (Witness shakes head.)

23 CHAIRMAN FIELDS: Do have an umbrella  
24 policy on the home?

25 MR. HERNANDEZ: No, sir.

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1 MR. BUTERA: To clarify that situation,  
2 Mr. --

3 You testified last time that you're  
4 actually renting the house where you live; is that  
5 correct?

6 CHAIRMAN FIELDS: I thought it was his  
7 mom's house.

8 MR. BUTERA: He did --

9 MR. HERNANDEZ: I'm not renting.

10 MR. BUTERA: You're not renting? You're  
11 not paying rent?

12 MR. HERNANDEZ: No, sir.

13 MR. BUTERA: Okay.

14 MR. HENDERSON: Who owns the house?

15 MALE: His mom.

16 MR. BUTERA: So it's your -- in your  
17 mother's name. Does she have -- I mean, is there --

18 Is it insured through your mother then?

19 MR. HERNANDEZ: Yes, sir. I believe it is.

20 MR. BUTERA: Okay. I was going to ask if  
21 you had renters insurance. I didn't know what your  
22 insurance situation was for these valuable things you  
23 have at your house.

24 MR. HERNANDEZ: Yes, sir.

25 MR. BUTERA: Okay. I just have a handful

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1 of other questions.

2                   When you list liabilities then on your  
3 application and you saw 1300 for rent on your July  
4 application or \$7800 for rent on your August  
5 application, what are paying rent for?

6                   You just testified you don't have any  
7 rent at home. Is that a ...

8                   MR. HERNANDEZ: That is the rent on the  
9 office space that I am doing business out of.

10                  MR. BUTERA: And -- well, help me --

11                  MR. HERNANDEZ: It's a lease.

12                  MR. BUTERA: -- account for this number  
13 then. In July, you put 1300. I'm assuming that's --

14                  MR. HERNANDEZ: Monthly.

15                  MR. BUTERA: Okay. And then in August, you  
16 put monthly times six months.

17                  MR. MONKS: Yes.

18                  MR. HERNANDEZ: Which would be the  
19 amount --

20                  MR. MONKS: Be seven or \$800.

21                  MR. HERNANDEZ: Be seven or \$800.

22                  MR. BUTERA: I'm fully aware that 1300  
23 times 6 is 7800. I'm asking you: Why you chose to  
24 account for it that way? Why only six months? Why not  
25 five months?

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1 I'm not sure why you chose to put it that  
2 way. Is it only a six-month lease --

3 MR. HERNANDEZ: It's a --

4 MR. BUTERA: Remaining or ...

5 MR. HERNANDEZ: It's a -- it was a  
6 six-month lease remaining.

7 MR. BUTERA: Okay. Fair enough. I just  
8 don't know why you put that down that way. It didn't  
9 make sense to me.

10 MR. MONKS: Because that would be the total  
11 liability still due on the lease.

12 MR. BUTERA: Okay. Very good. So you did  
13 not calculate it that way in July.

14 MR. HERNANDEZ: No, sir.

15 MR. BUTERA: Okay. Where --

16 When you look at page 12 again, in July,  
17 you put down \$600 as the first liability amount. Notes  
18 payable to banks, secured \$600. And then when I look on  
19 Schedule 2 of your July application, you don't itemize  
20 out what that is or why.

21 When I look at your August application,  
22 your notes payable to banks is now significantly larger,  
23 \$34,900 also not itemized on Schedule 2 giving us any  
24 information about what that note is or where did that  
25 come from?

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1 MR. HERNANDEZ: That note is regarding to  
2 the -- to the -- to the total amount owed still on the  
3 vehicle and what I had placed on the July application  
4 was the monthly. So on the updated, I put the actual  
5 full amount that is owed on said vehicle which is ...

