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1001 Preston Street, 5th Floor

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1:30 p.m.

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A P P E A R A N C E S

Glenn Strickland, Vice Chairman

Michael Butera, designee for District Attorney Kim Ogg

Dylan Osborne, County Treasurer

Honorable Angela Rodriguez

Honorable Esmeralda Pena Garcia,

designee for Honorable J. Elaine Marshall

Judith Snively, designee for Marilyn Burgess

Kathryn M. Kase, designee for Lina Hidalgo

Troy McKinney, Attorney Representative (present as
non-voting member)

Sergeant Sisto DeLeon, Harris County Sheriff's Office

Deputy Gregory Cox, Harris County Sheriff's Office

Tommy Ramsey, County Attorney

Leslie Rubio, Recorder, Harris County Sheriff's Office

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P R O C E E D I N G S

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2 VICE CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: It is 1:30 on
3 Tuesday, February 12th, 2019. My name is Glenn
4 Strickland. I'm the bonding representative, and I am
5 going to be Chair at this meeting. And I'd like to go
6 around the table and the Board Members introduce
7 themselves starting with Mr. Butera.

8 MR. BUTERA: Michael Butera representing
9 Kim Ogg, the District Attorney.

10 MR. OSBORNE: Dylan Osborne, County
11 Treasurer.

12 MS. SNIVELY: Judith Snively representing
13 Marilyn Burgess, District Clerk.

14 SERGEANT DELEON: Sisto DeLeon representing
15 the Sheriff's Office. This is a cold seat today.

16 HONORABLE GARCIA: Esmeralda Pena Garcia
17 representing municipal courts and Honorable Elaine
18 Marshall.

19 MS. KASE: Kathryn Case, legal counsel to
20 County Judge Lina Hildago and representing her on the
21 Board.

22 VICE CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: All right. And
23 the -- we do have a quorum.

24 The first item on the agenda is reading
25 of prior minutes. The Chair will entertain a motion.

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1 MR. BUTERA: Make a motion to approve.

2 VICE CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: I have a motion
3 to approve.

4 HONORABLE GARCIA: I second.

5 VICE CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: And a second by
6 Judge Garcia. Any discussion?

7 All in favor, signify by saying aye.

8 THE BOARD: Aye.

9 VICE CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Any opposed?

10 B., old business. Request made by
11 Allegheny Casualty Company, Agent Davie Westmoreland,
12 Texas Quick to return security deposit and request by
13 International Fidelity Insurance Company, Agent Paula
14 Tatuaka DBA Texas Quick.

15 And I read these briefly instead of in
16 full because they're going to be tabled. We received a
17 notice from Ken Good as an attorney of record requesting
18 that to table.

19 So the Chair will entertain a motion to
20 table both items.

21 HONORABLE GARCIA: I move that we table
22 both items.

23 MR. BUTERA: Second it.

24 VICE CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: And a second.
25 Any discussion?

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1 All those in favor, please signify by
2 saying aye.

3 THE BOARD: Aye.

4 VICE CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Any opposed?

5 Okay. New business is election of Harris
6 County Bail Bond Board officers. I'm going to move that
7 to the end of the agenda since I'm kindly set up down
8 here.

9 Request for renewal of license.

10 Mike, come on up here. Well, you can sit
11 down there -- no. Come here. We got -- we got the
12 recorder on down here and you're such a soft spoken
13 fella.

14 Okay. This is a request for a renewal of
15 license for Universal Fire and Casualty Insurance
16 Company, Agent Felix Michael Kubosh DBA Kubosh Bail
17 Bond, 1701 Lubbock Street, Houston, Texas 77007.
18 Original Date: 2/14/17. Expiration date: 4/7/19.
19 License No. 74578. Phone number: (713) 222-0983.
20 Two-year license.

21 (Witness sworn.)

22 VICE CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: State your name
23 for the record, please.

24 MR. KUBOSH: Felix Michael Kubosh.

25 MR. MEKLISKY: Rick "Meklisky".

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1 VICE CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Thank you.

2 Around the horn. Mike ...

3 MR. BUTERA: I've reviewed the application.

4 It appears to be complete. No questions.

5 MR. OSBORNE: No questions.

6 MS. SNIVELY: I have no questions.

7 HONORABLE GARCIA: Clear.

8 SERGEANT DELEON: Yes.

9 HONORABLE GARCIA: I'm sorry.

10 SERGEANT DELEON: Clear of all judgments.

11 I don't have any questions.

12 MS. KASE: No questions.

13 VICE CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Chair will

14 entertain a motion.

