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A P P E A R A N C E S

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Kathryn Kase, designee for Lina Hidalgo, County Judge

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P R O C E E D I N G S

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2 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: If I could everyone's
3 attention, please. I'd like to call the November 13th,
4 2019 meeting of the Harris County Bail Bond Board to
5 order and I'd like to start to my left with the
6 Sheriff's Department and their self-introductions.

7 SERGEANT DELEON: Sisto DeLeon representing
8 Harris County Sheriff's Office.

9 MS. KASE: Kathryn Kase representing the
10 Harris County's judge's office.

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

13 HONORABLE GARCIA: Judge Esmeralda Pena
14 Garcia, designee for Judge Elaine Marshall, City of
15 Houston.

16 MR. BUTERA: Michael Butera, designee for
17 District Attorney Kim Ogg.

18 HONORABLE RODRIGUEZ: Judge Angela D.
19 Rodriguez, justice court, JPs.

20 HONORABLE MARTIN: Judge Amy Martin
21 representing the criminal district clerks.

22 MR. MCKINNEY: Troy McKinney representing
23 the defense lawyers.

24 MS. SNIVELY: Judith Snively representing
25 Marilynn Burgess, District Clerk.

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1 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: And my name is
2 Glenn Strickland representing the bonding community.

3 The first order of business is the
4 reading of the prior minutes. I have one correction to
5 make.

6 MR. MCKINNEY: So do I.

7 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: On page 2 -- no --
8 3 under the Carlos Manzano, the motion to approve and it
9 says Judge, Troy McKinney.

10 MR. MCKINNEY: That was my correction.

11 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: And Troy McKinney is
12 not a judge to my knowledge so I would just like for it
13 to read by Troy McKinney. And I --

14 I make that motion.

15 MR. MCKINNEY: I second it.

16 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Any discussion?

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

19 THE BOARD: Aye.

20 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Any opposed? Any
21 other changes?

22 Troy, any questions about the minutes?

23 MR. MCKINNEY: (Inaudible.)

24 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: We've addressed the
25 minutes.

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1 The Chair will entertain a motion to
2 approve the minutes as read.

3 MR. MCKINNEY: Motion to approve, McKinney.

4 HONORABLE GARCIA: Second it.

5 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: And I need your names
6 whenever you make a motion or second it since we're
7 still dealing with a recording.

8 And that was Troy McKinney and
9 Judge Garcia that made the second.

10 All those in favor, signify by saying
11 aye.

12 THE BOARD: Aye.

13 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Any opposed?

14 Going under B. Old business: Request
15 made by Wisam Muharib DBA All Access ATA -- ATW, License
16 No. 74567 to release property at 5622 Beldart, Lot 6,
17 Block 25, Belfort Park, Section 4, Houston, Texas
18 77003 -- 77033. JP letters mailed on 9/25/2019.

19 (Witness sworn.)

20 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: State your name --
21 both of you state your name for the record.

22 MR. MUHARIB: Wisam Muharib.

23 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: You've got to speak
24 up.

25 MR. MUHARIB: Wisam Muharib.

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1 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Thank you.

2 MR. FONT: Mark Font, counsel for
3 Mr. Muharib.

4 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Thank you.
5 Sergeant ...

6 SERGEANT DELEON: The Sheriff's Office has
7 no objections. He will still be in ratio. The property
8 value with Harris County at 59,098 which would put him
9 past -- after the deductions, would put him in the --
10 would put him at \$63,150 as far as collateral. And
11 under the 8 to 1 ratio, it would be at approximately
12 \$500,000 that he could write bonds. He currently only
13 has \$2,000 written on this license so he would still be
14 in ratio.

15 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Anybody else?

16 MS. KASE: No questions.

17 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Chair will entertain
18 a motion.

19 MR. MCKINNEY: Move to approve, McKinney.

20 MR. BUTERA: Second it, Michael Butera.

21 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: All -- any
22 discussion?

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

25 THE BOARD: Aye.

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CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Any opposed?

Approved. Thank you.

MR. MUHARIB: Thank you, thank you.

CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Number 2, request made by Tina Lyles DBA Jailbusters Bonding Company, License No. 74183 to determine the security deposit CD "T", Tom, "R", Rogers, 043846 for \$14,008.78. JP letters mailed on 9/27/2019.

(Witness sworn.)

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

MR. GOOD: Ken Good, attorney for Tina Lyles.

CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Sergeant ...

SERGEANT DELEON: Again, the Sheriff's Office has no objection to this request as well. Ms. Lyles has over \$900,000 worth of property that is deeded to the county on this license and she will still be in ratio once the \$14,000 is subtracted.

CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Anyone else?

HONORABLE GARCIA: Clear with the City of Houston, Judge Garcia.

CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Chair will entertain.

MR. MCKINNEY: Motion to approve, McKinney.

HONORABLE RODRIGUEZ: Second it by

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1 Judge Rodriguez.

2 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Any discussion?

3 All those in favor, signify by saying
4 aye.

5 THE BOARD: Aye.

6 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Any opposed?

7 MR. GOOD: Thank you.

8 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: New business, request
9 for renewal of license, International Fidelity Insurance
10 Company --

11 By the way, before I proceed further.
12 Because of the statute that was passed in the
13 legislature, if anyone in the room has a comment on
14 topic about something, feel free to hold up your hand
15 and be addressed.

16 Request for renewal of license,
17 International Fidelity Insurance Company, Agent
18 Marc Metze DBA Better Now Bail Bonds, 2425 Southmore
19 Boulevard, Houston, Texas 77004. Original date:
20 12/10/2013. Expiration date: 12/20/2019. License
21 No. 74553. Phone number is (713) 226-8700. Two-year
22 renewal.

23 (Witness sworn.)

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

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1 MR. METZE: Marc Metze.

2 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: And Mr. Good's
3 already been sworn in.

4 MR. GOOD: I do. I'm Mr. Good and I'm
5 assistant secretary for the insurance company.

6 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Thank you.

7 Sergeant ...

8 SERGEANT DELEON: The packet seems to be
9 complete. We did reach out to Mr. Metze. We request
10 page 8 be completed. He completed it, had it notarized
11 and signed. That was the only -- that was the only
12 thing that we, the Sheriff's Office, saw that was
13 missing. We know of no unpaid judgments owed to Harris
14 County as of 11/12. So we have no objection.

15 MS. KASE: No questions by Kathryn Kase.

16 HONORABLE GARCIA: Clear with --

17 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: One second. Go
18 ahead.

19 HONORABLE GARCIA: Clear by -- with the
20 City, Judge Garcia.

21 HONORABLE RODRIGUEZ: Comment (inaudible.)

22 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: I have two people in
23 the back that held up their hand.

24 You wish to address on topic?

25 MS. CURTIS: Yes, sir.

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1 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Please come to the
2 podium, please. To the microphone.

3 I am going to put you under oath, ma'am.

4 MS. CURTIS: Yes, sir.

5 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: We put everyone under
6 oath who comes forward to testify.

7 (Witness sworn.)

8 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: State your name for
9 the record.

10 MS. CURTIS: Mary Curtis.

11 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: And what comment do
12 you have, ma'am?

13 MS. CURTIS: Do I get a chance to read it?

14 It's about four or five pages. I'll make
15 it quick.

16 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Pardon me?

17 MS. CURTIS: I have four or five pages of
18 comments I would like to read. It's a little bit more
19 than I can just tell you without going too far.

20 So would it be okay to read it?

21 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Okay.

22 MS. CURTIS: Okay. My name is Mary Curtis.
23 I am the aunt of Lucius Davis. Lucius Davis is my
24 nephew who sought legal advice from Mr. Marc Metze in
25 bonding services. I am the voice of -- I am here to

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1 voice my concerns and my complaints about the attorney
2 and the bail bonding company owner, Marc Metze.

3 I became involved on January the 14th,
4 2019 when Mr. Davis asked me to talk to me regarding a
5 matter that he had sought legal advice from Mr. Metze.
6 After visiting with Mr. Davis, my nephew, on January the
7 15th, I advised Mr. Davis that I would accompany him.
8 He asked me to accompany him to Mr. Metze's office. I
9 told him that I would.

10 Mr. Davis called Mr. Metze on the evening
11 of the 25th of January and confirmed that he would meet
12 with him. I asked my nephew -- instructed him to follow
13 the law, speak with attorney. I'll be there present
14 with him so that he will not get harmed by the law or
15 any law enforcement agency by not being there.

16 The meeting did not occur on -- Mr. Davis
17 was detained the morning that we had a meeting scheduled
18 with Mr. Metze which was January the 16th. He was
19 picked up by law enforcement at his home.

20 Mr. Metze and I spoke throughout the day.
21 On that day, I notified him that we were to -- on our
22 we're to his office Mr. Davis was detained and that
23 would it be okay for me to come and he said it was no
24 need for me to come. Mr. Metze and I spoke on January
25 the 18th where he was to bond Mr. Davis out. He told me

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1 that -- that I need to bring him \$2,500 if I wanted
2 Mr. Davis on the ground.

3 I asked Mr. Metze, "What happened to the
4 vehicle that you took from Mr. Davis that you were
5 holding for him for the legal fees and for your bonding
6 fees?" He again repeated that if I wanted Mr. Davis out
7 on the ground, I need to bring him \$2,500. I had some
8 cash. I did not have all the cash so I told him I had
9 to go to the bank in which I went to the bank and
10 withdraw more money from my account.

11 Mr. Metze, better -- owner of Better
12 Bond -- Better Now Than Later Bail Bond, he -- they
13 bailed -- they posted the bond. They told me that they
14 had to go to Waller County to get him. I paid the
15 \$2,500 and before I could leave the office, they asked
16 me for another \$1500. I asked what was it for. The
17 lady instructed me that she was the bonding office agent
18 and that that's what the fee was for going so far.

19 I said that, "Mr. Metze did not tell me
20 additional \$1500 so ma'am, can we call him?"

21 She said, "You could call anybody you
22 want. This is the fee and I've been here for 20 years."

23 They posted that bond, but before they
24 could get my nephew, Lucius Davis, out -- and when I
25 left there, they called me and said that he was at

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1 another bond and that he had -- he had to wait to see
2 the judge. And this is on a Friday so he had to wait to
3 see the Judge the week -- the following week. So I said
4 okay and I had waited.

5 I continued to contact Mr. Metze. He
6 said that my nephew was in no-bond status. That went on
7 for a couple of weeks. Then I -- then he called me and
8 told me that bond was set and he told me how much it
9 would be for me to bring to him to bond him out.

10 I took him a 2500-hundred-dollar cashier
11 check that time because I felt like what happened the
12 first time with the extra 20 -- \$1500 was -- I was not
13 told to bring it by Mr. Metze and the lady in the
14 office, Mr. Vera Soto, also was not going catch me like
15 that again, to bring her additional money that I was not
16 told. So I brought a cashier's check on that time.

17 That time, again, I asked Mr. Metze,
18 what -- "What was the issue with the car? If you took
19 his Cadillac for your legal fees and for your bonding
20 fees, then why am I continuing to have to pay this
21 amount of money to get him out?" Again, he repeated if
22 I want him on the ground, this is what I had to pay and
23 I had -- he did not have to talk to me about anything
24 because I was not his client. I told him that he did
25 not have a problem talking to me when he was taking the

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1 money.

2 I'm just a little bit anxious so please
3 forgive me. So Mr. --

4 So when I continued to talk to Mr. Metze
5 back and forth on the phone and on text about the car
6 and the fees -- because we're having to come up with all
7 this money -- he told me that we could kiss the car
8 goodbye and that worry him about the car. I said we
9 don't want you to do anything with the car. Mr. Davis
10 asked me to give you the money. So I will bring you
11 \$12,000 cash and get the car, then he can pay you for
12 the fees as you tell him what they are. Because now,
13 you're taking the car and for the fees and for the bond.
14 And you haven't honored the bond at all in terms of the
15 vehicle. And for the legal fees, he had not incurred
16 that kind of legal fees. So if you'll give me the car,
17 I'll give you the \$12,000. I spoke to the bank. They
18 said no problem. I had the money, no problem. He said
19 he would will not give me the car. It was gone.