6 MR. BUTERA: So 34,900 reflects your  
7 remaining balance on the 35,000-dollar vehicle that you  
8 purchased.

9 MR. HERNANDEZ: Yes, sir.

10 MR. BUTERA: When did you get this vehicle?

11 MR. HERNANDEZ: October of last year.  
12 October 2017, yes. It was -- sorry. November 2017.

13 CHAIRMAN FIELDS: Who's the money owed to?  
14 Who's the lienholder on the account.

15 MR. HERNANDEZ: To Toyota Financial.

16 CHAIRMAN FIELDS: And you've been paying  
17 600 a month for a year and you still owe thirty-four,  
18 nine?

19 MR. HERNANDEZ: (Witness nods head.)

20 CHAIRMAN FIELDS: On a 35,000-dollar loan?

21 MR. HERNANDEZ: Yes, sir.

22 (Off record discussion among Board Members.)

23 MR. BUTERA: Last question, Mr. Hernandez,  
24 for me. Your salary amount, is that just the difference  
25 between a weekly and a monthly calculation?

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1                   On page 13, you put a thousand dollars in  
2 your July application and then August application, you  
3 put \$4,000.

4                   MR. HERNANDEZ: Yes, sir.

5                   CHAIRMAN FIELDS: Any more questions?

6                   MR. COSELLI: Do you have a bookkeeper in  
7 your business?

8                   MR. HERNANDEZ: Yes, sir.

9                   MR. COSELLI: Thank you.

10                  CHAIRMAN FIELDS: You got a question?

11                  MR. PRUETT: Yes. Hernandez.

12 Mr. Hernandez ...

13                  MR. HERNANDEZ: Yes, sir.

14                  MR. PRUETT: You have three application  
15 recommendation letters.

16                  MR. BUTERA: They're out of order, Carl.  
17 They are there. I thought the same thing. Are you  
18 asking if --

19                  MR. PRUETT: They're out of order.

20                  MR. BUTERA: They're stapled out of order.

21                  MR. PRUETT: Who are they?

22                  MR. HERNANDEZ: Oh, I'm sorry. That is a  
23 business owner and a person that knows me, a friend of  
24 mine.

25                  MR. PRUETT: Alberto Casas is a business



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1 owner.

2 MR. HERNANDEZ: Excuse me?

3 MR. PRUETT: Alberto Casas is a business  
4 owner?

5 MR. MONKS: No. He was talking about  
6 Galo ...

7 MR. HERNANDEZ: Galo is a -- that is a  
8 close friend.

9 MR. PRUETT: What is her business.

10 HONORABLE GARCIA: I'm having trouble  
11 hearing.

12 MR. PRUETT: What is her business?

13 MR. HERNANDEZ: What is his business? His  
14 business is he owns a couple of restaurants and also  
15 transportation companies.

16 MR. MONKS: Can you hear him now?

17 HONORABLE GARCIA: I heard him now.

18 MR. PRUETT: Alberto Casas?

19 MR. HERNANDEZ: He's a close friend.

20 MR. BUTERA: Speak into the mic.

21 MR. HERNANDEZ: He's a friend, sir.

22 MR. PRUETT: And what does he do for a  
23 living?

24 MR. HENDERSON: He works for -- he's a  
25 paralegal.

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1 MR. PRUETT: Paralegal?

2 MR. HERNANDEZ: Yes, sir. Paralegal, a  
3 legal assistant.

4 MR. PRUETT: For who?

5 MR. HENDERSON: I believe he works for --  
6 he works for Edward Casanova.

7 MR. PRUETT: And you've known him for at  
8 least three years?

9 MR. HERNANDEZ: Yes, sir.

10 MR. PRUETT: And Inez Catania?

11 MR. HERNANDEZ: Inez Catania is also  
12 another business owner friend of mine and he owns a  
13 couple of transportation companies as well.

14 MR. PRUETT: Do any of these people have  
15 any prior criminal history that you know of?

16 MR. HERNANDEZ: No, sir, not that I know  
17 of.

18 CHAIRMAN FIELDS: Is there a motion to  
19 either approve or deny this application?

20 MR. STRICKLAND: I have a question.

21 CHAIRMAN FIELDS: All right.

22 MR. STRICKLAND: Mr. Hernandez, on the  
23 copies of the bank statement from Amergy that you  
24 submitted with this application ...