15 MR. BUTERA: Motion.

16 VICE CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: I have a motion

17 to approve.

18 HONORABLE GARCIA: Second.

19 VICE CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Second by Judge

20 Garcia. Any discussion?

21 All those in favor, signify by saying aye.

22 THE BOARD: Aye.

23 VICE CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Any opposed?

24 Thank you, sir.

25 MR. KUBOSH: Thank you. I'm hope I'm here

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1 next year, two years from now.

2 VICE CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Mike ...

3 MR. KUBOSH: Thank you very much.

4 VICE CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Okay. The next
5 is renewal of license, Accredited Surety and Casualty
6 Company, Inc., Agent Mike Cox DBA Cox Bail Bonds,
7 1215 Prairie Street, Houston, Texas 77002. Original
8 Date: 3/18/11. Expiration date: 3/8 of '19. License
9 No. 74520. Phone number: (713) 237-8029. Three-year
10 renewal.

11 (Witness sworn.)

12 VICE CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: You're not
13 represented him?

14 MR. BELL: I'm representing him but I'm an
15 officer of the court but I'll be glad to swear.

16 (Witness sworn.)

17 VICE CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: State your name
18 for the record, please.

19 MR. COX: Michael W. Cox.

20 MR. BELL: Stephen Bell representing
21 Michael Cox and Accredited Surety & Casualty.

22 VICE CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Mike ...

23 MR. BUTERA: No questions.

24 MR. OSBORNE: No questions.

25 MS. SNIVELY: No questions.

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1 SERGEANT DELEON: No questions.

2 HONORABLE GARCIA: No questions.

3 MS. KASE: No questions.

4 VICE CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Say what? Oh,
5 hello, Troy.

6 Let the record reflect that Mr. Troy
7 McKinney has joined us.

8 MR. MCKINNEY: Before I vote on this, may
9 I ask a question?

10 VICE CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Yes.

11 MR. MCKINNEY: Was there a separate notice
12 of this meeting posted publically, this (inaudible.)

13 SERGEANT DELEON: It was on the --

14 We listed it here because we knew that
15 there might be a -- yeah. So this was listed and this
16 was also on -- it was posted on the web site. And it's
17 only because we could not obtain a location. We did not
18 actually obtain this location until yesterday. That's
19 why we worded it this way. We're having some --

20 We're budding up against Commissioners
21 Court and that's why we listed it this way. And --

22 MR. MCKINNEY: Help me out. This meeting
23 is not posted to this location. It's not a legal
24 meeting. I'm not going to participate.

25 SERGEANT DELEON: All right.

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1 VICE CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: All right.

2 Where's our county attorney?

3 MR. RAMSEY: I'm here.

4 VICE CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Tom ...

5 What do you have to say, Tom?

6 MR. RAMSEY: We looked at this issue last
7 time. It's a little bit of an open question. We've ...

8 SERGEANT DELEON: And that's exactly what
9 we gave them. We posted it downstairs and we listed it
10 may -- it would be in this building. We just didn't
11 have a specific location.

12 MR. RAMSEY: I believe if it's moved to a
13 different room within the same building, it would be in
14 compliance with the act.

15 VICE CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Okay.

16 MR. BUTERA: So if I may ask. Did we post
17 a sign on the 9th floor lobby with the
18 alternative location?

19 SERGEANT DELEON: Yes.

20 FEMALE: Yes.

21 MR. BUTERA: Okay. I didn't go up there so
22 I didn't --

23 SERGEANT DELEON: Yes, we did.

24 HONORABLE GARCIA: That was my question, is
25 it posted up there that we're down here.

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1 SERGEANT DELEON: Yes.

2 VICE CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: So we're good,
3 Tom.

4 MR. RAMSEY: Yes.

5 VICE CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: So that's where
6 we're going to stand, Troy.

7 MR. MCKINNEY: Do we have that opinion in
8 writing? If we've got it in writing, then we're
9 covered.

10 VICE CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Well, we have it
11 by our attorney who represents the bail --

12 And I appreciate what you're saying,
13 Troy, but I'm continuing on.

14 Okay. So we have a motion on the floor
15 by Mr. Butera to approve the license for Accredited and
16 a second by Judge Garcia. Any discussion?