20 About a week later or two after I
21 continued to talk to him about it, then he said, "Well,
22 you bring me \$5,000 and I'll give you the car," which
23 was, again, not true because Mr. Metze had already
24 titled the car to his office manager, Ms. Vera Soto, in
25 his office of the -- the lady that told me to give her

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1 the \$1500 and she'd been there for 20 years. He already
2 titled the car to her so he couldn't necessarily just
3 give it back to me when I brought him the 5,000 that he
4 alleged that if I brought it, he would do so.

5 The threats that came -- so Lucius Davis
6 was out. I paid for his ankle bracelet of which he was
7 required to wear. I paid for his ankle bracelet. He
8 tried to find jobs. He found jobs, jobs of which
9 Mr. Metze said he did not approve. He wanted him to
10 find another job that he thought the Courts would
11 accept. We didn't understand that so he lost an
12 opportunity for a few jobs. But he didn't have
13 transportation to get back and forth to the job. So
14 myself, his wife and anybody else that he could find
15 would try to help him find a job.

16 Better Now Than Later Bail Bonding
17 continued to call and harass me and send me emails that
18 if we don't pay the fee, bring the money, that they were
19 going to surrender Lucius Davis' bond. And so we tried
20 to talk to them, tried to reason with them. He tried to
21 give them some money. The last time he had an
22 opportunity to tell him what he could bring but he
23 didn't have a job. The lady told him to keep the money,
24 that it wasn't enough. They wanted the 7500-dollar
25 balance and he did not have the \$7500.

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1 So I got numerous threats, numerous
2 emails of which I had in my packet that I submitted to
3 the Bail Bonding Board when I filed a complaint and when
4 I filed with the State Texas Bar. I was constant --
5 My brother co-signed on the bond. He was also receiving
6 letters. Mr. Davis' wife who also signed on the bond
7 for the second bond was receiving letters.

8 I was never told and I never knew that
9 Mr. Metze, Better Now Than Later Bail Bonding, did not
10 make the bond for Lucius Davis. I went out of town to
11 take my grandson to recruiting trip and at the airport,
12 I got a call and learned that Mr. Metze did not make the
13 bond. I asked who made the bond. The gentleman told me
14 who made the bond. And I said, "Well, if you made the
15 bond, why was Mr. Metze able to surrender his bond? He
16 said he did not, that he did. And so the gentleman I
17 had a conversation with, I submitted in my complaint as
18 well. I know I don't have a lot of time so I will make
19 it quick.

20 Mr. Metze is an extension of the courts
21 and he knows the law from the attorney side and from the
22 bail bonding side because he's a licensee. And I think
23 that he did injustice to my son -- to my -- I'm sorry --
24 my nephew and to all the citizens of our community when
25 he represent them and misrepresent them with what he did

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1 to Lucius Davis by flat-out lying and saying that he ran
2 and he did not. If he was a flight risk that he told
3 the bail bonding company, Mr. Metze would not have
4 agreed to have taken the ankle bracelet off of
5 Lucius Davis if he was a flight risk. He was not a
6 flight risk.

7 He didn't have the money to pay but he
8 did call in. They told him that he could call in but
9 try to come as much as possible. And he didn't have a
10 car. He lived in Spring, Texas. He couldn't get there
11 as much. I took him there on April for a meeting with
12 Mr. Metze regarding his case and the report that he had.
13 So I know for a fact that he saw him. His wife took him
14 there. I know for a fact that he saw him so it wasn't
15 that he never saw him.

16 So I was disturbed to find out that
17 Mr. Metze was not the person that made the bond when I
18 called Waller County and when I had talk to the bail
19 bond company that did make it. So I raised a little
20 sand with him. I won't go into that because I know we
21 don't have the time.

22 So I just like list the things that he
23 misrepresented or that he wasn't truthful, if it's okay
24 and I'll make it quick. Mr. Metze misrepresented that
25 he was going to see Lucius Davis in jail when he was

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1 jail and he did not go. When I asked him about it, he
2 told me it was too far. Mr. Metze misrepresented being
3 the actual bonding company for Lucius Davis when he was
4 not. Mr. Metze fraudulently misrepresented himself as
5 the agency to me and to Mr. Davis that he was bonding
6 him out while all the time he had someone else doing it
7 and he was harassing me for money and telling the
8 other bail bond company, A Freedom Bail Bonding,
9 Mr. Mike Byrd, that Lucius Davis had run for November
10 the 5th and he had not seen him nor received any money
11 when, in fact, I had given him the money -- and he had
12 his car for his bail bonding fee.

13 Mr. Metze misrepresented me never paying
14 him the money -- because I did pay him the \$25,000,
15 otherwise, Lucius Davis couldn't have gotten out of
16 jail. Mr. Metze took Lucius Davis' car and we don't
17 know for what. He took it for the bond, but he still
18 has the car because he gave it his to secretary. He
19 titled it to his secretary. All that is in the
20 complaint that I filed already.

21 So we don't know how he keeps the car and
22 made us pay the money and then he turn around and tells
23 the bail bonding, A Freedom, that Lucius Davis was a
24 flight risk, he never paid any money. And they picked
25 him in Harris County, took him to jail in Harris County

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1 and then took him to Waller County. Then we had to come
2 up with more money to get Lucius Davis out. I don't
3 have very far.

4 Mr. Metze misrepresented when he said he
5 had not heard nor seen Lucius Davis -- which I shared
6 with you already. Mr. Metze has a law firm calling me,
7 my brother and Mr. Davis' wife at this time stating that
8 they're suing us for signing a promissory note for money
9 to pay when they didn't give me a copy of any paperwork
10 at all other than the receipt for part of the money, not
11 all of the money.

12 So I would like to say to the Bail
13 Bonding Board, I feel that this is -- Mr. Davis is not
14 the only person that Mr. Metze has done this to. I'm
15 appalled at Mr. Metze comfort and continued violations
16 of the law that have been established for the protection
17 and fair treatment of the citizens of Texas and the
18 Harris County Bail Bonding in the State of Texas. The
19 Board should not allow Mr. Metze to continue with a
20 license to operate in a bail bonding business to
21 continue to extort money from clients, take their
22 property and take their people freedom.

23 Attorney Marc Metze is not qualified, nor
24 fit to continue to hold a bail bonding license in Texas.
25 Attorney Marc Metze is an extension of the Court and

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1 knew the law from both sides. He knew as an attorney;
2 he knew as a bail bonding company and he knew what he
3 was doing.

4 Attorney Marc Metze is a licensed
5 dangerous extension of the criminal justice system in
6 the State of Texas and he is especially dangerous to
7 African-Americans and to our community. I live in
8 Rosharon, Texas. I grew up in the City of Houston. I
9 work for Harris County. So when I say "my community",
10 that is the community I grew up in. That is the
11 university that I attended which Mr. Metze also
12 attended. So it gives me no pleasure to be here to do
13 it to another fellow alum, but it will me great harm and
14 displeasure not stand up for the people that don't have
15 a voice and Mr. Metze continue to do the same thing
16 over and over again.

17 I pray that you use your power to revoke
18 his license and to return my money, Mr. Davis' money and
19 Mr. Davis's vehicle, his Cadillac. That's all I have.

20 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Did you say that you
21 had filed a complaint?

22 MS. CURTIS: I filed a complaint with the
23 Harris County Bail Bonding Board.

24 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Sergeant ...

25 SERGEANT DELEON: Yes. This is an

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1 active -- this is an active investigation. The
2 complaint was filed in --

3 It originally was filed in September, but
4 I crossed path into legal fees that were taken, also
5 bail bond fees. So it was asked that Ms. Curtis amend
6 it and she did. She amended the complaint to strictly
7 note the possible bonding violations of 1704 we received
8 and it's currently under investigation, but Ms. Curtis
9 wanted to take this time and opportunity to voice her
10 opinion because she knew that he was up for renewal.

11 So in regards to the Harris County
12 Sheriff's Office, this still is an active investigation
13 into a complaint that was actually -- the original date
14 on it is 10/22 which is what we have.

15 MS. CURTIS: Can I say one more thing?

16 I did amend it as according to the
17 Sergeant when I returned from the trip from San Diego
18 and I was disturbed by what I was hearing because I
19 didn't understand what happened. I'm thinking
20 Mr. Metze, Better Now Than Later, made the bond and then
21 I find out somebody else made the bond and I found out
22 he wasn't truthful with the person that made the bond.
23 I find out who surrendered the bond and why they
24 surrendered the bond.

25 So when I found those things out, I

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1 called Waller County to ask them who made the bond, when
2 will they surrender, when will he get a bond, when did
3 he see the judges, all the things that I -- I guess I
4 didn't think to ask or known to ask before. When they
5 told me all those things, then I thought okay, it's
6 something wrong here and then I wrote it down and I
7 amended the complaint to be added.

8 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Does anyone else have
9 a question?

10 MR. OSBORNE: Yes. Dylan Osborne, County
11 Treasurer. First, thank you for coming today.

12 So I have some questions, I guess, for
13 our legal representative, what this process is. So as
14 long as --

15 So if there's a filed complaint and that
16 is held to be your belief to be accurate or -- and it
17 comes before the Board at that point, I assume -- what
18 does that process look like?

19 MR. RAMSEY: There's a specific process of
20 filing a complaint. There's specific requirements and
21 notice of hearing on the complaint. So I would
22 recommend that the complaint process be held within its
23 normal process, the investigation, the notice of hearing
24 on the (inaudible.) essentially communication
25 (inaudible.)

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1 With respect to the renewal of the
2 license, the Board, of course, if there's prior conduct
3 by a bondsman, obviously, a way -- essentially, the
4 veracity of any testimony offered.

5 HONORABLE RODRIGUEZ: Piggy-backing off of
6 Treasurer Osborne question. What comes to mind, when
7 does this license expire?

8 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: December 20th.

9 HONORABLE RODRIGUEZ: Okay. That means
10 that -- you can continue the discussion.

11 MR. OSBORNE: So if your investigation into
12 the complaint, regardless of what you find, does that
13 come before the Board?

14 MR. RAMSEY: I'll be honest. This is the
15 first time since I've been on the Board we've had a
16 complaint like this. So I need to figure out this
17 process.

18 SERGEANT DELEON: So no -- what happens
19 with the complaint is Ms. Curtis had submitted a
20 complaint which we had her submit a sworn complaint to
21 us. And we do our investigations in regards to if any
22 violations were conducted under 1704 documentation.

23 So if we find, you know, there was a
24 violation, then we most definitely can bring it to the
25 Board so the Board will note on the filing. The way

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1 that --

2 What Tommy was referring to -- and Tommy,
3 you correct me if I'm wrong -- is that Ms. Curtis
4 complaining can be taken into account on the votes
5 individually by the Board. Correct?

6 MR. RAMSEY: Sure.

7 SERGEANT DELEON: Right. But in regards to
8 the complaint and how it gets resolved, the Sheriff's
9 Office will work to resolve the complaint with the
10 bonding community and the complainant. And if there is
11 a violation, then yes, the violation will be noted to
12 the Board in regards to if there was any violations.

13 MR. BUTERA: Michael Butera from the
14 District Attorney's Office. To add a little bit to that
15 (inaudible.), there are mechanisms under 1704 where if
16 there is a valid complaint -- which would fall under the
17 laundry list of things that could either result in a
18 suspension or revocation, that it triggers a whole due
19 process, a process where the bondsman, the individual
20 being complained of, will be notified about the
21 complaint -- the Board could have a hearing, call
22 witnesses, weigh all the evidence that was presented one
23 way or the other and then take action under the powers
24 given under the code if they thought it was that serious
25 or not. After that complaint, it would need to be

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1 valid and then it can be given to the Board and the
2 Board could proceed however it wanted to.