25 Down at the bottom, it shows on 7/12, a

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1 48,000-dollar check return. Is this your buildup fund?

2 MR. MONKS: I'm sorry. Mr. Strickland,  
3 we're trying to find the documents.

4 MR. STRICKLAND: It's to the back, Mike.  
5 It's about four pages from the last, Amergy.

6 MR. MONKS: Amergy.

7 MR. STRICKLAND: See down at the bottom,  
8 Mike? Charged debits, delete date 7/12, \$4800 deposited  
9 check return.

10 MR. HERNANDEZ: It was a problem that I was  
11 having with my bank.

12 MR. MONKS: It would seem -- doesn't seem  
13 to make sense, does it, to me, Mr. Strickland, if he's  
14 got over a hundred thousand in, to return a check for --

15 MR. STRICKLAND: I'm just going by what the  
16 bank statement says.

17 SERGEANT DELEON: What that says actually  
18 is that, that is a check that was returned based on the  
19 deposit on 7/11.

20 MR. MONKS: Okay. I think somebody from  
21 the Treasurer's Office can help us out.

22 SERGEANT DELEON: So that's actually what  
23 that notation is. That's a -- so he made a deposit on  
24 7/11 and on 7/12, the bank went to collect the funds --

25 MR. STRICKLAND: It was a returned check.

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1 SERGEANT DELEON: Correct.

2 MR. MONKS: So the fund, I guess it was put  
3 up in the buildup fund.

4 MR. HENDERSON: What money is deposited  
5 into that account?

6 MR. COSELLI: What money is put into that  
7 account?

8 MR. MONKS: What money do you put in the  
9 buildup fund?

10 MR. HERNANDEZ: That is money that is paid  
11 to the -- to the surety company as a -- on report to  
12 report on a report basis.

13 MR. MONKS: It's -- they put it up as  
14 security by a bond. And obviously, it look like the  
15 bond money they put up for security, the check bounced.  
16 I hope they didn't run.

17 CHAIRMAN FIELDS: I'll repeat the question.

18 And the question is: Is there a motion  
19 to either approve or deny this application?

20 HONORABLE GARCIA: I'll move to approve.

21 CHAIRMAN FIELDS: Is there a second?

22 MR. HENDERSON: I'll second.

23 CHAIRMAN FIELDS: All those in favor,  
24 please raise your right hand. Signify by ... three,  
25 four --

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1 All those opposed. One, two, three,  
2 four. Mr. Strickland, are you abstaining?

3 MR. STRICKLAND: I'm abstaining.

4 CHAIRMAN FIELDS: All right. So three,  
5 four. Four against. The motion fails.

6 Is there a motion to deny the application?

7 MR. MONKS: Your Honor, I just want to make  
8 sure -- the number was what? One, two --

9 CHAIRMAN FIELDS: Three favor, four  
10 opposed.

11 MR. MONKS: It was three for.

12 CHAIRMAN FIELDS: Three opposed ...

13 MR. MONKS: Okay.

14 CHAIRMAN FIELDS: So the motion to approve.  
15 Three in favor of the motion to approve.

16 MR. MONKS: I didn't know if the Chairman  
17 voted.

18 CHAIRMAN FIELDS: One abstention.

19 MR. MONKS: I didn't know if the Chairman  
20 voted or not so -- I just didn't know if the Chairman  
21 voted.

22 CHAIRMAN FIELDS: The Chairman did vote.

23 MR. MONKS: Unless it was a tie. I just  
24 didn't know.

25 CHAIRMAN FIELDS: The Chairman does vote.

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1 MR. MONKS: Okay.

2 CHAIRMAN FIELDS: I choose not to but I  
3 reserve the right to vote and I'm voting against  
4 approving the request.

5 Is there a motion to deny?

6 There is no motion to deny and we do not  
7 have an adequate number to approve it. Where does that  
8 leave us?

9 MR. MONKS: No action taken by the Board.

10 CHAIRMAN FIELDS: Let the record reflect  
11 had the Chair not voted, there would have been a tie and  
12 Chair would have voted to break the tie by voting  
13 against.