17 All those in favor, signify by saying
18 aye.

19 THE BOARD: Aye.

20 VICE CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Any opposed?

21 Congratulations, sir.

22 MR. COX: Thank you.

23 MR. BELL: Thank you.

24 MR. MCKINNEY: You can put me as not
25 voting.

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1 VICE CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Well, let the
2 record reflect that Mr. McKinney is not voting.

3 MR. MCKINNEY: Actually, I'm here solely as
4 a public member. I'm not participating in this
5 meeting.

6 VICE CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: All right.

7 Request -- and as far as requests made by
8 Allegheny Casualty Company, Agent Thomas Stith, II, DBA
9 North Main Bail Bond Company, License No. 74494 to add
10 the following addresses and phone number --

11 And I'd like the let the record to reflect
12 that Judge Rodriguez has joined us.

13 -- to add the following address and phone
14 numbers to satellite office, 1310 Congress, Houston,
15 Texas 77002. Phone number: (713) 225-0000 and a fax,
16 (832) 494-1725. Thomas?

17 MR. STITH: Yeah. Right here.

18 (Witness sworn.)

19 VICE CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: State your name
20 for the record, please.

21 MR. STITH: Thomas Stith, II.

22 VICE CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Okay.
23 Questions?

24 Because -- and the reason that we need to
25 vote on this is because there's phone numbers, okay. If

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1 it was just a location, all that's required is notice
2 but there are phone numbers.

3 Have these phone numbers ever been used
4 by another bonding company?

5 MR. STITH: No.

6 VICE CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Okay. Chair
7 will entertain a motion.

8 HONORABLE GARCIA: I make a motion.

9 VICE CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: I have a motion
10 by Judge Garcia to approve.

11 MR. Butera: Second.

12 VICE CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: I have a second.

13 Is there any discussion?

14 All those in favor, signify by saying
15 aye.

16 THE BOARD: Aye.

17 VICE CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Any opposed?

18 Thank you, sir.

19 MR. STITH: Thank you, guys.

20 VICE CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Number 5,
21 request made by David Schmidt DBA ABC Bonding has also
22 been tabled.

23 MR. BUTERA: By request?

24 VICE CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: By request, yes.

25 Number 6, request for approval to pay

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1 Court Reporter's Clearinghouse for \$526 from the Harris
2 County Bail Bond Board account for the services rendered
3 on Tuesday, October 9th, 2018.

4 Probably two years ago -- for those of
5 that are just joining us -- we elected to let the
6 Sheriff's Department's pay all bills under \$500. If
7 there was a bill that was over \$500, they had to bring
8 this to the Bail Bond Board for approval; hence this.

9 And that October 9th was a long meeting.
10 Right, Sergeant?

11 SERGEANT DELEON: Yes, sir. It was a long
12 meeting. It ran over with a -- with a new license and
13 so it was over \$500 so we need approval from the Board.

14 MR. BUTERA: Just for -- just quickly for
15 everyone else to note. That account is for the Bail
16 Bond Board to use, right? We went to the Commissioners
17 Court a while ago and there's funds set aside. And it's
18 funded by application fees by sureties applying to --

19 SERGEANT DELEON: Correct.

20 MR. BUTERA: So we're sort of paying for
21 our own existence out of that account so ...

22 VICE CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Right.

23 MR. OSBORNE: Just out of curiosity. Do
24 we --

25 Are we normally four of five months -- I

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1 mean, is that typical to be paying --

2 SERGEANT DELEON: Yes.

3 VICE CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: We normally
4 don't see these bills.

5 SERGEANT DELEON: Right.

6 VICE CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: But because this
7 one is over the 500. That's why it came here.

8 SERGEANT DELEON: It normally pays --
9 normally pays automatically and it's normally like two
10 months behind. So it goes -- and it gets automatically
11 paid, generated. It's just when it runs over, then we
12 have to put it to the Board so then it is going to be
13 maybe three -- four months behind, yes, sir.

14 VICE CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Chair will
15 entertain a motion.

16 MR. BUTERA: Motion.

17 VICE CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: I have a motion
18 by Mr. Butera.

19 HONORABLE RODRIGUEZ: Second.

20 VICE CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Second. Any
21 discussion?

22 All those in favor, signify by saying
23 aye.

24 THE BOARD: Aye.

25 VICE CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Any opposed?

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1 Okay. Number 7, request by Sergeant
2 DeLeon for approval of 130 cases of bail bonds totalling
3 \$6,162 to be paid from the Bail Bond Board account.
4 Copy of the budget report is attached.

