

**HARRIS COUNTY BAIL BOND BOARD MEETING - - April 08, 2020**

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APRIL 8, 2020

1:30 P.M.

AT

HARRIS COUNTY COMMISSIONER'S COURT

1001 PRESTON, 9TH FLOOR

HOUSTON, TEXAS

(PROCEEDINGS REPORTED REMOTELY)

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Glenn Strickland, Chairman

Angela Rodriguez, Vice Chairman

Dylan Osborne, Treasurer

Troy McKinney, Attorney

Sargeant Sisto DeLeon

Judge Oswald Scott, Jr.

ALSO PRESENT

Leslie Rubio, Administrative Assistant II for Sgt. DeLeon

Tommy Ramsey, Assistant County Attorney

Michael N. Butera, Assistant District Attorney

Kristena Glenn, Assistant District Attorney

David P. Chang, First Assistant Treasurer

Leisha King, on behalf of International Fidelity Ins.

Steven Bell

Ken W. Good

Drew Johnson

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1                   MR. STRICKLAND: That is six members of the  
2 board. It is 1:33 and a quorum is only required to have  
3 four for our purposes, so we have a quorum. And I'm  
4 going to call the meeting of the Harris County Bail Bond  
5 Board for Wednesday, April 8th, 2020 to order.

6                   I would like to thank everyone for  
7 participating. I know we're all dealing with the virus,  
8 but we will get through this, too.

9                   Is Ken Good on the line?

10                  MR. GOOD: I am.

11                  MR. STRICKLAND: Thank you.

12                  So having said that, we have, per my notes,  
13 Sergeant DeLeon; Mike Butera; Judge Scott; Mr. Osborne,  
14 County Treasurer -- did I say Mike Butera -- and Judge  
15 Rodriguez on the line and myself. Having said that, we  
16 will open the meeting to A, reading of prior minutes.

17                  The Chair will entertain a motion.

18                  MR. BUTERA: This is Michael Butera. I'll  
19 make a motion that we approve the prior minutes.

20                  MR. STRICKLAND: Thank you.

21                  JUDGE RODRIGUEZ: This is Judge Rodriguez.  
22 I second the motion to approve prior minutes.

23                  MR. STRICKLAND: Any discussions?

24                  All those in favor?

25                  MR. OSBORNE: Has anyone seen the minutes?

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1 MR. STRICKLAND: Yes.

2 MR. BUTERA: Yes. This is Mike Butera.

3 They are part of the packet that was e-mailed out, Dylan.

4 MR. OSBORNE: I didn't get a packet.

5 MR. STRICKLAND: It would have been an  
6 e-mail. It wouldn't have been hand-delivered as normal.

7 It would have been an e-mail from Leslie.

8 So moving forward, we have a motion and a  
9 second to approve the prior minutes. Any other  
10 discussion?

11 All those in favor signify by saying "aye."

12 MEMBERS: Aye. Aye.

13 MR. STRICKLAND: Any opposed?

14 (No response.)

15 MR. STRICKLAND: Motion carries.

16 MR. RAMSEY: Glenn, this is Tom Ramsey from  
17 the County Attorney's Office. If I could, real quick, I  
18 would also clarify if we're doing a voice vote, if there  
19 are any abstentions, just to make sure the record is  
20 clear.

21 MR. STRICKLAND: There you go.

22 Any abstentions?

23 (No response.)

24 MR. STRICKLAND: Motion carries.

25 B, old business. Request made by

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1 Accredited Surety Casualty Company, Inc., Agent Michael  
2 Cox, d/b/a Cox Bail Bonds, License 74520, to return the  
3 security deposit to JP Morgan Chase Bank, CD  
4 0100073262951 for \$300,000 and replace it with a new  
5 certificate of deposit that will meet security  
6 requirements returned -- required by Texas Occupations  
7 Code 1704 JP letters mailed 2-4-2020.

8           Isn't this the Steve thing?

9           SARGEANT DELEON: This is actually -- this  
10 is Sergeant De Leon. This is actually tabled until May.

11           MR. STRICKLAND: Until May. Okay. All  
12 right.

13           UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: Since that was  
14 on the agenda, do we need to make a motion to table it  
15 again?

16           MR. STRICKLAND: Well, at the last meeting,  
17 it was officially tabled until the May meeting.

18           UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: This was an  
19 oversight just because we didn't -- you know, we -- it  
20 has been carried over. So it was just carried over. But  
21 in the minutes, it was noted that these were -- these  
22 were tabled until May.

23           MR. STRICKLAND: And that applies to 1 and  
24 2.

25           UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: Yes, sir.

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1 MR. STRICKLAND: Okay. I don't believe we  
2 need a motion since that was done properly at the last  
3 meeting.

4 No. 3, request made by Bankers Insurance  
5 Group, Agent Scott Martin, d/b/a Scott Free Bonding,  
6 License No. 74447, to return the security deposit check  
7 received TR 112953 for \$50,000, JP letters mailed on  
8 3-13-2020.

9 This has not been 30 days yet. So the  
10 chair will entertain a motion to table.

11 MR. BUTERA: Glenn, if I may -- this is  
12 Michael Butera -- it's actual 30 days --

13 THE COURT REPORTER: I'm sorry. Who is  
14 speaking?

15 MR. STRICKLAND: Forgive me. You're right.  
16 You're looking at several different things. So who is  
17 here for Bankers?