14 MR. MONKS: I knew you were in a good mood  
15 today.

16 CHAIRMAN FIELDS: Excellent.

17 HONORABLE GARCIA: Five, six, seven  
18 eight --

19 MR. COSELLI: He's not voting.

20 HONORABLE GARCIA: He's isn't?

21 MR. STRICKLAND: The Sheriff's not voting.

22 HONORABLE GARCIA: (Inaudible.)

23 MR. STRICKLAND: He's a total (inaudible.)

24 CHAIRMAN FIELDS: He'll vote against it.

25 Judge -- Judge Henderson voted against it. I voted

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1 against, Michael against and Carl Pruett against.

2 HONORABLE GARCIA: Four. And 1, 2 -- three  
3 voted for.

4 CHAIRMAN FIELDS: And two -- three.

5 HONORABLE GARCIA: And an abstention.

6 CHAIRMAN FIELDS: And an abstention. The  
7 Sheriff did not vote.

8 Well, there's no action taken by the  
9 Board. No favorable action taken by the Board on your  
10 application.

11 MR. MONKS: Or unfavorable so at least we  
12 walk away.

13 CHAIRMAN FIELDS: Right.

14 MR. MONKS: Thank you very much,  
15 Mr. Chairman. Members of the Board, thank you for your  
16 consideration.

17 CHAIRMAN FIELDS: Thank you.

18 The next item of old business is a request  
19 by José Espinoza for withdrawal of property being held  
20 as collateral for Espinoza Bail Bond. Expired License  
21 No. 74521. JP letter sent on August the 10th of 2018 at  
22 3525 Reville, Houston, Texas 77087.

23 There was some discussion about this  
24 issue at the last meeting. Mr. Butera ...

25 MR. BUTERA: Yeah. So we had discussed at

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1 the last meeting, there was a report issue on the 816  
2 and there was also a case waiting to be dismissed by the  
3 Court. That was handled. The dismissal was handled the  
4 day after, I believe our bail bond meeting.

5 CHAIRMAN FIELDS: And sir, I remind you,  
6 you are under oath from your last appearance before the  
7 Board.

8 (Witness previously sworn in, in last meeting.)

9 MR. BUTERA: That dismissal was taken care  
10 of. The report is still not corrected but we have  
11 definitely looked into the case behind that report and I  
12 believe it's appearing on the report in error. That  
13 underlying criminal case was dismissed some time ago and  
14 the person completed a DWI prevention program. There is  
15 no outstanding liability on the license that would  
16 prevent the Board from returning the collateral.

17 So I would make a motion that we approve  
18 the request to return the collateral back.

19 MR. STRICKLAND: Second.

20 CHAIRMAN FIELDS: All those in favor,  
21 please signify by saying aye.

22 THE BOARD: Aye.

23 CHAIRMAN FIELDS: Opposed by the same sign.  
24 Motion carries.

25 The first item of my new business is a



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1 request for new license by Kelvin Hampton doing business  
2 as A-Better Bail Bond.

3 Is that bail "bonds" or bail "bond"?  
4 5317 Malmedy Road, Houston, Texas 77033.  
5 License number to be determined. Phone number is  
6 (713) 635-8401. This is a request for a two-year  
7 license.

8 Sir, would you raise your right hand to  
9 be sworn?

10 (Witness sworn.)

11 CHAIRMAN FIELDS: Thank you, sir.

12 Sheriff, do you have any issues?

13 SERGEANT DELEON: Just a couple of  
14 questions. On page 10 when it talks about property  
15 value. So you have two different amounts listed on  
16 property value, 53,454 and 54,000. When we look at the  
17 HCAD value, it's -- on HCAD, it's \$54,030.

