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1001 Preston Street, 9th 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, Chairman

Troy McKinney, Vice Chairman

Michael Butera, designee for District Attorney Kim Ogg

Dylan Osborne, County Treasurer

Kathryn Kase, designee for Lina Hidalgo

Honorable J. Elaine Marshall

Honorable Angela D. Rodriguez

Judith Snively, designee for Marilyn Burgess

Sergeant Sisto DeLeon, designee for Sheriff Ed Gonzalez

Tommy Ramsey, Harris County's Attorney

Deputy Joseph Jackson, Harris County Sheriff's Office

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 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: All right. If  
3 everybody's ready, I'd like to call the meeting for the  
4 Wednesday, August 14th, 2019, Harris County Bail Bond  
5 Board to order.

6 And I'd like to go around and I'd like  
7 for the Members to introduce themselves and the entity  
8 they represent.

9 SERGEANT DELEON: Sisto DeLeon, sergeant in  
10 Harris County Sheriff's Office.

11 MS. KASE: Kathryn Kase, Harris County  
12 judge's office.

13 MR. OSBORNE: Dylan Osborne, County  
14 Treasurer.

15 HONORABLE MARSHALL: I'm Judge Elaine  
16 Marshall, director and presiding judge in municipal  
17 courts.

18 MR. BUTERA: Michael Butera for the  
19 District Attorney's Office.

20 MS. SNIVELY: Judith Snively on behalf of  
21 Marilyn Burgess, Harris County District Clerk.

22 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: And this lady walking  
23 in right here --

24 What is your name, good looking lady?

25 MS. RODRIGUEZ: Hello. Angela D.

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1 Rodriguez, Judge, JP 62.

2 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: And my name is  
3 Glenn Strickland, bonding representative.

4 Before -- well, let's do reading of prior  
5 minutes. Chair will entertain ...

6 MR. BUTERA: Michael Butera. I'll make a  
7 motion to approve.

8 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: I need a second.

9 HONORABLE RODRIGUEZ: Second.

10 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: I have a second from  
11 Judge Rodriguez. All those in favor, signify by saying  
12 aye.

13 THE BOARD: Aye.

14 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Any opposed?

15 Under old business, before I advance  
16 further. You know the old Bail Bond Board ended in  
17 December. They left this Board a gift and that gift is  
18 a shortened abbreviated educational version of the bail  
19 bond statutes. The bonding companies go through an  
20 eight-hour course every two years.

21 And Roger Moore -- who is an attorney  
22 from Austin and teaches the courses -- has developed  
23 over time an abbreviated four-hour course since you  
24 don't go and sit through the whole eight hours. And the  
25 cost of it is \$750, if memory serves, and that was

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1 approved by the old Board. So we don't have to worry  
2 about approving it.

3 All this Board's got to do is think about  
4 when and if they want to do that and let's pick a time.  
5 And I'll call Roger and he'll come in here and give us  
6 the abbreviated meeting. It's a very interesting thing.

7 There's our County Attorney  
8 representative.

9 All right. Having said that, continuing on  
10 with the agenda under old business, is there any old  
11 business?

12 SERGEANT DELEON: No, no old business.  
13 Before you move -- before you move, Glenn, I --

14 This has been talked about before, okay.  
15 So in an effort just to target down a date, right?

16 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Yes.

17 SERGEANT DELEON: Is it fair enough that a  
18 date be suggested by the Board, emailed out to the Board  
19 and then we agree upon a date?

20 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: However y'all want to  
21 handle it. I mean, this is -- this is for Board.

22 SERGEANT DELEON: Okay, all right.

23 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: And it's strictly for  
24 the Board; and of course, the support staff and Leslie  
25 and Deputy Jackson and whatnot.

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1 SERGEANT DELEON: Yeah. Because I think it  
2 was -- it's been discussed before but the method of how  
3 to actually get it accomplished wasn't -- and I think it  
4 just got tabled till --

5 Now, we can just move between the  
6 Board --

7 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: It's true.

8 SERGEANT DELEON: -- to actually just nail  
9 down a date and then ...

10 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: It true.

11 SERGEANT DELEON: Okay.

12 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: And I don't disagree  
13 with that at all.

14 SERGEANT DELEON: All right.

15 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Is there anyone that  
16 would like to comment on that, about setting a date?

17 SERGEANT DELEON: I'll work on the lead,  
18 work the date and then get it mailed out to the Board --

19 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Okay.

20 SERGEANT DELEON: And then get the yeas and  
21 the nays on who's available.

22 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: And it's going to be  
23 a four-hour course so you can pick whatever --

24 SERGEANT DELEON: Okay.

25 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: -- four hours you

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1 want. Friday's in the past -- when we've tried to put  
2 that together -- that didn't work real well.

3 SERGEANT DELEON: Okay.

4 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: So if you'll put that  
5 together, we'll get it done and we'll put that course  
6 on.