5 We discussed sometime ago about paying
6 for the bail bonds out of the monies that we collect for
7 license fees.

8 Any questions? Chair will entertain.

9 MR. BUTERA: Motion.

10 VICE CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: I have a motion
11 by Mr. Butera.

12 MS. KASE: Second.

13 VICE CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: I have a second.
14 Any discussion?

15 All those in favor, signify by saying aye.

16 THE BOARD: Aye.

17 VICE CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Any opposed?

18 Discussion on alternative day and time for
19 the Bail Bond Board meetings. Bail Bond Board meetings
20 follows Commissioner's Court meeting for the remainder
21 of the year.

22 Obviously, there is an issue there 'cause
23 they are going long these days. Discussion. We could
24 move the meeting forward but not backward 'cause it
25 would effect licenses.

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1 So the question that this Board has to
2 consider is: Do we want to move to a Wednesday or a
3 Thursday? And if so, what time?

4 We're holding the meetings at 1:30 now
5 because number of years back, Don Jackson, we were
6 holding the meetings 2:00 then and Don Jackson -- Judge
7 Jackson wanted to move it back to 1:30 for his
8 particular docket and everyone agreed to do that.

9 So what do you think about moving the
10 meeting to Thursday or Wednesday and at what time?

11 SERGEANT DELEON: So just a notation on
12 that. We --

13 The Sheriff's Office did contact the
14 entity that oversees the county courts room on the 9th
15 floor and we were able to secure a 1:30 for Wednesday
16 and for Thursday. If any other times or dates are
17 agreed upon -- we're trying to keep it in the same week
18 that we have it now -- then we will have to confirm.

19 VICE CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Sure.

20 SERGEANT DELEON: But the only two that
21 we've confirmed were Wednesday --

22 VICE CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Sure.

23 SERGEANT DELEON: -- Thursday time.

24 VICE CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Sure. So what's
25 the Board's pleasure?

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1 MR. OSBORNE: Is it merely a space issue?
2 We just want to use the courtroom because it's bigger?

3 VICE CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: It's easier to
4 get into --

5 We normally have a lot of people that
6 come to these things and we've got other people here and
7 whatnot.

8 SERGEANT DELEON: And it's set up with a
9 recording device and a mic --

10 VICE CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Yeah.

11 SERGEANT DELEON: He's right.

12 VICE CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Everything is
13 set up.

14 SERGEANT DELEON: The venue is much better
15 than holding in order to have their proceedings.

16 VICE CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: So the question
17 as I understand it is Wednesday or Thursday?

18 HONORABLE GARCIA: I like Thursday.

19 VICE CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: You like
20 Thursday.

21 HONORABLE RODRIGUEZ: I'm leaning towards
22 Wednesday because I usually have a trial docket in the
23 afternoon of Thursday.

24 VICE CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Okay. Anybody
25 else?

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1 MS. SNIVELY: Wednesday.

2 VICE CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: On Wednesday.

3 Anybody else?

4 HONORABLE RODRIGUEZ: I'm leaning towards
5 Wednesday, is what I meant.

6 VICE CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Pardon me?

7 HONORABLE RODRIGUEZ: I'm leaning towards
8 Wednesday.

9 VICE CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Okay.

10 MS. KASE: So it would be the second
11 Wednesday?

12 VICE CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Yes. Judge
13 Garcia, do you have any issues with Wednesday?

14 HONORABLE GARCIA: No. We can move our
15 judge's meeting.

16 VICE CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Do we want to
17 keep it at 1:30 or do we want to move it to 2:00?

18 MR. OSBORNE: I just assume to get it over
19 with.

20 MS. KASE: Me, too.

21 MS. SNIVELY: 1:30.

22 HONORABLE GARCIA: 1:30.

23 VICE CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: So the Chair
24 will entertain a motion to move the monthly meeting of
25 the Harris County Bail Bond Board to the second

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1 Wednesday of each month at 1:30.