18 Would you like to amend this?

19 MR. HAMPTON: Yes. And I actually brought  
20 a copy of that, the new value with -- (inaudible.) amend  
21 that. It's not by very much but it is -- I do have an  
22 amended amount.

23 CHAIRMAN FIELDS: Thank you, sir.

24 Is there a motion to accept the  
25 amendment?

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1 MR. HENDERSON: So move.

2 MR. STRICKLAND: Second.

3 CHAIRMAN FIELDS: All those in favor,  
4 please signify by saying aye.

5 THE BOARD: Aye.

6 CHAIRMAN FIELDS: Opposed by the same sign.  
7 Motion carries. The application is amended to include  
8 the additional \$30.

9 SERGEANT DELEON: So another question. On  
10 page 12 on your financial statement, you list seven  
11 automobiles at \$85,000.

12 Where did you obtain the value of those?  
13 Do you have that?

14 MR. HAMPTON: I obtained all the different  
15 values through the Kelley Blue Book. Two of the  
16 vehicles are classics, Beetle -- Volkswagen Beetles.  
17 Yes, I got all the values by Kelley Blue Book.

18 SERGEANT DELEON: No further questions.

19 CHAIRMAN FIELDS: Anything from the State?

20 MR. BUTERA: I do have just a couple of  
21 questions.

22 MR. HAMPTON: Sure.

23 MR. BUTERA: So on -- again, the financial  
24 statement on page 12, I see a -- on your liabilities  
25 column, there's a notes payable to bank section and you

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1 put a hundred twenty-one thousand, seven hundred  
2 thirty-eight dollars and ninety-seven cents.

3 But I don't see that on Schedule 2 which  
4 is the detailed accounting of different accounts. I'm  
5 just going to ask what that number reflects, that 121.

6 MR. HAMPTON: Page 12.

7 MR. BUTERA: Page 12 in the liabilities and  
8 net worth column on the right side, second box, notes  
9 payable to banks unsecured.

10 CHAIRMAN FIELDS: Are you his attorney,  
11 ma'am?

12 MS. DEES: No.

13 CHAIRMAN FIELDS: Would you please raise  
14 your right hand to be sworn?

15 (Witness sworn.)

16 CHAIRMAN FIELDS: Thank you. Ma'am, would  
17 you state your full name for the record and spell  
18 your --

19 MS. DEES: Angela Dees.

20 CHAIRMAN FIELDS: And spell your last name  
21 for the benefit --

22 MS. DEES: D-E-E-S.

23 CHAIRMAN FIELDS: Thank you, ma'am.

24 THE REPORTER: What's your first name?

25 MS. DEES: Angela.

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1 CHAIRMAN FIELDS: Please, ma'am.

2 MS. DEES: So if you look on -- there is  
3 several pages that add up the Schedule 2s.

4 CHAIRMAN FIELDS: Yes, ma'am.

5 MS. DEES: And so at the top where it says  
6 part 4 of Schedule 2 and then part 5 of Schedule 2,  
7 those amounts are listed in the loan columns. And it  
8 starts with part 4 of Schedule 2 listing the automobile  
9 loans and then college loans and then --

10 MR. BUTERA: So you have three pages of  
11 Schedule 2s? Three copies of what are basically 15 --  
12 page 15. So the first one does say part 1, part 2,  
13 part 3 but that's the end of my parts.

14 MS. DEES: Okay.

15 MR. BUTERA: I don't have a part 4 and  
16 part -- I may --

17 MS. DEES: You don't have part 4 and  
18 part 5?

19 MR. BUTERA: No, ma'am.

20 MS. DEES: I --

21 MR. BUTERA: So that would explain it. If  
22 you have that --

23 MS. DEES: Yes.

24 MR. BUTERA: -- we didn't get it.

25 MS. DEES: So I don't know if it didn't get

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1 faxed over properly but those are listed on the loan  
2 side and that's where that number is calculated.