7 SERGEANT DELEON: Okay.

8 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Okay? The other  
9 alternative is if you wanted to learn the course, in  
10 December 13th of this year, the Professional Bondsmen of  
11 Texas will be putting on their educational seminar for  
12 the bonding community and it's eight hours long. So  
13 that's your choice.

14 All right. Under new business, C.  
15 Number 1 is a request for a renewal of license, First  
16 Community Insurance Company, Shaun -- First Community  
17 Insurance Company, Agent Shaun Burns DBA Legacy Bail  
18 Bonds, 609, Houston Avenue, Houston, Texas 77007.  
19 Original date is 9/13/2011. Expiration date is  
20 9/23/2019. This is License No. 74529. Phone number is  
21 (713) 529-9907. Three-year license.

22 (Witness sworn.)

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

25 MR. BURNS: Shaun Burns.

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1 MR. JOHNSON: Drew Johnson, corporate rep  
2 and attorney for First Community Insurance Company.

3 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Thank you, sir.

4 Sergeant ...

5 SERGEANT DELEON: The application is in  
6 order. We know of no outstanding money owed as of 8/13.  
7 No other comments. Good to go.

8 MR. BUTERA: I was just going to ask  
9 maybe -- are you guys --

10 Or Sergeant DeLeon, there's a copy on  
11 the table but it's the same as the current page there,  
12 isn't it?

13 SERGEANT DELEON: Yes -- well ...

14 MR. BURNS: There's an updated phone number  
15 for the company.

16 SERGEANT DELEON: So the number is what  
17 was -- what's incorrect.

18 MR. JOHNSON: The number was correct except  
19 it was the main line. And so somebody called and talked  
20 to, I guess, a receptionist that didn't really know what  
21 she was talking about. So we updated the number to go  
22 to a direct extension for the senior VP of the company.  
23 So y'all can use that number if y'all /KWAPBL to --

24 MR. BUTERA: Okay. Sorry about that. I  
25 didn't notice. So under Number 1 for the corporation,



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1 it's just an updated phone number.

2 MR. JOHNSON: Yes, sir.

3 MR. BUTERA: So Mr. Guerinot is still the  
4 local supervising agent.

5 MR. JOHNSON: Yes.

6 MR. BUTERA: Okay. No other questions.

7 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Chair will entertain  
8 a motion.

9 MR. BUTERA: Michael Butera. I'll make a  
10 motion to approve.

11 MS. SNIVELY: Judith Snively. I'll second  
12 the motion.

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

15 THE BOARD: Aye.

16 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Any opposed? Motion  
17 carries.

18 MR. JOHNSON: Thank you.

19 MR. BURNS: Thank you very much.

20 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Number 2, request for  
21 renewal of license, Financial Casualty & Surety, Inc.,  
22 Agent George Salais, Jr., DBA Space City Bail Bonds,  
23 7575 Gulf Freeway, Suite A, Houston, Texas 77017.  
24 Original date is 9/10 of 2013. Expiration date: 9/20  
25 of 2019. The license number is 74547. Phone number is

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1 (713) 888-3033, two-year license.

2 (Witness sworn.)

3 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: State your name for  
4 the record, please.

5 MR. SALAIS: George Salais.

6 MR. MCTWIRE: Darius "McTwire", assistant  
7 vice president of Financial Casualty.

8 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Thank you, sir.

9 Sergeant ...

10 SERGEANT DELEON: After review, the  
11 application is complete, and there's no money owed to  
12 the County as of 8/13. Nothing further.

13 HONORABLE RODRIGUEZ: No questions.

14 MR. BUTERA: Nothing from the DA's Office.

15 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Chair will entertain.

16 HONORABLE RODRIGUEZ: Make a motion.

17 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: And the name ...

18 HONORABLE RODRIGUEZ: Judge Angela  
19 Rodriguez.

20 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: There we go. And a  
21 second?

22 MR. OSBORNE: I'll second. Dylan Osborne,  
23 Treasurer.

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

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1 THE BOARD: Aye.

2 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Any opposed? Motion  
3 carries. Thank you very much.

4 MR. SALAIS: Thank you.

5 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Don't forget, Judge  
6 we don't have a court reporter. We've got to say our  
7 names so they know who we are.

8 Okay. Number 3 is request for a new  
9 license. If you remember, there was a company called  
10 Allegheny that had licenses and they have decided to get  
11 out of the bail bond business and those agents are  
12 being --

13 MR. PADILLA: Actually, it's Accredited,  
14 not Allegheny.

15 MR. COX: It's Accredited.

16 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: I knew that.  
17 Accredited. Accredited has gotten out. And US Fire --

18 We dealt with this same type of thing  
19 last month and it's just shifting companies. So request  
20 for a new license, US Fire insurance, Agent Michael Cox  
21 DBA Cox Bail Bonds 1, 1215 Prairie Street, Houston,  
22 Texas 77022. License is a new license. Phone number:  
23 (713) 237-8029, two-year license.