2 HONORABLE RODRIGUEZ: For one year, Chair?

3 For one year?

4 VICE CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Period.

5 HONORABLE RODRIGUEZ: Okay.

6 VICE CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Forever.

7 MR. OSBORNE: I'll make a motion.

8 VICE CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: I have a motion.

9 MS. SNIVELY: Second.

10 VICE CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: And a second.

11 Any discussion?

12 All those in favor, signify by saying aye.

13 THE BOARD: Aye.

14 VICE CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Uh?

15 MALE: Starting next month?

16 VICE CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Yes.

17 So that's going to be Thursday -- no.

18 Wednesday at 1:30.

19 This is a discussion on a Petition in
20 Condemnation of a property owned by Catherine Joy
21 Scroggins received by the Bail Bond Board. The property
22 was used for collateral to write bonds in Harris County
23 by Joy Scroggins.

24 Two days before the last Bail Bond Board
25 meeting, I was served a petition and it's Harris County

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1 suing the Harris County Bail Bond Board, left hand suing
2 the right hand. And I immediately contacted our
3 attorney, Tom, and Mr. Butera and made them aware of it.
4 And this stems from a license that was in the 1980s and
5 a piece of property.

6 Tom, would you like to briefly address
7 that?

8 MR. RAMSEY: Sure. And I'd be happy to --
9 if the Board wants to talk about it in executive session
10 I'm happy to do that. I don't think they are
11 particularly sensitive issues.

12 VICE CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: No.

13 MR. RAMSEY: So I'm also okay with doing it
14 in an open meeting.

15 VICE CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Okay.

16 MR. RAMSEY: Essentially, this is a
17 condemnation proceeding. It was filed by the county
18 involving a piece of land that was -- that -- where a
19 deed of trust was executed in the favor of the Bail Bond
20 Board (inaudible.) The --

21 There's been some issues in this case.
22 It seems like that the folks that filed the petition are
23 trying to sort out who may be the heir or current owner
24 of the property. And so how that affects the timing of
25 everything is still up in the air.

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1 But the short of it is they appointed the
2 three commissioners who will set a value to the
3 property. There isn't any action required until that
4 value is set and then to the extent there would be any
5 objections to the value. I haven't personally seen that
6 in these types of cases for the position the Board is in
7 but that's (inaudible.) when we get there.

8 VICE CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: But we're good
9 to go?

10 MR. RAMSEY: Yes.

11 VICE CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Yes, sir?

12 MS. OSBORNE: What's our dog in the fight?

13 VICE CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: The Bail Bond
14 Board -- these people put up real property as
15 collateral -- and obviously, Mr. Butera would probably
16 know this. They had to take the property for Bail Bond
17 forfeitures and they're wanting to take it for property,
18 for condemnation.

19 MR. OSBORNE: So we're claiming it for --
20 because it was the Bail Bond.

21 VICE CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Bail Bond Board,
22 yeah.

23 MR. OSBORNE: It was --

24 SERGEANT DELEON: Right.

25 VICE CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Yes.

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1 MR. OSBORNE: Okay.

2 VICE CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Yes.

3 MR. BUTERA: So it was put up as collateral
4 when they got the right to license -- the license to
5 post bail. And now, another county is looking to use
6 the property for --

7 SERGEANT DELEON: Correct.

8 MR. BUTERA: -- public use.

9 VICE CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Any other
10 discussion?

11 HONORABLE RODRIGUEZ: I just wanted to note
12 that's one of the ways that you secure --

13 VICE CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Right.

14 HONORABLE RODRIGUEZ: -- the collateral.

15 VICE CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Right.

16 MR. RAMSEY: Just one other note, where in
17 case anyone's wondering how many zeros, you know, behind
18 the value of the property and we're talking about
19 something that currently has an appraised value of --
20 probably I think it'd be a little more, a little less
21 than a thousand dollars. Whether there are any tax
22 liens, it doesn't appear that there are any on the
23 property, whether the current taxes will be taken out of
24 that, it's all up in the air. But it's a -- the sum
25 total is relatively small.

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1 VICE CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Okay. Anybody
2 else? Any other discussion?

3 I'm going back to the item on the agenda
4 that I had jumped over on the new business.

5 Number one, election of the Harris County
6 Bail Bond Board officers for 2019. We always elect a
7 chair and a vice chair.

8 Before we do this, I'd like to point out
9 two things. Your previous Board did you guys a real
10 favor. We voted back in October, I believe it was, to
11 have an attorney by the name of Roger Moore who teaches
12 CE classes for the bonding company. Those classes are
13 eight hours long. He's got it hone down to things that
14 don't pertain to the Bail Bond Board and it's a
15 four-hour class. It's cost \$750. The previous Board
16 authorized it. We've done this in the past.