3 MR. BUTERA: May we see those, please?

4 MS. DEES: I don't have a copy but I do  
5 have mine, if you ...

6 CHAIRMAN FIELDS: Mr. Coselli, would you --  
7 Sheriff ... Thank you, sir.

8 MR. BUTERA: It looks like it just may not  
9 have made it to our copies.

10 MS. DEES: Okay.

11 MR. BUTERA: So perfect.

12 MS. DEES: No worries.

13 MR. BUTERA: Sorry about that. Then --

14 MR. COSELLI: The Schedules 3 and 4 being  
15 admitted -- to be attached to the application.

16 MR. BUTERA: I'll second that.

17 CHAIRMAN FIELDS: All those in favor,  
18 please signify by saying aye.

19 THE BOARD: Aye.

20 CHAIRMAN FIELDS: Opposed by the same sign.  
21 Motion carries. Those two documents will be attached.

22 MR. BUTERA: Actually -- and then one last  
23 question. On the personal financial statement, again,  
24 page 12, there is a real estate lien listed there.  
25 Again, the right column about halfway down, \$4,379.

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1 MR. DEES: (Witness nods head.)

2 MR. BUTERA: But I didn't see that carried  
3 over to Schedule 1 unless I overlooked it. And I was  
4 just going to ask what that amount reflected.

5 MR. HAMPTON: Yeah. That was the balance  
6 on my home; but since then, it has been paid off.

7 MR. BUTERA: Congratulations. No further  
8 questions.

9 MR. STRICKLAND: I had one. Kelvin ...

10 MR. HAMPTON: Sure.

11 MR. STRICKLAND: This DBA is A-Better Bail  
12 Bonds?

13 MR. HAMPTON: Yes.

14 MR. STRICKLAND: What is the other DBA that  
15 you've got?

16 MR. HAMPTON: A-Better Bail Bond DT.

17 MR. STRICKLAND: Thank you.

18 CHAIRMAN FIELDS: Is there a motion to  
19 approve?

20 MR. STRICKLAND: Motion.

21 CHAIRMAN FIELDS: Second?

22 MR. BUTERA: Second.

23 CHAIRMAN FIELDS: All those in favor,  
24 please signify by saying aye.

25 THE BOARD: Aye.

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1 CHAIRMAN FIELDS: Opposed by the same sign.  
2 Motion carries. The next -- thank you, folks, very  
3 much.

4 MR. HAMPTON: Thank you very much.

5 CHAIRMAN FIELDS: And next item of new  
6 business is a request for renewal of license by American  
7 Surety Company, Agent Carl Pruett doing business as  
8 Allied Bonding Agency, 888 Franklin, Houston, Texas  
9 77003. Origination date: 11/8/2016. Expiration date:  
10 11/18/2018. License No. 74574. Phone number:  
11 (713) 225-1761.

12 I trust for this request for renewal,  
13 Mr. Pruett, you will be abstaining.

14 MR. PRUETT: Yeah. I'm stepping down from  
15 the Board.

16 CHAIRMAN FIELDS: Yes, sir.

17 MR. STRICKLAND: Did the court reporter get  
18 that he's stepping down?

19 THE REPORTER: (Nods head.)

20 MR. STRICKLAND: Thank you.

21 (Mr. Pruett has stepped down from the Board panel  
22 concerning new business, Item No. 2)

23 CHAIRMAN FIELDS: I'll take you at your  
24 word as an attorney that you will tell the truth to this  
25 tribunal.

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1 MR. PRUETT: Appreciate the courtesy.

2 CHAIRMAN FIELDS: Yes, sir. Any issues  
3 from the Sheriff's Office?

4 SERGEANT DELEON: No, sir.

5 CHAIRMAN FIELDS: And any from the State?

6 MR. BUTERA: I have hours worth of  
7 questions. (Inaudible.)

8 CHAIRMAN FIELDS: Is there a motion to  
9 approve?

10 MR. STRICKLAND: Motion.

11 CHAIRMAN FIELDS: Second?

12 MR. BUTERA: Second.

13 CHAIRMAN FIELDS: All those in favor,  
14 please signify by saying aye.

15 THE BOARD: Aye.

16 CHAIRMAN FIELDS: Opposed by the same sign.  
17 The motion carries. Thank you.

18 Mr. Pruett, please join the Board again.  
19 And he's stepping back in.

20 MR. PRUETT: As soon as I can.

21 (Mr. Pruett has rejoined the Board panel.)