24 (Witness sworn.)

25 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: State your name for

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1 the record, please.

2 MR. COX: Michael W. Cox.

3 MR. PADILLA: Mike Padilla, vice president.

4 MR. GARDNER: Steve "Gardner". I represent  
5 US Fire Insurance Company.

6 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Sergeant ...

7 SERGEANT DELEON: The application is  
8 complete, and the bondsmen owes no money as of 8/13 to  
9 Harris County. Nothing further.

10 HONORABLE MARSHALL: Motion, Judge Elaine  
11 Marshall.

12 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Need a second.

13 MR. BUTERA: Second, Michael Butera.

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

16 THE BOARD: Aye.

17 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Any opposed? Motion  
18 carries. Thank you very much.

19 MR. COX: Thank you.

20 MR. PADILLA: Thank you.

21 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: I'd like the record  
22 to reflect that Mr. Troy McKinney has shown up and as  
23 always, we welcome his presence and his knowledge.

24 Okay. Number 4, request for a new  
25 license, US Fire Insurance Company, Agent Wisam Muharib.

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1 MR. MUHARIB: Yes.

2 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Did I get that right?

3 MR. MUHARIB: You did.

4 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: DBA

5 All Access Bonds 1, 2911 Hardy Street, Houston, Texas

6 77022. No license number. Phone number:

7 (713) 759-1000. Two-year license. And I only need

8 Mr. Muharib and the other gentleman.

9 (Witness sworn.)

10 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: State your name for  
11 the record.

12 MR. MUHARIB: Wisam Muharib.

13 MR. FON: And Mark "Fon", counsel for  
14 Mr. Muharib.

15 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Sergeant ...

16 SERGEANT DELEON: The Sheriff's Office had  
17 made sure that all documentation is accounted for.

18 Application is complete, and no money is owed by this  
19 bondsman to Harris County as of 8/13.

20 MR. BUTERA: No questions.

21 HONORABLE RODRIGUEZ: No questions from  
22 Rodriguez.

23 MR. MCKINNEY: I got a quick question.

24 I see on here you got three other  
25 licenses in addition to this one in Harris County.

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1 MR. MUHARIB: Yes.

2 MR. MCKINNEY: Are any of those going away  
3 or you're going to have four licenses now?

4 MR. FON: The Accredited will be going  
5 away, the license under Accredited Surety and Casualty.

6 MR. MCKINNEY: Okay. I can't -- I can't  
7 tell from the list which that is. There's --

8 That's okay. That answered my question.

9 MR. FON: Basically that'll be -- I believe  
10 he's All Access Bonds --

11 MR. MUHARIB: Correct.

12 MR. FON: -- under that one. So what we're  
13 going to do next month is we'll send a letter to stop  
14 using All Access Bonds under Accredited and go back to  
15 his old name.

16 MR. MCKINNEY: Got you. Thank you.

17 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: I have a motion by  
18 Judge Rodriguez --

19 HONORABLE RODRIGUEZ: Could I just ...

20 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Go ahead. I'm sorry.

21 HONORABLE RODRIGUEZ: I just want to make a  
22 note that the party that just spoke was previously  
23 sworn, it's my understanding so ...

24 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: It was. I have a  
25 motion by Judge Rodriguez.

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1 MR. BUTERA: Second.

2 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Second.

3 MR. BUTERA: Troy? Whoever. Michael  
4 Butera.

5 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: And ...

6 SERGEANT DELEON: So Troy, the application  
7 coming behind this one, this one as well, these were all  
8 part of Accredited, that it's going to be going away  
9 soon and the other company is taking over.

10 MR. MCKINNEY: Got you. Thank you.

11 SERGEANT DELEON: Yes, sir.

12 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: All those in favor,  
13 signify by saying aye.

14 THE BOARD: Aye.

15 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Any opposed? Motion  
16 carries. Congratulations.

17 MR. FON: Thank you.

18 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Number 5, request for  
19 new license, US Fire Insurance Company, Agent  
20 Christopher Libby DBA Abacus 1 Bail Bonds, 2117  
21 Chenevert Street Suite C, Houston, Texas 77003. No  
22 license number. Phone number: (713) 534-1100.  
23 Two-year license.

24 (Witness sworn.)

25 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: State your name for

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1 the record, please.

2 MR. LIBBY: Christopher Libby.

3 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Sergeant ...

4 SERGEANT DELEON: The Sheriff's Office has  
5 made sure all documentation needed for a complete  
6 application are accounted for and the bondsman as of  
7 8/13 owes no money to Harris County in final judgments.