3 MR. OSBORNE: So if you found -- if the
4 Sheriff's Department (inaudible.), they think that this
5 complaint is valid, it's going to come before us.

6 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Yes.

7 SERGEANT DELEON: Yes. And even -- even in
8 1704 as Michael was saying, some of the violations, you
9 know -- again, you know, it's written in the code. It
10 would be misdemeanors. It would be criminal as well.

11 MR. RAMSEY: Sure. So a criminal complaint
12 that result in possible criminal action, criminal action
13 by (inaudible.) So we refer to the DA's Office for
14 further investigation or charges. It is a Bail Bond
15 Board matter where the Board could take action with a
16 surety based on 1704(2)(d)(2), that laundry list of
17 provisions. You know, you refer to the Board for
18 further action.

19 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Thank -- thank you
20 for your comments, ma'am.

21 MR. OSBORNE: I have a question for her.

22 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Oh, okay.

23 MR. OSBORNE: Just real quick.

24 So just to kind of sum up what you have,
25 Ms. Curtis, was you're saying that this bail bondsman

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1 took a vehicle or accepted a vehicle in lieu of payment,
2 took multiple payments from you, from your family.

3 MS. CURTIS: Yes.

4 MR. OSBORNE: And did you say as far as in
5 there that he ended up not even being the company that
6 bonded your nephew out?

7 MS. CURTIS: That's my understanding. The
8 company that actually bonded him out was in Waller
9 County, a Freedom Bail Bonding Company. Because I asked
10 why did --

11 I called the law office of Mr. Metzke, and
12 I asked his paralegal, "Why did you guys surrender his
13 bond when he didn't even have a court date? He hadn't
14 been indicted," et cetera, et cetera.

15 So then she said, "Ms. Curtis, they did
16 not surrender his bond because he didn't have -- because
17 he didn't show up for court. Because like, you know, he
18 didn't have a court date. They surrendered his bond
19 because he didn't pay the money.

20 MR. OSBORNE: So nobody ever paid that
21 company because you assumably didn't know about this
22 company; is that correct?

23 MS. CURTIS: That -- that's correct. That
24 company said that he never received a dime and he was
25 told by Mr. Metzke and Better Now Than Later that he

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1 never received a dime from February the 5th when he
2 bonded him out and then got -- didn't make sense.
3 Because I paid the money and he took the car.

4 MR. OSBORNE: I guess for my fellow Board
5 Members' sake, I guess where I -- for a safe discussion
6 of the theme would be that this -- his license, until
7 that investigation is completed, until that runs its
8 course, I see no reason not to give him his license with
9 the understanding that if that complaint is held valid,
10 it comes back to us --

11 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: It does.

12 MR. OSBORNE: -- to take action.

13 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: It does.

14 MR. OSBORNE: I mean, we're not an
15 investigative body.

16 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: No. They're the
17 investigative body. And if they find there are facts,
18 it will come back to this Board.

19 MR. OSBORNE: But I just want you to know
20 we take this very seriously -- at least I do and I
21 assume the rest of this -- of us do. I mean, this is a
22 very serious accusation and --

23 MS. CURTIS: It's a very serous matter to
24 me and my family.

25 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Yes, sir ...

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1 MR. MCKINNEY: Ma'am, would you tell me
2 your name again? I didn't catch it.

3 MS. CURTIS: Mary Curtis.

4 MR. MCKINNEY: I want to echo exactly what
5 was just said. I don't know what we're going to do
6 today on the license, but even if we do approve it, that
7 doesn't mean that your claim, your complaints aren't
8 heard and aren't going to be investigated. There's a
9 separate process for addressing those complaints. If
10 those complaints are found to be -- have violated the
11 Bail Bond Act, then this Board can take action later to
12 suspended, revoke or rescind his license even if it's
13 approved today or it's not renewed. I don't know what
14 we're going to do on that; but if we do, I don't want
15 you to think that we haven't heard you.

16 MS. CURTIS: Or interested.

17 MR. MCKINNEY: We are interested.

18 MS. CURTIS: And the last finally thing
19 that I have to say is I think that the worst thing is
20 putting somebody back in jail for a lie you told that
21 they never paid something and you knew that they did.
22 So we had to come up with more money to get him out of
23 jail a second time on the lie that Mr. Metze told, that
24 he -- he had not seen him when he, in fact, he did.

25 MR. MCKINNEY: Did you provide documents of

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1 all the things you told us about --

2 MS. CURTIS: I did, sir. They're all here.

3 The card that is --

4 MR. MCKINNEY: My only question was: Did
5 you provide them --

6 MS. CURTIS: Yes.

7 MR. MCKINNEY: -- to the Sheriff's
8 Department?

9 MS. CURTIS: Yes.

10 MS. KASE: Okay. I also have a question.

11 Ms. Curtis, you also referenced that you
12 made complaints to the State Bar of Texas.

13 MS. CURTIS: Yes.

14 MS. KASE: And when did you make that
15 complaint?

16 MS. CURTIS: At the same -- I'll tell you
17 exactly. I made it on January the 18th, the day before
18 I left to go out of town. I delivered it to the -- to
19 the -- to the Sheriff's Office, my complaint, and I also
20 took it to the State Bar on Woodway that same day
21 because I know I was going to be out of town for a
22 while. So I did make --

23 MS. KASE: January 18th?

24 MS. CURTIS: No, no, not Jan -- sorry,
25 sorry -- September. September. I'm sorry, I'm sorry.

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1 MS. KASE: September 18th.

2 MS. CURTIS: September the 18th, 2019.

3 MS. KASE: Have you received from the State
4 Bar of Texas any communication about whether they have
5 decided -- whether they have done their preliminary
6 investigation of the complaint and decided to move
7 forward on it?

8 MS. CURTIS: I -- when I -- when I
9 revised the --

10 When I amended my statement after I
11 learned about the bail bonding -- who actually bonded
12 him out -- then I called the State Bar and asked them do
13 they need a copy of it and she said she didn't because
14 it was specific to the bail bond. I asked her where
15 were we in this process and she said that Mr. Metze had
16 been sent a letter and that I've been sent a letter and
17 they have 30 days -- he has 30 days to respond and that
18 they sent him what I sent to them and all the
19 documentation, et cetera, et cetera and they had
20 30 days. And so any day now, I'm waiting for them to
21 tell me something. 'Cause this is September and this is
22 October to November.

23 MS. KASE: All right. Thank you very much.

24 MS. CURTIS: You're welcome. Thank you.

25 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: All right.

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1 SERGEANT DELEON: Chair (inaudible.) a
2 chance to respond to --

3 MR. GOOD: May I address the Board?

4 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: You may.

5 MR. GOOD: We're more than happy to answer
6 any questions that you have on this issue. An issue was
7 raised about when the renewal date is. I think your
8 next Board meeting there's not enough time with the ten
9 days to renew it. So there's, you know -- we would
10 normally not have any issue with tabling to have this
11 fully investigated, but I don't think the Board has the
12 ability to table this and to consider it at the next
13 meeting because it would not be timely at the next
14 meeting.

15 HONORABLE RODRIGUEZ: Thank you, Counsel.

16 MR. GOOD: But I do want to address a
17 couple of things that have been made. There is an issue
18 made about -- that this is a bond that wasn't posted by
19 Mr. Metze. I know we have a lot of new board members
20 but -- and this is inside baseball stuff. But within
21 the industry, we have a term that we call a transfer
22 bond situation where, you know, people go to one
23 office -- and this bond was posted in Waller County so
24 he was the agent that was dealing with the family. And
25 then he requested within the insurance company that one

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1 their other agents post the bond. So that is a
2 situation that happens quite often in the industry. And
3 so this is not anything nefarious or out of the ordinary
4 from that standpoint. What --

5 There have been complaints. We do agree
6 a complaint's been filed with the State Bar and a
7 complaint here. That's because Mr. Metze is a bondsman
8 and an attorney so there are allegations that are
9 dealing with his law license and over the bail bond
10 issues. Now, with the bail bond issues, I believe in
11 talking to the Sheriff's Office because we've been
12 talking. We --

13 Whenever we receive a complaint, we open
14 up our own investigation and we look at the issue
15 ourselves. We're your partner in these. We want to
16 make sure that we do things right. We're dealing with a
17 bondman who's been here 20 years or more and we're
18 dealing with an employee that's been his employee for 25
19 years without any prior issues. And so we look at them
20 very -- but we always look at a complaint very
21 carefully.

22 The issue as I see that it boils down to
23 today is we have a hundred and twenty-five thousand
24 dollars in bonds that were posted. That's roughly a
25 12,000-thousand-dollar fee. They pay 2500, 2500 which

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1 is 5,000 which is documented with a receipt. The issue
2 that I perceived from the complaints is that there's an
3 additional 1500 that they alleged was paid that there is
4 no receipt for. The statute requires that if 1500 was
5 paid, that there had to be a receipt.

6 Mr. Metze's office's response from his
7 employee that he's had for 25 years is that they did not
8 receive an additional 1500. I know that some additional
9 paperwork was provided to the Sheriff's Office today.

10 When we receive that, we will look at it as we look at
11 everything. We are in the process of our own
12 investigation. I don't want to say this is a he-said,
13 she-said thing because the legal issues, the complaint
14 with the State Bar adds a lot of color to this but it
15 doesn't have anything to do with us.

16 What I would point out to you is that
17 we've seen the complaint with the State Bar and the
18 complaint that was filed with the Board and there's a
19 major inconsistency and the inconsistency is the issue
20 before the Bail Bond Board. In this complaint to this
21 Board, it is alleged that 2500, 2500 was paid and then
22 there's an additional 1500 for which there is no
23 receipt. The problem is in the complaint to the State
24 Bar, it says that flat, that 5,000 was the premium that
25 was paid to the bonding company and that was the amount

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1 that was paid.

2 And so there is an inconsistency or there
3 is a conflict or contradiction between those two
4 documents. I'm not trying to say that that resolve the
5 issue. What I am telling you is just as the Sheriff's
6 Office is looking at this, we're looking at this as
7 well. But we're looking at it solely from the issues of
8 once the bail bond rules and once the bail bond -- we're
9 not getting into Mr. Metze's legal practice.

10 But the way I perceive it right now is
11 where I think this is going to end up is: Was a
12 1500-dollar payment made for which there was no receipt?
13 And that can become a he-said, she-said thing. We don't
14 have any problem bringing all of our employees to talk
15 to you that touched this issue so that you can make
16 up -- as the jury -- make up your own mind about what
17 the situation is and what's the truth.

18 But I would ask that we not do that
19 today. If you have any questions you want to ask Marc
20 -- Mr. Metze about this situation -- I don't care
21 whether it's about this issue or the legal
22 representation. If he's comfortable answering it, I
23 want him to answer it. I would -- but I would demand
24 that he answer any question dealing with the bail bond
25 issues -- the bonding issues. But we're not -- we're

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1 not scared of this issue. I mean, we -- if we think our
2 bonding company did something wrong, we will tell you we
3 screwed up and here's what we did to fix it. We're
4 looking at it and we haven't made a conclusion. But
5 that's where we are and that's what we've seen. And if
6 you have any questions for Mr. Metze, we'll be more than
7 happy for you to ask those questions now. Thank you.

8 MS. KASE: Mr. Metze, we -- if I understand
9 Ms. Curtis' complaint correctly, there was also a car
10 involved that as I understand -- and I may have this
11 wrong -- was also given over for security on -- or for
12 payment on a bail bond.