22 CHAIRMAN FIELDS: The next item of business  
23 is a request for renewal of license, International  
24 Fidelity Insurance Company, Agent Tina Lyles doing  
25 business a 2 Be Free Bonding Co., 1400 Washington



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1 Avenue, Houston, Texas 77002. Original date of the  
2 license is 12/9/1998. Expiration date: 12/19 2018.  
3 This is License No. 74404. Phone number is  
4 (713) 233-2733. This is a request for a three-year  
5 renewal.

6 Ma'am, would you raise your right hand to  
7 be sworn?

8 (Witness sworn.)

9 CHAIRMAN FIELDS: Thank you. Any issues  
10 from the Sheriff's Office?

11 SERGEANT DELEON: No issues. Just one  
12 comment. As of 10/8/18, the Sheriff's Offices knows of  
13 no past due paid judgments over at Harris County.

14 CHAIRMAN FIELDS: Thank you. And from the  
15 State?

16 MR. BUTERA: No questions from the State,  
17 your Honor.

18 MR. STRICKLAND: Motion.

19 MR. HENDERSON: Second.

20 CHAIRMAN FIELDS: All those in favor,  
21 please signify by saying aye.

22 THE BOARD: Aye.

23 CHAIRMAN FIELDS: Opposed by the same sign.  
24 The motion carries. Congratulations on 20 years in  
25 business. Thank you, ma'am. Good service.

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1 MS. LYLES: Thank you.

2 CHAIRMAN FIELDS: The next is a request for  
3 new license by Rodney H. Tompkins doing business as  
4 Am-Mex Bail Bonds, 1210 Preston, Houston, Texas 77002  
5 with an origination date of 11/11/1998 and an expiration  
6 date of 11/21/2018. License No. 74401. The telephone  
7 number is (713) 227-3200. This is for a three-year  
8 renewal.

9 Sir, raise your right hand to be sworn.

10 (Witness sworn.)

11 CHAIRMAN FIELDS: Thank you, sir. Any  
12 issues from the Sheriff's Office?

13 SERGEANT DELEON: I have one question.  
14 Page 12, financial statement. You list some very unique  
15 item, John Deere tractor, a big wheel and jewelry. How  
16 do we --

17 How do you obtain the value of these said  
18 items?

19 MR. TOMPKINS: I actually kind of just knew  
20 the value, but I went on some auction sites for  
21 equipment that was similar and that's the general idea  
22 of what they bought. I have copies of what I looked up  
23 but that's how I arrived at those figures.

24 SERGEANT DELEON: On your jewelry, too?

25 MR. TOMPKINS: Yes.

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1 SERGEANT DELEON: So on your jewelry, is  
2 there an insurance writer on \$30,000 worth of jewelry  
3 then or ...

4 MR. TOMPKINS: Should be but there's not.

5 SERGEANT DELEON: There's not?

6 MR. TOMPKINS: I mean, I've got it right  
7 here and here's the evaluation.

8 SERGEANT DELEON: Okay.

9 MR. TOMPKINS: I've had it since Vietnam.

10 SERGEANT DELEON: No further questions.

11 CHAIRMAN FIELDS: Any from the State?

12 MR. BUTERA: No, your Honor.

13 CHAIRMAN FIELDS: Motion to approve.

14 MR. HENDERSON: Mr. Sheriff ...

15 MR. STRICKLAND: Motion.

16 MR. HENDERSON: Just so we're clear. On  
17 the agenda. So the expiration date of being 11/21/98 --  
18 1998. That's a typo. That should be 11/31 of 2018.