8 MS. KASE: No questions.

9 MR. BUTERA: No questions.

10 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Chair will entertain.

11 MR. MCKINNEY: Move to approve.

12 HONORABLE RODRIGUEZ: I second. Rodriguez  
13 second.

14 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: The gentleman said he  
15 was going to make a motion to approve --

16 MR. MCKINNEY: Troy McKinney.

17 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Mr. McKinney.

18 MR. MCKINNEY: Yes.

19 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: And Judge Rodriguez  
20 seconded it. All those in favor, signify by saying aye.

21 THE BOARD: Aye.

22 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Any opposed? Motion  
23 carries. Thank you.

24 MR. LIBBY: Thank you.

25 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Okay. Number 6,



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1 notice made by FCSI, Agent Roberto Trevino DBA American  
2 Bonding Agency, License No. 74519 to move the main  
3 office located at 101 Texas Avenue, Suite 1423, Houston,  
4 Texas 77002 to new location, 1322 Space Park Drive,  
5 Suite B -- as in boy -- 142, Houston, Texas 77058.  
6 Phone number is (713) 229-0500. Phone number will stay  
7 the same. And that is simply a notice. Noted.

8                   Number 7, request made by First Community  
9 Insurance Company, Agent Jonathan Abel DBA 24/7 Bail  
10 Bonds #2, License No. 74594 to open the following  
11 address and phone number as a satellite office:  
12 320 East Main Street, Humble, Texas 77338  
13 (281) 623-5706.

14                   And is Mr. Abel here?

15                   MR. JOHNSON: I don't believe so, sir.  
16 Drew Johnson, corporate rep for First Community  
17 Insurance.

18                   CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: This -- because there  
19 is a phone number involved and the Board does vote on it  
20 and we generally require the appearance of the person  
21 making the request.

22                   Does the Board have any feelings on  
23 that?

24                   MR. JOHNSON: Then we request that it'd be  
25 tabled.

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1 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Pardon me?

2 MR. JOHNSON: Then we just request that  
3 it'd be tabled, if the Board is not going to vote on it.

4 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Mr. Butera, you got  
5 anything to say?

6 MR. BUTERA: No. I just -- we generally  
7 had anyone requesting anything to appear in case there  
8 are questions or ...

9 CHAIRMAN FIELDS: Okay. So what -- Board  
10 Member, make a table?

11 SERGEANT DELEON: Motion to table.  
12 DeLeon -- Sergeant DeLeon, Sheriff's Office.

13 MR. BUTERA: Make a second, Michael Butera.

14 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: All those the favor,  
15 signify by saying aye.

16 THE BOARD: Aye.

17 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Opposed? We'll see  
18 you next month.

19 MR. JOHNSON: Thank you, sir.

20 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Number 8, request  
21 made by Financial Casualty & Surety, Inc., Agent  
22 Lafayette Taylor DBA Nonstop Bail Bonds, License  
23 No. 74518 to return the security deposit, the Bank of  
24 River Oaks CD 5793 for \$50,000. JP letters mailed on  
25 7/18/2019. So that 30 days started then.

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1 So Chair will entertain a motion to table.

2 MR. MCKINNEY: Motion to table,

3 Troy McKinney.

4 HONORABLE RODRIGUEZ: Seconded, Judge

5 Rodriguez.

6 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: All those in favor,

7 signify by saying aye.

8 THE BOARD: Aye.

9 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Any opposed?

10 Okay. And that, ladies and gentlemen,  
11 brings us to the end of the agenda -- unless someone has  
12 something to add.

13 Chair will entertain a motion to adjourn.

14 MR. OSBORNE: Motion.

15 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Do I have a motion?

16 MR. OSBORNE: Motion --

17 HONORABLE MARSHALL: Second.

18 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: And a second?

19 HONORABLE MARSHALL: Second, Judge

20 Marshall.

21 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: And a second. All

22 those in favor, signify by saying aye.

23 THE BOARD: Aye.

24 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Thank you, ladies and  
25 gentlemen. See you next month.

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(Meeting adjourned at 1:47 p.m.)

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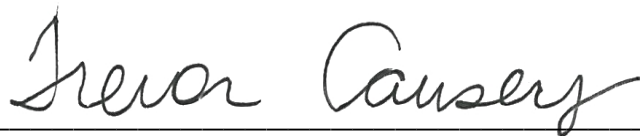
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6 that the above and foregoing transcript of the  
7 proceedings was taken in stenograph, reduced to  
8 typewriting under my direction, and is a full, true and  
9 correct transcript of the proceedings.

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11 capacity, a regular employee of the party in whose  
12 behalf this transcript was taken, nor in the regular  
13 employee of any attorney; and I certify that I am not  
14 interested in the cause, nor of kin or counsel to any of  
15 the parties.

16 GIVEN UNDER MY HAND, on this, the 14th day of  
17 August, 2019.

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