13 Can you please explain what role the car,
14 from your perspective, played in this?

15 MR. METZE: Yes. Can I know your name? Is
16 it Ms. Kase? Is it Ms. Kase?

17 MS. KASE: Yes, sir.

18 MR. METZE: Okay. Ms. Kase, let me just
19 hand this out. This -- can I hand this out?

20 MR. GOOD: Wait. Before you do that,
21 answer her question.

22 MR. METZE: Okay. The car involves
23 attorney/client privilege with me and Lucius Davis. The
24 first complaint that Ms. Curtis filed was saying that
25 she gave a car for collateral and premium. I forward an

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1 email to the Sergeant and he came by -- and I think
2 Sergeant Jackson came by -- and picked the email from my
3 office showing that Ms. Curtis and Mr. Davis had asked
4 that the car that they gave for a legal fee -- because
5 he was arrested. He was charged with three felonies,
6 aggravated robbery, engaging and organized criminal
7 activity and the car was given as part of attorney fees.
8 They had sent an email to me asking that since he didn't
9 have a court date, could they could use the car instead
10 of attorney fees and transfer it to the bond fees of
11 \$7500 that they owed me. I simply said no in my reply
12 and gave that copy to the deputies. So there was never
13 an issue with the car and the bail bond company. Those
14 two don't even exist.

15 MR. GOOD: Well, what he's saying in his
16 mind in the -- documentation shows that the car was
17 given as payment for legal fees. And the additional
18 documentation is that they asked to have it changed and
19 that he said no. And so in his mind -- I'm not
20 discounting what she said to the Board or to the State
21 Bar -- but in his mind, he believes that is a legal fee
22 issue that does not involve the fees that were paid for
23 the bail bond -- and that's exactly what her complaint
24 to the State Bar said.

25 MR. METZE: So I -- the car being totally

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1 separate from the bail bond.

2 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Okay. We've heard
3 all that. The Chair will entertain a motion.

4 MR. MCKINNEY: Move to approve the
5 application.

6 HONORABLE RODRIGUEZ: I second.

7 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: I have a motion --

8 HONORABLE RODRIGUEZ: Judge Rodriguez,
9 second.

10 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: And Troy McKinney
11 making a --

12 Did you make a motion?

13 MR. MCKINNEY: McKinney made the motion,
14 yes.

15 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: All right. Any
16 discussion?

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

19 THE BOARD: Aye.

20 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Any opposed?

21 MS. KASE: No.

22 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: And I have one no,
23 Ms. Judge Garcia.

24 MS. KASE: No, for (inaudible.)

25 HONORABLE GARCIA: I -- that was from her.

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1 MS. KASE: Kase.

2 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Ms. Kase was a "no"?

3 MS. KASE: Right.

4 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: I have one no.

5 MS. KASE: And I want to (inaudible.)
6 table.

7 HONORABLE GARCIA: And I want an
8 abstention.

9 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: And one abstention by
10 Judge Garcia. Congratulations, approved.

11 MR. METZE: Thank you.

12 MR. GOOD: Thank you. We would prefer to
13 table, too, but we can't in this situation.

14 MS. KASE: I understand.

15 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: All right. Going on
16 to No. 2, request for renewal of license.

17 MR. MCKINNEY: (Inaudible.)

18 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Troy, say again.

19 MR. MCKINNEY: If we notice this issue, put
20 the complaint on the agenda again for next month, so
21 we'll be certain to get an update of what's going on?

22 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Well, there's
23 something if -- if they find it valid, they will bring
24 it to us.

25 MR. BUTERA: You can -- anyone can request

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1 anything to be put on the agenda.

2 MR. MCKINNEY: I would like it to be -- be
3 still on the agenda --

4 MS. KASE: Yes.

5 MR. MCKINNEY: -- so we get an update of
6 what's going on.

7 MS. KASE: I second that.

8 HONORABLE RODRIGUEZ: Well, I'd like to
9 thank Ms. Curtis for her comment. Thank you.

10 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Okay. We have -- we
11 make a form of a motion.

12 MR. MCKINNEY: Yes.

13 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: I have a motion to
14 bring this back to the Board next month about the
15 complaint.

16 And I had a second from who?

17 MS. KASE: Kathryn Kase.

18 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Kathryn Kase.

19 Any discussion?

20 MR. GOOD: I have a comment.

21 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Yes.

22 MR. GOOD: That's not on the agenda. You
23 don't have an item on the agenda to consider a complaint
24 or to bring a complaint before the Board next month. So
25 this isn't an item that you can vote on.

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1 MR. MCKINNEY: I think my motion is not to
2 bring a complaint before the Board. The motion is
3 simply to have an agenda item for next time to give us
4 an update on what's going on with -- from the Sheriff's
5 Department. That's all.

6 MR. RAMSEY: To clarify, a motion or an
7 approval of the Board isn't required to simply put an
8 item on the next agenda.

9 MR. MCKINNEY: Since it's not required,
10 could there be a motion to put it on the agenda? I
11 don't know if we'll deal with any fact-issues. I would
12 just like it to be on it to agenda next month.

13 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Okay. All right.
14 Moving on.

15 A request for renewal of license, The
16 North River Insurance Company, Agent Vanessa Sierra DBA
17 International Bonding Company, 1001 North San Jacinto
18 Street, Houston, Texas 77002. Original date:
19 12/12/2017. Expiration date: 12/22/2019. License
20 No. 74586. Phone number: (713) 225-1113. Two-year
21 license.

22 (Witness sworn.)

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

25 MS. SIERRA: Vanessa L. Sierra.

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1 MS. BROWN: Kiki Brown with North River
2 Insurance Company.

3 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Sergeant ...

4 SERGEANT DELEON: Ms. Sierra's application
5 seems to be complete. The other request was the
6 Sheriff's Office did request a copy of her certification
7 and her DBA and it was missing from the packet and
8 that's what (inaudible.)

9 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Around the horn.

10 Chair will entertain.

11 MR. BUTERA: Michael Butera. I'll make a
12 motion to approve.

13 HONORABLE GARCIA: I second it, Judge
14 Garcia.

15 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Any discussion?

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

18 THE BOARD: Aye.

19 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Motion carries.
20 Congratulations.

21 Request for new license, North River
22 Insurance Company, Agent Ester M. Williams DBA 000
23 McKnight's Bail Bonds, 6826 West Montgomery Road,
24 Houston, Texas 77091. The license number is new. Phone
25 number (832) 713-3551. Two-year license.

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1 (Witness sworn.)

2 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: State your name for
3 the record. And she's already -- Ms. Brown already's
4 been sworn in.

5 MS. WILLIAMS: Ester Williams.

6 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Say it again, please.
7 Louder.

8 MS. WILLIAMS: Ester Williams.

9 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Thank you, ma'am.

10 Sergeant ...

11 SERGEANT DELEON: The Sheriff's Office
12 reviewed the application. We did contact Ms. Williams
13 in reference to 1704 guideline in regards to her
14 experience in the bail bond community. Ms. Williams
15 provided her DBA from Cochran County and we did contact
16 Cochran County to verify that she is a active bondsman
17 in that community which did bring her in compliance. We
18 had no further questions. The application seems to be
19 complete.

20 MR. OSBORNE: (Inaudible.) signature cards.

21 SERGEANT DELEON: The signature cards will
22 be done at the end --

23 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: (Inaudible.)

24 SERGEANT DELEON: -- when we approve her
25 and she'll -- yeah.

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1 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Any other questions?

2 MR. MCKINNEY: My question is: The DBA --
3 What other county was it? Cochran
4 County?

5 SERGEANT DELEON: Yes, sir.

6 MR. MCKINNEY: Was Cochran County a Bail
7 Bond Board?

8 MS. WILLIAMS: Yes.

9 MR. MCKINNEY: Okay. So your company up
10 there is licensed under a "chapter". That's all I have.

11 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: And I'm sure that
12 they have a Board. I've never been to it.

13 MS. BROWN: It's actually an appeal board.

14 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: But trust me when I
15 tell you, Harris County, this is the big leagues and
16 there is take no prisoners, okay.

17 Any further discussion?

18 HONORABLE RODRIGUEZ: Do we know how many
19 year's experience she has in the industry?

20 MS. WILLIAMS: Seven years.

21 HONORABLE RODRIGUEZ: Thank you. That's my
22 only question.

23 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Chair will entertain.

24 MR. OSBORNE: I have a question. When you
25 have someone like this that's licensed already in

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1 another county, do you check for complaints in that
2 county?

3 SERGEANT DELEON: We did contact the Board
4 or the Chair of the Board which is a lieutenant in
5 Cochran County and he says she's in good standing.

6 HONORABLE GARCIA: I make a motion that we
7 approve.

8 MR. MCKINNEY: McKinney, second.

9 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: By Judge Garcia.

10 HONORABLE GARCIA: By Judge Garcia.

11 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Any discussion?

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

14 THE BOARD: Aye.

15 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Any opposed?

16 I don't know whether to say
17 congratulations or not.

18 HONORABLE GARCIA: Say welcome.

19 MS. WILLIAMS: Thank you.

20 MS. BROWN: Thank you.

21 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Request for a new
22 license, Lexington National Insurance Company, Agent
23 Tiffany Lee DBA Ok Bail Bonds II, 1710 East Southmore
24 Avenue, Houston, Texas 77502. New license number.
25 Phone number: (713) 477-5400. Two-year renewal.

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1 (Witness sworn.)

2 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: State your names for
3 the record, please.

4 MS. LEE: Tiffany Lee.

5 MR. WILLIAMS: Scott Williams, Lexington
6 National Insurance.

7 MR. MILLER: Steven Miller representing
8 Ms. Lee.

9 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Vanessa -- excuse me.
10 Do they have to sign signature cards with
11 you?

12 MS. VANESSA: I've got her signature
13 already.

14 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: You already got it?

15 MS. VANESSA: I got it, uh-huh.

16 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Thank you, Vanessa.

17 All right. Sergeant ...

18 SERGEANT DELEON: Yes. We reached out to
19 make sure as well in regards to her compliance with 1704
20 in regard to her experience. We were able to confirm
21 that in Brazoria County, she is a licensed -- part of
22 the bail bond community. She did submit her assumed
23 name certificate. Brazoria County did -- does have a
24 Board and we got to the Board administrator and she is
25 in good standing.

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1 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Any other questions?

2 MR. MCKINNEY: How long you've been
3 licensed in Brazoria?

4 MS. LEE: Brazoria? Since 2017.

5 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Chair will entertain.

6 MR. MCKINNEY: Troy McKinney, move to
7 approve.

8 MR. BUTERA: Second, Michael Butera.

9 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Any discussion?

10 All those in favor, signify by saying
11 aye.

12 THE BOARD: Aye.

13 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Any opposed?

14 Again, congratulations.

15 MS. LEE: Thank you.

16 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: I think ...

17 Number 5, request made by Lexington
18 National Insurance Company, Agent Dale Coburn DBA A
19 Professional Bondsman. The license number, 74500 to
20 return the security deposit, Treasury CD, "T", Tom, "R",
21 Roger, 618736 for a hundred thousand dollars and Unity
22 National Bank CD 2002646, \$50,000. JP letters mailed on
23 10/30/2019. Has not been 30 days yet. We have to wait
24 for 30 days so this will be tabled until next month.

25 MR. COBURN: With respect a question for

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1 the Board.

2 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Yes.

3 MR. COBURN: And if we don't have anything
4 on the agenda, do you need someone present if there's
5 not -- it not an issue?

6 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Yes.

7 MR. COBURN: Where you need someone to be
8 present? You do?

9 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Yes.

10 MR. COBURN: Okay. Thank you.

11 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Okay. Number 6 ...

12 MR. MCKINNEY: Yeah. I think
13 we need (inaudible.) I move to table.

14 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Okay. I have a
15 motion --

16 HONORABLE RODRIGUEZ: I second.

17 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: -- to table on
18 Number 5.