17 Roger goes around all over Texas to
18 different Boards and teaches them this, brings you up to
19 speed on what the laws are. It's really a good class.
20 It's been approved. All we have to do is set the date
21 and Roger will come in and it's going to be four hours
22 of your time. So I just wanted to tell you that.

23 And the second thing is, is Mike Fields
24 was the previous Chairman of the Board. And last
25 month -- or in December rather -- Mike Fields did

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1 endorse me to be the next Chair because of my knowledge
2 and length of time I've been sitting on the Board which
3 is 16 years.

4 So having said that, we have the election
5 to the Harris County Bail Bond officers. And Chair will
6 entertain a motion for chair.

7 SERGEANT DELEON: Is there any reason not
8 to have a Bail Bond Board --

9 VICE CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: No.

10 MR. BUTERA: No. So historically, Glenn
11 has been on the Board a long time. I've not been here
12 nearly that long. But for quite a while, I think we've
13 traditionally had a judicial chair for various reasons,
14 I suppose. They're a judge. They adjudicate things and
15 typically run proceedings and Glenn has been the vice
16 chair --

17 VICE CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: I was Chair for
18 one of those years.

19 MR. BUTERA: Okay.

20 VICE CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: And then I
21 stepped aside for one of the judges who came in with a
22 judge with knowledge and knew what we were doing -- and
23 was okay with me. A bondsman is chair in Dallas and in
24 Lubbock. Nothing precludes it. It's experience that
25 goes into it and knowledge of what's going on.

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1 You've got to consider, there's
2 80-something bail bond licenses out there and the
3 employees that work for them. And their livelihood
4 depends on what this Board does or doesn't do. And so
5 you really have to understand what the laws are and what
6 the nuances are.

7 And he's correct. It's always been a
8 judicial officer. But we've never been in a situation
9 like we are today where we have newly elected judges
10 that have never sat on this Board or dealt with any of
11 it. So it is totally the Board's pleasure.

12 MR. BUTERA: But we'll say under the code,
13 the Board has enumerated powers. There's no power that
14 vest in the chairman in particularly.

15 VICE CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Yeah.

16 MR. BUTERA: Or chair personally or vice
17 chairperson. It's just kind of a running of the
18 meeting. I would just, you know ...

19 VICE CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: I can't --

20 My salary does not double. I promise you
21 that, okay. And it's not like the chair can go and say
22 write me a check or do this or do that. It's simply
23 running this meeting and keeping things going. That's
24 all it is.

25 HONORABLE RODRIGUEZ: A comment vice chair.

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1 I checked into what you were saying about
2 nothing precluding you serving as chair and I will say
3 that I concur. It's my understanding that there is
4 nothing that precludes him serving as chair; although,
5 it is true that traditionally it is a judicial position.
6 So the rule is clear as far as technically.

7 VICE CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: So what's the
8 Board's pleasure?

9 MR. OSBORNE: I make a motion to appoint
10 you as Chair.

11 HONORABLE RODRIGUEZ: I'll second.

12 VICE CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: I have a motion
13 and a second for me, Glenn Strickland, to be Chair.

14 Any discussion? Is there any other
15 nominations?

16 Do you have a motion to elect by
17 acclamation?

18 MS. KASE: So moved.

19 VICE CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: I have a motion
20 to elect by acclamation.

21 All those in favor, signify by saying
22 aye.

23 THE BOARD: Aye.

24 VICE CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Any opposed?
25 Thank you very much, I think.

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1 MR. OSBORNE: If you're a sucker to do
2 it --

3 VICE CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: You know what
4 I'm saying? The next is going to be vice chair and the
5 vice chair sits in with the chair and presides whenever
6 the chair can't been there.

7 You still have to have a knowledge of
8 what's going on and not necessarily an investigative arm
9 such as Mr. Butera is an investigative arm. Sheriff's
10 Department is an investigative arm. So they're out.

11 So what is the Board's pleasure for a
12 vice chair?

13 MR. BUTERA: I'll just say we're not out
14 for any legal reason.

15 VICE CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: No.

16 MR. BUTERA: I'm not seeking to be the vice
17 chair and I don't think --

18 VICE CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: No. And you're
19 right.

20 MR. BUTERA: So I am completely fine not
21 doing it.

22 VICE CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: You're right.

23 MR. BUTERA: But there's nothing that
24 preclude either the Sheriff's Office --

25 VICE CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: That is correct.

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1 MR. BUTERA: (Inaudible.)