19 CHAIRMAN FIELDS: Oh, mine has been  
20 corrected. I didn't do --

21 MR. HENDERSON: Okay.

22 CHAIRMAN FIELDS: (Inaudible.) The Court --  
23 The Chair notes the change in this  
24 document.

25 Now, is there a motion to approve?

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1 MR. STRICKLAND: I already made the motion.

2 CHAIRMAN FIELDS: Is there a second?

3 MR. PRUETT: Approve.

4 CHAIRMAN FIELDS: All those in favor,  
5 please signify by saying aye.

6 THE BOARD: Aye.

7 CHAIRMAN FIELDS: Opposed by the same sign.  
8 Motion carries.

9 MR. STRICKLAND: (Inaudible.) Thank you,  
10 sir. (Inaudible.).

11 CHAIRMAN FIELDS: I guess I should say  
12 arah, arah.

13 MR. TOMPKINS: Thank you, Judge.

14 CHAIRMAN FIELDS: All right. Thank you.  
15 Twenty years.

16 Next up, request for renewal of license  
17 by Carlos Merino doing business as Merino Bail Bonds,  
18 7147 Harrisburg Boulevard, Houston, Texas 77011.

19 Origination date of this license is 11/08/1995 with an  
20 expiration date of 11/18/2018. License No. 74368.

21 (713) 921-4646. The number is for a three-year-renewal.

22 Sir, raise your right hand to be sworn?

23 (Witness sworn.)

24 CHAIRMAN FIELDS: Thank you, sir. Any  
25 issues from the State?

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1 MR. BUTERA: None from the State.

2 CHAIRMAN FIELDS: And from the Sheriff's  
3 Office.

4 SERGEANT DELEON: No issues.

5 MR. BUTERA: Can I just say your  
6 application was very well put together. All  
7 documentation was there and I appreciate that.

8 MR. MERINO: Thank you, your Honor.

9 MR. MONKS: Mr. Butera -- did you get that  
10 on the record?

11 CHAIRMAN FIELDS: Let the record reflect --  
12 Is there a second?

13 MR. BUTERA: Second.

14 CHAIRMAN FIELDS: All those in favor,  
15 please signify by saying aye.

16 THE BOARD: Aye.

17 CHAIRMAN FIELDS: And those opposed?

18 Motion carries. Thank you, Mr. Merino  
19 for your long service in this industry.

20 MR. MERINO: Thank you.

21 MR. COSELLI: I agree with him before or  
22 after he submitted.

23 CHAIRMAN FIELDS: The next item of business  
24 is a notice made by International Fidelity Insurance  
25 Company to change the main address of Agent Marc Metze

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1 doing business as Better Now Bail Bonds, License No.  
2 74553 to the following location, 2425 "B" as in Bravo,  
3 Southmore Boulevard, Houston, Texas 77004. Telephone  
4 number: (713) 226-8700. It is so noticed.

5 Now, the next item of business is a  
6 request made by Financial Casualty & Surety and that has  
7 been withdrawn.

8 FEMALE: Yes.

9 CHAIRMAN FIELDS: The last item of business  
10 is a notice made by First Community Insurance Company to  
11 surrender License No. 74560 doing business as Alberta's  
12 Best Bet Bail Bonds, Agent Alberta Napoles. The Agent  
13 will still have ability to run off her liability,  
14 receive court date notifications, collections,  
15 mitigations efforts, et cetera. The Agent will maintain  
16 her records at her office which is located at  
17 1309 Southmore Avenue, Pasadena, Texas 77502. That is  
18 so noticed.

19 Is there a motion to adjourn?

20 MR. STRICKLAND: Motion.

21 CHAIRMAN FIELDS: We are adjourned. Thank  
22 you, everyone.

23 (Meeting adjourned at 2:21 p.m.)  
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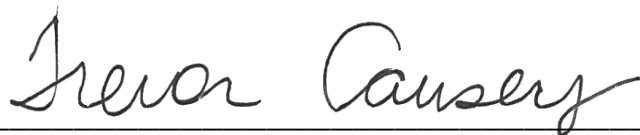
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