19 HONORABLE RODRIGUEZ: Judge Rodriguez
20 seconds.

21 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Any discussion?

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

24 THE BOARD: Aye.

25 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: All right.

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1 Number 6 -- Mike? I asked for comments
2 from everybody before the meeting started so don't jam
3 me up.

4 We're entering into the local rules
5 discussion. Number 6 is the local rules committee
6 meeting. We'll begin following the conclusion of the
7 record, meaning the Bail Bond Board, for the purpose of
8 discussing changes and updates to the local rules and
9 forms. It is now 2:20 and we will spend a maximum of
10 one hour on this issue today. And after one hour, I'm
11 sure we've all got things to do, got to go get done,
12 okay.

13 So starting in on the local rules, I
14 elect to take these one at a time, and I'm not going to
15 read them individually. I assume everybody has their
16 copies of local rules.

17 MR. BUTERA: I brought extra copies just in
18 case.

19 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: There you go. My
20 hero.

21 MR. OSBORNE: I have a question. Where did
22 this item come from?

23 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Say what?

24 MR. OSBORNE: Where did this item come
25 from?

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1 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: We have been --
2 There's a number of inconsistencies
3 between the local rules and the statutes and we have
4 been trying to do this for quite sometime and it's
5 always been an issue getting people together to discuss
6 this.

7 MR. OSBORNE: Okay.

8 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: And there's just some
9 corrections that need to be made.

10 MR. OSBORNE: All right.

11 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: So we're going to
12 start with the local rules. I am on page 1.

13 MR. MCKINNEY: Should we ask if anybody is
14 here for that meeting that might have comments with
15 respect to this?

16 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: About the rules?

17 MR. MCKINNEY: Yeah.

18 HONORABLE RODRIGUEZ: Yeah.

19 MR. MCKINNEY: The public.

20 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Anybody -- and I put
21 this out for the community before. Anybody that have
22 any comment about the local rules of what we're
23 discussing, hold up your hand and you will be
24 recognized. I am going to start setting a time limit on
25 comments, but we will address your comments.

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1 Starting out on the local rules, I'm
2 going to go right straight down the line. Number 1,
3 this deals with the license, applications and the time
4 span. And on page 1 is 1(a), (b) and (c). We'll note
5 down at the bottom these were revised 10/10 of 2017.

6 HONORABLE RODRIGUEZ: A quick question.

7 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Yes, ma'am.

8 HONORABLE RODRIGUEZ: It says under 6:
9 "The local rules committee meeting will begin following
10 the conclusion of the regular meeting," et cetera.

11 My question, (inaudible.), shall we
12 include the regular meeting and start the committee
13 meeting? Or are we just going to --

14 MR. MCKINNEY: That's actually a good idea.

15 I move to adjourn the prior meeting.

16 HONORABLE RODRIGUEZ: Judge Rodriguez --

17 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: If you adjourn -- and
18 I'm asking a question, Tommy.

19 If you adjourn -- since this is a part of
20 the agenda. If you adjourn, then you're out of the
21 meeting and this doesn't kick in.

22 MR. RAMSEY: You can't make him take an
23 action and (inaudible.)

24 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Right.

25 MR. MCKINNEY: I don't -- I didn't expect

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1 we were going to be taking any actions. I thought we
2 were --

3 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Well, we're going to
4 be discussing.

5 MR. MCKINNEY: Yeah.

6 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Okay. But you're the
7 one, Mr. McKinney, that said we need to put this under
8 the bail bond agenda so that we don't run afoul of the
9 Open Meetings Act.

10 MR. MCKINNEY: Her only question was: We
11 got to give proper notice of it -- which we did. The --
12 in order to have a committee meeting, a quorum of more
13 being present without violating the statute. The
14 committee -- the committee meeting is separate from a
15 Board meeting. So my sense is we need to adjourn the
16 Board meeting and have the committee meeting.

17 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: And I'm on board with
18 what Tommy says.

19 MR. RAMSEY: I'd agree with that. The mere
20 fact that's it's listed at the end of the regular agenda
21 is, you know, essentially noticing that following the
22 conclusion of the meeting, there'll be a discussion
23 regarding the subcommittee. And to the extent, there's
24 a quorum present --

25 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Okay. But now,

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1 here's this. The Open Meetings Act ...

2 MR. RAMSEY: Right.

3 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: If we sit here as a
4 Board and discuss this, we're going to be running afoul
5 of the Opening Meetings Act.

6 MR. MCKINNEY: We're not because we gave
7 public notice of it.

8 HONORABLE RODRIGUEZ: We gave a second --

9 MR. MCKINNEY: That was the point of public
10 notice.

11 MR. BUTERA: That's fine.

12 HONORABLE RODRIGUEZ: -- public notice of
13 the committee meeting.

14 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Okay.

15 MR. RAMSEY: That's why we put --

16 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: If y'all say so.

17 MR. RAMSEY: -- put the notice on the
18 agenda in the event that more than a quorum wanted to
19 participate in the subcommittee meeting.

20 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: If that what's what
21 y'all think, I mean, you know.

22 So then hearing that, the Chair will
23 entertain a motion to adjourn.

24 HONORABLE GARCIA: Well, before we do
25 that --

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1 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: All right.

2 HONORABLE GARCIA: -- it could be that
3 there was one word missing at the conclusion of the
4 regular business of the meeting rather than the
5 conclusion of the meeting, is the way I read it. But if
6 y'all feel like we need to --

7 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: (Inaudible.)

8 HONORABLE GARCIA: But are we going to be
9 taking any action?

10 MR. RAMSEY: I'll be happy to add that --

11 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: No.

12 For purposes of the Opening Meetings Act
13 discussions, the same thing as action (inaudible.)

14 HONORABLE RODRIGUEZ: Okay. Quick
15 question.

16 MR. MCKINNEY: (Inaudible.)

17 HONORABLE RODRIGUEZ: Do we have a separate
18 notice for the committee meeting?

19 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: No.

20 HONORABLE RODRIGUEZ: Or is it the same?

21 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: No, it's the same.

22 MR. RAMSEY: It's the -- it's the same
23 notice because it's occurring immediately following the
24 conclusion of.

25 HONORABLE RODRIGUEZ: Okay. If y'all want

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1 to keep going and then adjourn afterward (inaudible.)

2 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Well, they're telling
3 me to adjourn the Bail Bond Board now. Correct?

4 MR. RAMSEY: It can happen either way. If
5 want to, you know, do that, a quorum is still present.
6 Then essentially initiate a second meeting of the
7 subcommittee meeting or if -- it's all sort of half
8 dozen -- I forgot the saying.

9 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Isn't that a lawyer
10 answer?

11 HONORABLE RODRIGUEZ: So basically we can
12 keep going. We ca adjourn when we're done if --

13 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Whatever the pleasure
14 of the Board is.

15 HONORABLE RODRIGUEZ: I'm fine.

16 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Troy?

17 MR. MCKINNEY: I -- I don't care either
18 way.

19 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Judge?

20 SERGEANT DELEON: We're --

21 HONORABLE MARTIN: Sounds good to me.

22 SERGEANT DELEON: We're five minutes into
23 our --

24 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: I know, right? I
25 know.

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1 HONORABLE GARCIA: I would be more
2 comfortable not adjourning the meeting and continuing
3 with the discussion.

4 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: And I would --

5 MR. MCKINNEY: I withdraw my motion.

6 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Okay. So get back to
7 where we were at. On page 1 --

8 SERGEANT DELEON: So may I? Before we go
9 forward, right, in order for this to be productive, how
10 are we going to make the note of the changes and then we
11 will produce the changes? Is that happening?

12 MR. BUTERA: Yes. So I -- however the
13 Board wants to do it, of course. I don't mind if our
14 office -- meaning the DA's Office. This is Michael
15 Butera -- takes on the responsibility of doing kind of a
16 strike-through-underlined version. We have -- know the
17 rules already and we've done that in the past --

18 SERGEANT DELEON: That sounds great to me.
19 I just wanted to make sure it was getting done. That
20 way, we have a finished product to bring to the Board at
21 another meeting.

22 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: And also --

23 MR. MCKINNEY: Hang on. It's not a
24 finished product (inaudible.) This is a discussion
25 about things we may or may not want to do --

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1 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Right. And we're
2 going to be going to the bonding community with any
3 changes that we talk about. We're going to be
4 presenting that to them and let them discuss that --

5 SERGEANT DELEON: Okay.

6 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Also.

7 SERGEANT DELEON: As long as somebody is
8 making it so we have something to discuss, right?
9 That's why --

10 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Okay. Going back to
11 page 1.

12 Judith, you've been too quiet.

13 MS. SNIVELY: I know. Just taking it all
14 in.

15 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Going back to page 1,
16 is there anyone --

17 And Ken, if you have something to say,
18 all you got to do is hold your hand up or say something.

19 MR. GOOD: Well, I know -- today, we
20 were dealing with that new --

21 MR. RAMSEY: (Inaudible.) To the
22 microphone.

23 MR. GOOD: I know today, we were dealing
24 with that new rule or a new statute that allows anyone
25 from the public to address an item on the agenda and the

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1 way the statutes written, it had to be given that
2 opportunity either beginning of the meeting or before
3 each item is voted on. And I fully support that -- and
4 we don't have any choice. It's in the statute. But I
5 think the Board, the statute give the Board the
6 authority to put time limits on the amount of time
7 someone has to talk.

8 And so I would -- since you're talking
9 about local rules changed, if you wanted to contemplate
10 putting some restrictions upon it, that would be -- it
11 would be appropriate, I believe, to include that in your
12 amendments to your local rules. That's my only comment.

13 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: That would go ...

14 MR. MCKINNEY: We perhaps need a section of
15 the rules that dealing with public comments in its
16 entirety.

17 MR. BUTERA: I don't think the --

18 MR. RAMSEY: For what it's worth -- I'm
19 sorry.

20 MR. BUTERA: No, Tommy. It's good.

21 MR. RAMSEY: For what it's worth, I
22 prepared a draft of rules governing public comment
23 that's ready for the Board to consider if that's
24 something that the Board is interested in amending
25 within the current ...

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1 MS. KASE: Kathryn Kase. You know, I know
2 this is an issue for Commissioners Court; but folks,
3 with the meeting that ordinarily gets done within
4 45 minutes of it being called, this is not
5 Commissioner's Court -- which for the record yesterday
6 went more than nine hours and I was here for every
7 minute of it. I did do it.

8 But I mean, I'm a little bit in it for a
9 meeting where, you know, people are talking about money
10 and the disposition of assets, I mean, I'm just -- you
11 know, today -- if we had limited the speaker to
12 3 minutes, I mean, I'm not sure we have gotten the gist
13 of what was really the problem.

14 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Would it have --

15 Would we have gotten the gist if it were
16 limited to 10 minutes?

17 Someone should be succinct whenever they
18 get up to speak and not go through the whole
19 who-shot-John?

20 MS. KASE: I would ordinarily agree with
21 that, Chairman, but when we're dealing with folks who
22 aren't lawyers, in my experience -- and I deal with that
23 in various hearings from cell towers and (inaudible.)
24 licenses -- folks who aren't trained as lawyers, that's
25 harder for them. It really is.

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1 SERGEANT DELEON: There is a mechanism to
2 deal with that, though, in the Robert's Rules. With a
3 quorum, you can just extend (inaudible.).

4 MR. MCKINNEY: Robert's Rules don't apply
5 to us.

6 MR. BUTERA: We use that term -- Michael
7 Butera. We use that as a courtesy to keep things
8 flowing, just a general -- there should be a motion.
9 There should be a second. We never adhere to full
10 Robert's Rules, let me bring out the rule book in that
11 type of order. We do that -- and I think it fell apart
12 where we did have to have some (inaudible.) procedure.
13 We could do that but we don't really adhere to --

14 SERGEANT DELEON: Then I would suggest that
15 as part of a (inaudible.), if it's going to be
16 formalized in the rules, that there be a formalized rule
17 that allows for an extension of the (inaudible.)