2 VICE CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: That is a
3 hundred percent correct.

4 HONORABLE RODRIGUEZ: I am open to it if
5 the Board feels that they want me to serve this year,
6 but I'm not pushing either way.

7 HONORABLE GARCIA: Can a delicate or it has
8 to be --

9 VICE CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: No.

10 HONORABLE GARCIA: It has to be Judge
11 Marshall, right?

12 VICE CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Yeah.

13 MR. BUTERA: What's the basis for that,
14 Glenn?

15 VICE CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Well, I thought
16 we had discussed that a designee could not sit in the
17 chair. It had to be the person elected.

18 MR. OSBORNE: I would be more comfortable
19 with that, frankly.

20 VICE CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Yeah.

21 MR. OSBORNE: I mean, honestly if the
22 principals don't want to show up, I'm not voting for
23 them.

24 VICE CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Yeah.

25 MR. MCKINNEY: If it helps anybody, I've

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1 served in that position before on this Board.

2 MR. OSBORNE: How was it? Too much to it,
3 honestly?

4 MR. MCKINNEY: I chaired at one meeting.

5 MR. OSBORNE: I'd make a motion to do Ms.
6 Rod -- Judge Rodriguez.

7 VICE CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Judge Rodriguez.

8 HONORABLE RODRIGUEZ: Let's discuss. It is
9 possible for you to serve as vice chair this year?

10 Are you interested?

11 VICE CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Except he's not
12 here at this meeting.

13 HONORABLE RODRIGUEZ: All right.

14 MR. BUTERA: Well, he is a public attendee
15 of the meeting.

16 MR. MCKINNEY: I'm a public member right
17 now.

18 HONORABLE GARCIA: I'm not going to vote on
19 somebody's who's not at this meeting.

20 HONORABLE RODRIGUEZ: Because if you're
21 interested in serving this year, Mr. Troy, I would yield
22 to you.

23 MR. MCKINNEY: It's totally up to the
24 Board. I've done it before. If you want me, I'll do it
25 again. If you don't, I'm fine with that, too.

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1 HONORABLE RODRIGUEZ: We want you.

2 VICE CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Well, I have a
3 motion on the Board for Judge Rodriguez.

4 SERGEANT DELEON: I don't think it's been
5 seconded.

6 HONORABLE RODRIGUEZ: Let's ...

7 VICE CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Was there a
8 second? Do you withdraw?

9 HONORABLE GARCIA: Who made the motion?

10 MR. BUTERA: I don't remember.

11 HONORABLE RODRIGUEZ: Someone made --

12 VICE CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: You want to
13 withdraw?

14 HONORABLE RODRIGUEZ: You want to withdraw
15 the motion?

16 MR. OSBORNE: Yeah. I withdraw, yeah.

17 VICE CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Okay. Chair --

18 HONORABLE RODRIGUEZ: I'd like to have the
19 pleasure of making a motion to -- for him.

20 HONORABLE GARCIA: I second.

21 VICE CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: I have motion
22 for Troy McKinney as vice chair and a second.

23 MS. KASE: Move by affirmation.

24 VICE CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Any discussion?

25 Motion to elect Mr. McKinney by

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1 acclamation. All those in favor, signify by saying aye.

2 THE BOARD: Aye.

3 VICE CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Any opposed?

4 Welcome to the wars. Maybe next time,
5 you'll be here officially.

6 MR. MCKINNEY: Maybe next time we'll do an
7 agenda item without --

8 VICE CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: I hear you.

9 Chair will entertain a motion to adjourn.

10 HONORABLE GARCIA: I move.

11 MR. BUTERA: Second.

12 VICE CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: I have motion to
13 adjourn and a second.

14 Thank you very much, ladies and
15 gentlemen. We'll see you next --

16 (Meeting adjourned at 1:56 p.m.)

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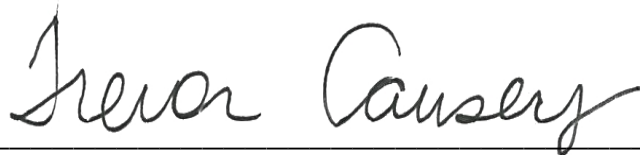
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