18 MR. MCKINNEY: I agree.

19 HONORABLE RODRIGUEZ: And at this time --

20 MR. RAMSEY: For what it's worth --

21 HONORABLE RODRIGUEZ: -- I believe --

22 MR. RAMSEY: -- sort of the working draft
23 that I put together in the event that if something
24 (inaudible.), to have something ready because the
25 rules -- (inaudible.) rules authorize the adoption of

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1 reasonable rules related to public comment.

2 HONORABLE RODRIGUEZ: Speaking of
3 meeting (inaudible.) Today, I believe Ms. Curtis was
4 given a reasonable time to express public comment and
5 that was done without any formal technical rules in
6 place. That being said, as is proper, the Chair can
7 keep the meeting flowing at his discretion at this time
8 without extra rules.

9 SERGEANT DELEON: You don't make the rules
10 for folks like that, frankly. You make the rules for
11 people who tend to get off topic and (inaudible.) -- and
12 I'm trying to put this politely -- maybe get a little
13 off base at times.

14 MR. BUTERA: So -- Michael Butera from the
15 DA's Office. So yeah, we have a sample size of one
16 person and one -- it's very hard to draw many
17 conclusions from that. I'll just point out in
18 contiguous counties where there is or has been a common
19 practice to invite anyone to comment at any time. It
20 can devolve into -- I think we have 80 -- sometimes
21 almost 90 bondsmen -- one bondsman just telling you how
22 awful that other bondsman is without any relevant
23 complaint or -- so yes, you duly write the rules for
24 more scenarios than what we had today which was
25 perfectly fine but ...

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1 MR. MCKINNEY: I would be okay with a
2 presumptive limit whether it's 3 minutes or 5 or
3 whatever so long as there's a provision that just says
4 or extended by the Chair or authority of the Board.

5 SERGEANT DELEON: By a motion, yeah.

6 MR. RAMSEY: So --

7 SERGEANT DELEON: So we can give all the
8 time in the world to somebody who truly needs it.

9 MR. MCKINNEY: Yeah.

10 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: As long as we keep
11 track.

12 SERGEANT DELEON: But if somebody comes up
13 here and goes off the rails and just wants to ...

14 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Stop.

15 SERGEANT DELEON: You can stop them.

16 MS. KASE: So right now, you can get a copy
17 of that draft to -- what you have and that way, we'll
18 have something to circle our ...

19 MR. RAMSEY: And for what it's worth,
20 that -- I mean, almost word-for-word exact provisions in
21 there -- sort of a presumptive time limit that begins,
22 you know, essentially the Board can sort of move the
23 meter, if they want 3 minutes -- 5 minutes -- ten
24 minutes -- an hour, you know. But it can be shortened
25 or extended at the discretion of the Chair subject to

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1 (inaudible.)

2 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Okay.

3 MR. RAMSEY: So essentially it's the
4 Board's discretion to -- to ...

5 MS. KASE: Does your -- does --

6 Do your proposed rules distinguish
7 between minute -- time limits or something that's on the
8 agenda versus something that's not?

9 MR. RAMSEY: Yes.

10 MS. KASE: Commissioners Court gives a
11 longer time to people who are speaking on the agenda as
12 opposed to those who are coming in for something that's
13 not on the agenda.

14 MR. RAMSEY: It does, but again, when I put
15 it together, it's not because I was thinking how much
16 can I, sort of -- it's a first draft. Because I'm
17 thinking about this, just -- I want to have a --
18 essentially a working draft that the Board can begin to
19 look at and say -- I'm not -- I'm not thinking about
20 this in the final of it. And the --

21 My primary purpose in thinking about this
22 issue was, one, insuring that members of the public have
23 a very clear procedure and mechanism so they know sort
24 of where to sign up and where to go. I think clarity on
25 that actually encourages. Also, to provide the Board

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1 with the assurance that if members of the public do wish
2 to speak on a specific agenda item, that can rely on the
3 process and that they're getting notice of that and they
4 don't -- there aren't any issues that come up later
5 where someone makes -- they want to speak on certain a
6 item but couldn't -- couldn't -- didn't have the
7 opportunity. Having a process in place guards against
8 that issue. Those are the primary concerns that I see
9 with it, you know. Everything else is something that's
10 really that -- well, it's all at the Board's discretion,
11 but the other -- the other issues are ...

12 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: But in accordance
13 with what Ms. Kase was just saying, anyone who wants to
14 address the Board, it should be germane to the topic at
15 hand, not off the wall.

16 SERGEANT DELEON: No, not necessarily.

17 MR. RAMSEY: The statute specifically --
18 the right to public comment provided by the statute
19 specifically relates to an agenda item. So it's at the
20 Board's discretion whether it was wanting to allow
21 public comments just in general unrelated to a specific
22 agenda item. Although I would note that the most common
23 practice by a significant margin is --

24 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: But not only --
25 nonetheless --

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1 MR. BUTERA: Can I hear what Tommy was
2 going to say? Significant is to allow public comment on
3 just agenda items or an open ...

4 MR. RAMSEY: Public comment on anything --

5 MR. BUTERA: Okay.

6 MR. RAMSEY: Of course, differentiating
7 within the rules between the process relating to a
8 specific agenda item versus public comments in general.
9 Because the -- any action that the Board could take on
10 public comments, in general, is extremely limited.

11 SERGEANT DELEON: Right. So for practical
12 purposes, someone could conceivably come up here and say
13 there's a problem you don't know about or I have a
14 problem with this or that that's not on your agenda. We
15 can't then correspond with them because it's not on the
16 agenda.

17 MS. KASE: Right.

18 SERGEANT DELEON: However, we could ask to
19 have that agenda item on next month. So if somebody
20 came up and said you have a problem with your process
21 you don't know about, you could -- you would say, okay,
22 we don't -- that's not on the agenda. We can't discuss
23 it, however, you know, Sheriff's Office, please put that
24 on the agenda next month.

25 MR. MCKINNEY: They can -- public

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1 (inaudible.)

2 SERGEANT DELEON: Right.

3 MR. MCKINNEY: If it's not on the agenda,
4 we can --

5 SERGEANT DELEON: We can't go back and
6 forth.

7 MR. MCKINNEY: Interact with -- anybody who
8 chooses to interact with them risk (inaudible.)
9 violation.

10 MS. KASE: The only thing that we can do in
11 response is to -- beyond telling them we can't respond
12 directly to you as we can say here's somebody from the
13 Sheriff's Department who would be happy to talk to you
14 later, you know, about this. And that's -- you can
15 refer them to staff beyond that (inaudible.)

16 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: That would be like
17 someone wanting to talk and come up and complain about
18 the municipal courts and how they're done and how
19 they're this and that and the other -- and I'm not
20 picking on you.

21 MS. KASE: No.

22 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: But they want to
23 complain about that and they need to address the
24 municipal courts, not this Board or the DA's Office, you
25 know. You want to find somebody who's got a complaint

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1 about the DA's Office? Whoo, get the line ready, you
2 know? Or any --

3 MR. BUTERA: (Inaudible.) Mr. Strickland's
4 poor example. Randomly to pick (inaudible.)

5 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: That's exactly right.
6 I mean ...

7 HONORABLE RODRIGUEZ: We're going through
8 this hypothetically.

9 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: You know, or the JP
10 courts, whoo.

11 HONORABLE RODRIGUEZ: They're fine, thank
12 you.

13 MS. KASE: Practically, I think what could
14 happen is somebody could come in and have a complaint
15 about some process or procedure that we have --

16 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Right.

17 MS. KASE: -- that for us is no big deal
18 but they've been going down a path --

19 MR. BUTERA: Is the Board the proper first
20 place to (inaudible.) as opposed to a clearly
21 established path of making a complaint to the Sheriff's
22 Office so they can actually have an investigation so
23 we're not having a 20 or 30 discussion about something
24 that none of us have any evidence or idea about.

25 MS. KASE: That's why you -- that's why

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1 under the Open Meetings Act, you're allow to say if it's
2 not on the agenda, you have a shorter time to speak --
3 we limit their time. And at end of it, you can say,
4 I -- "Gee, I can't talk to you about that process or
5 procedure you're complaining about but here is the
6 Sheriff's Department. You can go speak to them.

7 MR. MCKINNEY: Well, you can talk to them,
8 you just can't do it with three or more member quorum
9 present. You can get up when it's over, walk over there
10 and say I want to talk to you about this individually.

11 MS. KASE: Yeah.

12 SERGEANT DELEON: Ma'am, my feeling on that
13 is if you put a very short time limit on something like
14 that because you don't want them to take a bunch of
15 time. At the same time, I don't want to just quell all
16 speech about the Bail Bond Board just because we didn't
17 put them on the agenda. It may need to be on the
18 agenda.

19 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: So to some, what
20 you're going to come up with, Tom, is something about
21 public comments. And then we need to talk about the
22 time and of course, the Board could give a formal
23 extension of time by the Chair or by both, whichever the
24 one we want to do. And if it is on the agenda as
25 Ms. Kase said, have a very short time. And if it's on

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1 the agenda, have more time.

2 MR. RAMSEY: I only have a few copies. I
3 didn't -- I anticipated I would just sort of bring this
4 topic up to suggest, you know, beginning the work put
5 together throughout. I do have a copy of the rules that
6 I wrote from the (inaudible.) which is substantially
7 similar to the (inaudible.) that I -- working draft
8 that's put together (inaudible.) And I'm happy to take
9 a look -- take a look (inaudible.)

10 MR. BUTERA: Just in general, what is our
11 best way to circulate -- we want to make this
12 productively obviously. So we have ideas before the
13 next meeting that -- let's say I come up with a draft
14 for Rule 18 -- I don't even know what Rule 18 is --
15 that it's relevant or I brought a list of what Roger
16 talked about in our class, you know, five or six
17 suggestions. I can disconnect, go through Sheriff's
18 Department to be distributed through the regular means
19 that the agenda would be distributed through before the
20 next meeting (inaudible.)?

21 MR. MCKINNEY: Yeah.

22 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Yeah. I don't think
23 that that'd be right. I don't -- you know, 'cause
24 Leslie -- Leslie can sit there and shoot whatever it was
25 to everybody.

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1 SERGEANT DELEON: As just to view, right?

2 MR. BUTERA: For no comment.

3 SERGEANT DELEON: No comment.

4 MR. BUTERA: You can't respond to it or --

5 This is a distribution method to --

6 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Just as a

7 distribution.

8 SERGEANT DELEON: Yes.

9 MR. OSBORNE: Okay. So you don't want a
10 public (inaudible.)

11 SERGEANT DELEON: Yes, right.

12 MR. BUTERA: Okay.

13 MR. MCKINNEY: And if there are things like
14 that, I think there may be value in, you know -- if I
15 get something like that (inaudible.) committee telling
16 them -- saying this is going to be the discussion, you
17 may want to be there. Same thing with bondsmen and
18 perhaps others.

19 SERGEANT DELEON: We need (inaudible.)
20 attorneys up here (inaudible.)

21 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Well, I'm
22 just telling you --

23 MR. RAMSEY: I -- you know, I don't want to
24 belabor the point, but that, you know, today is somewhat
25 of an example, sort of the need I think to have rules in

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1 place, not because of anything on, you know,

2 (inaudible.) that happened, but more so --

3 I would always be concerned, for
4 instance -- one of the things that I thought about is
5 essentially concerned about litigating a -- I don't know
6 if you want to litigate the complaint process, that the
7 renewal process and there's specific procedures and
8 (inaudible.) in place (inaudible.) So it's probably a
9 good idea -- I would suggest to have our rules address
10 that rule.

11 MR. BUTERA: Can I ask if you've draft
12 anything about pre-meeting sign-up, to have people --
13 you know, let me the Chairman of the Board know that
14 they are present. So we don't overlook someone and so
15 we're aware of issues they might have.

16 MR. RAMSEY: Sure. I mean, just generally
17 speaking, I try to keep it as simple as possible.
18 There's an appearance request form. That actually can
19 be automated also through the web site. I know
20 universal services set that up for other Boards.
21 Essentially, there'll be a printed request form, send it
22 in on the day of the meeting, sign up -- sign up to
23 speak and that way, the Board has notice of who wants to
24 speak on which agenda items. They can (inaudible.) And
25 then there's some, you know, there's some basic rules of

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1 decorum and conduct in place.

2 SERGEANT DELEON: (Inaudible.)

3 HONORABLE RODRIGUEZ: We wouldn't want any
4 process to be too cumbersome on the participants because
5 there are other -- I won't -- and I'm not referring to
6 Commissioners Court. But there have been other
7 governmental entities who have noticed -- if somebody
8 hears about something on social media or a friend at
9 coffee and it's so regulated that they can't get on the
10 list and they don't have the form and they're just --
11 they're out of luck. We wouldn't want it.

12 MR. BUTERA: (Inaudible.) just a piece of
13 paper here so that someone could walk up, put their name
14 down and we have a reference of ...

15 MR. RAMSEY: So that --

16 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Steve ...

17 MR. STEVE: I was just going to make a
18 comment that something -- Mike, what you're talking
19 about. Tarrant County has a one-page form that they put
20 out next to the agenda before every meeting. And if you
21 want to talk or speak about an item, you can write down
22 your name, you write down which agenda item you want to
23 address and all of those goes to the Chair so that the
24 Chair can go through them systemically during the
25 meeting. And that -- seems to work very well actually.

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1 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Ken ...

2 MR. GOOD: I just want to dovetail off of
3 what your attorney said and I just want to underscore
4 one thing. You know, when you have a complaint hearing,
5 one of the requirements of the Board is to issue an
6 notice and you issue a notice saying here are the
7 alleged violations of the statute so we know what the
8 subject matter of the complaint is, we know what to
9 defend.

10 I am not denigrating what happened today
11 at all. I'm not saying it was improper but if you think
12 about it -- if you take a step back -- the allegation
13 today, we're just bad people so there was no -- even to
14 now, do you know what the alleged violations of the
15 statute are?

16 And so what I'm highlighting is -- it's a
17 very different process as your attorney told you.
18 There's a process for a complaint hearing. There's a
19 process for renewal. And so what I -- when I underscore
20 that and what can become very -- it requires notice and
21 you're guided by the notice and I call the notice the
22 roadmap of the hearing. But without that at a renewal
23 process like this, it becomes, "You're just bad people"
24 and those are hard to defend -- but we are more than
25 happy to try.

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1 SERGEANT DELEON: Well, actually, I think
2 that -- I think the Board took that into account.

3 MR. GOOD: Oh, I agree.

4 SERGEANT DELEON: Which is why he was
5 approved and you know, it was recognized for what it was
6 so ...

7 MR. MCKINNEY: There was information that
8 was potentially useful. How useful (inaudible.) If --

9 Assuming for the sake of argument that the
10 complaints are one hundred percent factually true and it
11 constitutes violations of the 1704, then obviously
12 there's other issues that should be taken up after that
13 but there's no way we could have done that today.

14 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Wow. Sir? No. You
15 go ahead.

16 MR. BUTERA: Since -- I've been trying to
17 get to the "rule consideration" part. But since we just
18 passed out rules to some members -- which may or may not
19 have had an opportunity to look at them or think of
20 them -- my suggest would be for whatever it's worth --
21 you can do whatever you want to.

22 We identify a section of the Rule 1
23 through 13, which half or less than that to say at our
24 next meeting, we will take up that section. And then I
25 would also say we want it to -- I think the agenda item

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1 says the application as well as the local rules.

2 MR. MCKINNEY: Correct.

3 MR. BUTERA: Yeah. Local rules and forms.

4 So we at the DA's Office have gone
5 through some other applications for other counties and
6 might have a very Frankenstein version of a proposed
7 application -- which I can distribute through the
8 Sheriff's Office. That'll give us something to look at.
9 Next time, I know the financial statement, in
10 particular, needs a lot of looking at.

11 And I just think going forward, it would
12 be easier if we identified what we're looking at, give
13 everyone an opportunity to have a really good chance to
14 read it, think through it and then I think we have a
15 more informed discussion. And Tommy can distribute his
16 list there.

17 And then you know, I had some other
18 things from, you know, Roger that were some good
19 suggestions for training that we could look at
20 potentially adding to the local rules. That should give
21 us a chunk of stuff to talk about there. Just makes it
22 easier to talk about if we have this list, sub-agenda of
23 what we want to do.

24 SERGEANT DELEON: To piggyback on that a
25 little bit. I'm assuming somebody put this agenda item

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1 on the agenda had something to say about this.

2 MR. MCKINNEY: Yeah. We -- somebody
3 brought it up that they've been talk for a long time
4 about doing something with the rules that have got some
5 issues. The way in which this is done is complicated by
6 the Opening Meetings Act, but we have to follow it
7 anyways. The --

8 I kind of envisioned that much like Michael
9 just said, there will be -- we would have somebody -- me
10 or somebody else does a markup of a rule or a series of
11 rules so that there'd be something for people to look at
12 ahead of time. They'd give it some thought and be able
13 to discuss productively what we've got here. I have
14 been swamped, just haven't done it but the, you know --

15 So I'm sitting here reading through Rule
16 1 as we're sitting here talking and I'm making notes but
17 that's really not the right way to do this, I don't
18 think. The -- you know, 'cause -- since we're doing
19 that, I'm going to toss this out here right now.

20 "C (2)." Is this true? If it is, I
21 learned something, that if I've got a hundred thousand
22 dollars up as a bondsman and I'm allowed
23 hypothetically to make a million dollars worth of bonds
24 but I can't make a single bonds' worth a hundred
25 thousand.

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1 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: That's correct.

2 SERGEANT DELEON: That is true.

3 MR. MCKINNEY: I learned something new.

4 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: So in lieu of what
5 Troy was saying and Michael addressed, we want to stop
6 what we're doing right here to give everybody time
7 before the next Board meeting to look at the rules and
8 read them and get the emails and then talk about it
9 after we've all refreshed ourself. Because I think
10 people came by didn't really look at the rules, you
11 know. So is that the Board's pleasure?

12 MR. BUTERA: I mean, it's a little
13 overwhelming. It's 10 pages of dense, you know, rules.
14 So maybe we could identify a subset 1 through 10 or
15 something to tackle next time until they get --

16 There's 26 total rules, not all are created
17 equal. Some are very short, some very long. And that
18 was just a suggestion by the way for the Board. We can
19 move whatever we -- whatever you want to do.

20 SERGEANT DELEON: I have a question. So
21 I'm not trying to circumvent Open Meetings Law by any
22 means. But there are some allowances for working
23 documents, correct?

24 I mean, people work on policy all the
25 time and you present something, the final product at

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1 some point. But I mean, not every government discussion
2 is held in public forum.

3 MR. MCKINNEY: Therein lies one of the
4 problems with the Open Meetings Act. The --

5 Are you familiar with the commissioners
6 in (inaudible.) County?

7 SERGEANT DELEON: Not really.

8 MR. MCKINNEY: Yeah. I represented one of
9 the commissioners over there. The -- three of the
10 commissioners alleged by the State did something much
11 like that. Spent time talking with community people and
12 you know, big press conference saying look at everything
13 we've done to get to the whole Board and detailed in
14 public session, looked at everything we did, here's how
15 we got there and they got indicted for it. Yeah.

16 So there is a risk. We have a five-day
17 long hearing on the motion to dismiss it on (inaudible.)
18 And at that, there were, I'm guessing, 20 witnesses,
19 either public officials, their staff or lawyers who
20 represent those public officials on a regular basis
21 (inaudible.) And the uniform testimony of all that was
22 we are even afraid to have conversations with each other
23 outside of the meeting for fear that somebody else want
24 to misconstrue that as a -- what they call a Daisy
25 channel where one talks with the one or the other and

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1 all of a sudden, you got four who communicate with each
2 other and you have a quorum. One way to avoid that is
3 nobody talks to anybody about anything outside of the
4 meeting. That became a practical effect of what was
5 there. The -- that is still a concern (inaudible.)

6 So you know, when we get sent stuff for
7 the meeting -- put it this way, if one --

8 If I were to send out an email to the
9 entire group saying, you know, here's a document I
10 worked up, made changes on that I intend to discuss at
11 the meeting, that alone, would be sending it out to
12 everybody on the Board and it'd violate the Open
13 Meetings Act. I communicated with everybody, more than
14 three or four -- whatever the quorum is -- on business
15 that scope this group, probably violates the Open
16 Meetings Act.

17 MR. RAMSEY: I was sitting on a City
18 Council once where a City council member sent out a
19 document and just plainly stated "do not reply". "Do
20 not reply", meaning "do not reply all". I am sending
21 you this document, you know, ahead of time. There is no
22 discussion. There will be no action.

23 MR. MCKINNEY: One communicates with the
24 whole of ten, there has been a communication with a
25 quorum. Based on what I know about some entities

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1 processes for getting the (inaudible.), I think
2 (inaudible.) on those processes on the pre-meeting
3 agenda minutes likely violating the Opening Meetings
4 Act.

5 HONORABLE RODRIGUEZ: I will --

6 MR. MCKINNEY: But perhaps, (inaudible.)
7 Things have to be -- they will be discussed and there's
8 -- you just can't do it with people who are on the
9 Board.

10 HONORABLE RODRIGUEZ: Counsel, this will be
11 a very short deviation and a personal privilege. I
12 publicly invite all of you to my turkey dinner on the
13 26th of November, 11:30 to 1:30. That's all I have to
14 say.

15 SERGEANT DELEON: So in order to
16 (inaudible.) of the Open Meetings Act, we should all be
17 prepared to come to the Board meeting next month.

18 MR. MCKINNEY: I was -- I was going to
19 suggest that in light of what Mike said, that maybe we
20 should just work our rules, 1 through 7 between now and
21 that time.

22 HONORABLE GARCIA: You said 1 through 10.

23 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: You said ten.

24 MR. MCKINNEY: Yeah. I'm thinking about
25 the subject matter because 10 cuts off in the middle of

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1 the (inaudible.)

2 HONORABLE GARCIA: Oh. 1 through 10.

3 MR. MCKINNEY: We're going 1 through 10 --

4 HONORABLE RODRIGUEZ: And are there any
5 other rules that somebody else might have in mind we
6 want to add 1 through 7 plus another number, anybody
7 have in mind?

8 MR. MCKINNEY: Well, I glanced through
9 these at one point. I thought we needed some kind of
10 rule or procedure on how complaints are processed and
11 handled. The -- there don't appear to be any.

12 HONORABLE GARCIA: Are we going to do this
13 at the end of the next Board meeting or have a special
14 meeting to do this? I'm just asking.

15 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: At the end of the
16 next Board meeting.

17 HONORABLE GARCIA: At the end of the next
18 one.

19 MR. MCKINNEY: Yeah. And my -- my
20 expectation with my head on -- (inaudible.) anybody
21 else's -- this is going to be a several month-long
22 process. So you know, we can talk about it. We -- long
23 before we ever adopt a rule change, give plenty of
24 notice to everybody so they can talk about it if they
25 want to or show up at a couple one of these meetings.

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1 The --

2 When it comes to changing the actual
3 rules, that has to be done in a full Board meeting with
4 quorum and all the -- Tom and all the rest (inaudible.)

5 MR. RAMSEY: I mean, I would -- to add --

6 To the extent that there's a -- I don't
7 know. I guess we're missing one but to the extent that
8 there's a full quorum at the advisory committee and
9 suggest that it ceases to be an advisory committee.

10 MR. MCKINNEY: Okay.

11 SERGEANT DELEON: Correct. I mean, it's
12 not a subcommittee at this point.

13 MR. RAMSEY: Right. And it sounds like
14 there's some confusion as far as how to exchange
15 documents. I would just suggest I'd be the same way you
16 would for any regular agenda when you're requesting an
17 item on the agenda. It's submitted to Leslie as backup
18 for the agenda item. And that way, it sort of --

19 Because, you know, frankly, I think
20 let's -- let's use a document that's been redlined.
21 Those comments in the redline would be just the same as
22 a text message outside the document or an email outside
23 of the document. I mean, it's all -- it's all
24 communication at the end of the day. But if that
25 happens to (inaudible.) with the normal agenda process,

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1 then I -- I think everybody should feel comfortable --

2 MR. MCKINNEY: You know, there wouldn't be
3 any -- in my mind -- without talking to anybody else
4 (inaudible.) work up a hypothetical list. Set up and
5 work out a redline version, I don't think that violates
6 the Open Meetings Act.

7 MS. KASE: No.

8 MR. MCKINNEY: But I guess (inaudible.)
9 But if either of us start talking to somebody else, then
10 we start having problems.

11 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: That's right.

12 MR. MCKINNEY: The ...

13 MS. KASE: Well, if you talk to anybody
14 else, the idea of staking out their position -- I mean,
15 'cause they're going to talk to them and say here's
16 where we are, you know, but not ...

17 MR. MCKINNEY: Or discussing business
18 within the jurisdiction of the end.

19 MS. KASE: I would -- these rules,
20 they're --

21 If you're going to take up the issue of
22 time limits and the issue of people begin to sign up to
23 speak, I know that we do have a Bail Bond Board web page
24 that has our Board agenda and minutes up. And what we
25 do in Commissioners Court is we actually have a

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1 process -- and I would imagine universal services could
2 do this for us -- where people can go online and sign up
3 electronically, say this is where I want to speak so
4 they don't have to come all the way down here to the
5 administrative building to sign up or to the Sheriff's
6 Department to sign up to speak.

7 MR. RAMSEY: And for -- for what it's
8 worth, that's the -- having the application available at
9 the beginning of the, you know, meeting --

10 MS. KASE: Yeah.

11 MR. RAMSEY: I put together a PDF printable
12 application to be able to print something out and have
13 it available. I think it can be completed essentially
14 prior to commencement of the meeting, but the
15 expectation I know for Commissioners Court, for the
16 criminal justice court, needing counsel, I'm working on
17 the same thing to place in juvenile court. There's an
18 online form that essentially automates the process. It
19 just makes it a lot easier.

20 SERGEANT DELEON: So just so we're on the
21 same page. Essentially after our next meeting, I
22 have -- our next meeting, we'll produce a redline for 1
23 through 7, correct?

24 MR. BUTERA: Start the process of
25 discussing about what is wrong with this rule, does

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1 anyone have any issues with this rule, no. Perhaps a
2 public member --

3 MR. MCKINNEY: Or if one of us wants to
4 create a redline version and bring it in and say here's
5 some suggestions I've got, that works, too.

6 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Right.

7 HONORABLE RODRIGUEZ: And also if Vice
8 Chair McKinney and Mr. Butera would like to meet and not
9 speak to anyone else and bring a redline, that would
10 be --

11 SERGEANT DELEON: Well, let's be honest. I
12 have a feeling that any of these rule changes are
13 probably going to come to two or three people
14 essentially. I mean, I think that's probably correct.

15 HONORABLE RODRIGUEZ: Two, max three is all
16 I see.

17 MR. MCKINNEY: You know, the (inaudible.),
18 there are many uncertainties as there are certainties. The
19 people in Montgomery County were adamant that they had
20 not violated the (inaudible.) The prosecutors were just
21 as adamant.

22 SERGEANT DELEON: Whatever happened?

23 MR. MCKINNEY: The statute (inaudible.)
24 constitutional which is why legislature enacted
25 (inaudible.)

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1 SERGEANT DELEON: Ah ...

2 MR. MCKINNEY: Each of those people
3 involved spent well over six figures. One, we didn't
4 have a trial. If we ever gotten to a trial, they were
5 going to spend substantially more.

6 SERGEANT DELEON: Were they spending money
7 on their own defense?

8 MR. MCKINNEY: I -- I can only --

9 SERGEANT DELEON: The County Attorney
10 didn't defend them?

11 MR. MCKINNEY: I can only speak to what was
12 contained in public campaign finance reports.

13 SERGEANT DELEON: Ah, campaign --

14 MR. MCKINNEY: There was an article -- I'm
15 not going speak (inaudible.)

16 SERGEANT DELEON: (Inaudible.)

17 MR. MCKINNEY: Within -- within a month or
18 two of the original filing, there was an article in the
19 paper up there saying county judge had already spent
20 well over (inaudible.)

21 SERGEANT DELEON: So in the event that
22 somebody takes action against this Board, would you not
23 defend us?

24 MR. RAMSEY: Well, it would depend on the
25 -- A, the type of action that's taken, who the party

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1 is. I mean, we would represent the individual to the
2 extent they were there on behalf of county obviously.

3 But if they were alleged to have committed an act --

4 MR. MCKINNEY: The attorney General will
5 (inaudible.) criminal charges.

6 SERGEANT DELEON: Right, right.

7 MR. MCKINNEY: It's criminal charges.

8 SERGEANT DELEON: I got you.

9 MR. RAMSEY: I'm assuming the thought is,
10 is that if they alleged to act -- committing an act in
11 violation of TOMA, that violating TOMA is not something
12 typically in the job description. I'm assuming that's
13 where the charges flows.

14 MR. MCKINNEY: They were charged with
15 violating that particular provision of TOMA Section 143.

16 SERGEANT DELEON: It's a misdemeanor or a
17 felony?

18 MR. MCKINNEY: It's a misdemeanor but
19 here's the kicker. This is what I was fixing to tell
20 you. Also alleged to be official misconduct. So for
21 all elected officials, if they were convicted of
22 misdemeanors, it's automatic removal from office.

23 SERGEANT DELEON: Ah.

24 MR. MCKINNEY: So that's the kicker.

25 SERGEANT DELEON: Right. Apparently so.

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1 MR. MCKINNEY: So that's the kicker.

2 MR. RAMSEY: For what -- for what it's
3 worth --

4 SERGEANT DELEON: I'll grant you a
5 misdemeanor.

6 MR. MCKINNEY: Yeah. The rule of law --

7 MR. RAMSEY: If there's every any question
8 as to why -- why, you know, I -- we'll typically err so
9 heavily on the side of, you know --

10 For instance, noticing the subcommittee
11 meeting. Because it's, you know, I -- with -- I mean,
12 I'm not going to say without oversimplifying it 'cause
13 I'm about to oversimplify it. But TOMA can be really,
14 really hard or really, really easy.

15 HONORABLE RODRIGUEZ: Very difficult.

16 MR. RAMSEY: And even when it's easy, it
17 still can be annoying, legally speaking.

18 SERGEANT DELEON: Right.

19 MR. RAMSEY: But the --

20 Essentially, when in doubt, just provide
21 notice, you know, provide -- provide list essentially
22 what it is you're going to discuss and then discuss it
23 in a public setting.

24 MR. MCKINNEY: That's why we had a public
25 notice of the (inaudible.) meeting.

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1 MR. BUTERA: Tony Kenester used to be --
2 and maybe the statute which we did. There was
3 requirement. People who sit on boards like this watch a
4 one-hour TOMA presentation on the Attorney General's web
5 site --

6 MR. MCKINNEY: Correct.

7 MR. BUTERA: -- and watch that and get a
8 certificate. And so I --

9 SERGEANT DELEON: I think everybody --
10 yeah. I got one.

11 MR. BUTERA: Okay.

12 MS. KASE: We have to.

13 MR. BUTERA: Yeah. So I'm just didn't know
14 if everyone -- it'd be a time to refresh.

15 MR. OSBORNE: I have.

16 SERGEANT DELEON: So for purposes of
17 clarity. For the next meeting, we will each
18 individually review 1 through 7, come in, prepare to
19 discuss any provisions that if we would want revisions
20 and then following that pattern on until we get through
21 all of the -- all the 26. And I actually -- I did
22 additions because I have some additions that I have, you
23 know, moving forward.

24 Tommy, so this will need to be on the
25 next Board meeting as an agenda item at the bottom

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1 again.

2 MR. RAMSEY: And on that, we can -- it can
3 be done either way. It's more about the substance of it
4 than the form of it. You could have it -- you could
5 have a separate notice. The reason I think it's --
6 practically speaking -- better to do it as a final
7 agenda item is because if it's at the conclusion of the
8 meeting, you don't have --

9 SERGEANT DELEON: Okay. So we go with the
10 same?

11 MR. RAMSEY: -- an idea of when that
12 meeting may end and ...

13 MR. OSBORNE: Oh, and the way you put it on
14 the agenda this month -- do we officially have a
15 subcommittee for this?

16 MS. KASE: Subcommittee, congratulations.

17 MR. MCKINNEY: (Inaudible.)

18 MR. OSBORNE: Well, that's what I'm saying.
19 We've never actually put together a subcommittee.
20 There's no point in putting it on the agenda.

21 SERGEANT DELEON: So that point, when we
22 discuss this, we talked about it and we talked about we
23 were going to call it a work group and not a committee.
24 But we took what Tommy had sent us and we used his
25 verbiage, his language (inaudible.) But we did discuss

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1 that topic, that very topic and we talked -- we came to
2 the agreement that it was going to be just a -- just a
3 work group for -- for the Board.

4 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: And as a historical
5 reference, we've tried the subcommittees before and to
6 get the people together that wanted to participate at
7 the same time was like herding calves.

8 MR. OSBORNE: I bet.

9 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: You know, because
10 everybody have different things to do and --

11 SERGEANT DELEON: Put it on our regular
12 agenda and not --

13 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Yeah, you know. And
14 it was real difficult.

15 SERGEANT DELEON: And to that point, we try
16 to do work group (inaudible.) and not subcommittee
17 because you're right. I tried --

18 MR. OSBORNE: Put it on the agenda.

19 SERGEANT DELEON: Right. And --

20 MR. OSBORNE: Because I don't think any of
21 us would want to back out of that process.

22 MR. RAMSEY: No. I -- initially, I think
23 I sort of understood it, the process to be in the past.
24 It was maybe three -- there were three people from the
25 Board that would sort of work on putting together a

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1 draft for Board but --

2 MR. OSBORNE: Right.

3 MR. RAMSEY: (Inaudible.) regular meeting.

4 MR. OSBORNE: You could officially do that
5 fast, right.

6 HONORABLE RODRIGUEZ: When we're
7 referencing 1 through 7, we can say something along the
8 lines of when we -- it'd be more like the (inaudible.)
9 We're focussing on 1 through 7 in the next week. That
10 doesn't mean in exclusion of any other number.

11 MR. MCKINNEY: Correct. Now, we can
12 adjourn.

13 HONORABLE GARCIA: Second.

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

16 THE BOARD: Aye.

17 (Meeting adjourned at 3:06 p.m.)

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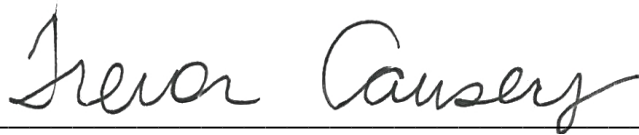
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