18 MR. JOHNSON: This is Drew Johnson. I'm  
19 corporate attorney for Bankers Insurance.

20 MR. STRICKLAND: Thank you, sir.

21 Any questions?

22 MR. BUTERA: This is Michael Butera from  
23 the DA's office. I will just say we reviewed the Bankers  
24 history both for this particular agent and for Bankers in  
25 general and there are no outstanding judgements that

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1 would prevent the return of the collateral.

2 MR. STRICKLAND: Any other discussion?

3 The Chair will entertain a motion.

4 MR. SERGEANT DELEON: This is Sergeant  
5 DeLeon, I make a motion to approve.

6 MR. STRICKLAND: I have a motion to  
7 approve.

8 Mr. Butera?

9 MR. BUTERA: Michael Butera, I will make a  
10 motion to second.

11 MR. STRICKLAND: I have a motion and a  
12 second.

13 Any discussion?

14 All those in favor signify by saying "aye."

15 MEMBERS: Aye. Aye. Aye.

16 MR. STRICKLAND: Any opposed?

17 (No response.)

18 MR. STRICKLAND: Any abstentions?

19 (No response.)

20 MR. STRICKLAND: Next, new business, this  
21 is my license coming up for renewal; and I'm going to  
22 step aside as Chair and turn this over to the Vice Chair,  
23 Judge Rodriguez. And I am going to assume the position  
24 of applicant.

25 So Judge Rodriguez, you are now Chair.

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1 JUDGE RODRIGUEZ: Thank you.

2 At this time, we move to -- which number  
3 are we on?

4 MR. STRICKLAND: New business --

5 JUDGE RODRIGUEZ: No. 1.

6 MR. STRICKLAND: -- No. 1, C1.

7 JUDGE RODRIGUEZ: Thank you.

8 We are now commencing down the agenda to  
9 C1. This is Judge Angela D. Rodriguez serving as Chair  
10 at this time regarding this item.

11 We have a request for renewal of license,  
12 International Fidelity Insurance Company, Glenn  
13 Strickland, agent, License No. 74339, d/b/a A-1 Bonding  
14 Company at 4801 Katy Freeway, Houston, Texas 77007, Phone  
15 No. (713) 223-8377; and this is for a three-year license  
16 renewal.

17 Okay. One moment.

18 Now, Mr. Strickland --

19 MR. STRICKLAND: Yes.

20 JUDGE RODRIGUEZ: -- okay. Could you  
21 please raise your right hand?

22 MR. STRICKLAND: Yes.

23 (Mr. Glenn Strickland, sworn by Judge  
24 Rodriguez at this time.)

25 MR. STRICKLAND: I do.



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1 JUDGE RODRIGUEZ: Okay. Please state your  
2 name loudly.

3 MR. STRICKLAND: Glenn Strickland, and I  
4 have Mr. Ken Good on the line representing the company.

5 JUDGE RODRIGUEZ: Mr. Ken Good, could you  
6 please raise your right hand?

7 MR. GOOD: Yes, ma'am.

8 JUDGE RODRIGUEZ: I am just going to go  
9 ahead and swear you in, in an abundance of caution.

10 (Mr. Ken Good was sworn by Judge Rodriguez  
11 at this time.)

12 MR. GOOD: I do, certainly do.

13 JUDGE RODRIGUEZ: Thank you.

14 Do we have any questions, Sergeant?

15 MR. SERGEANT DELEON: So the Sheriff's  
16 office has no questions. The application seems complete,  
17 and we received no notification that any unpaid judgments  
18 are owed to the County as of 4-7-2020.

19 JUDGE RODRIGUEZ: Okay. If we can move  
20 down the line in the order that we normally are seated  
21 for any questions or no questions.

22 JUDGE SCOTT: Judge Scott, City of Houston,  
23 no questions, cleared on our end.

24 JUDGE RODRIGUEZ: Thank you.

25 THE COURT REPORTER: Okay. I'm sorry. Who

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1 was that that just spoke?

2 JUDGE SCOTT: Judge Scott, City of Houston.

3 THE COURT REPORTER: Thank you very much.

4 JUDGE RODRIGUEZ: Thank you.

5 MR. BUTERA: This is Michael Butera --

6 JUDGE RODRIGUEZ: Anyone else?

7 MR. BUTERA: Yes. This is Michael Butera.

8 I just wanted to identify there were some JP judgments  
9 that were identified, but those have already been  
10 satisfied or taken care of. And so we have no issues or  
11 objections to the renewal.

12 JUDGE RODRIGUEZ: Thank you. Are there any  
13 public comments regarding this agenda item before we take  
14 a vote? No?

15 Hearing no public comments, the Chair will  
16 entertain a motion.

17 MR. BUTERA: Michael Butera, I will make a  
18 motion to approve.

19 MR. OSBORNE: Dylan Osborne, second.

20 JUDGE RODRIGUEZ: All those in favor of  
21 renewing the license in Agenda C1 for Mr. Glenn  
22 Strickland of A-1 Bonding Company signify by saying  
23 "aye."

24 MEMBERS: Aye. Aye. Aye.

25 JUDGE RODRIGUEZ: All those opposed,

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1 signify in the same way.

2 (No response.)

3 JUDGE RODRIGUEZ: Are there any  
4 abstentions?

5 (No response.)

6 JUDGE RODRIGUEZ: Hearing no abstentions,  
7 the motion carries.

8 Congratulations, Mr. Strickland.

9 MR. STRICKLAND: Thank you very much.

10 JUDGE RODRIGUEZ: And I would ask at this  
11 time if you could retake the Chairman's position --

12 MR. STRICKLAND: Yes, ma'am. I will.

13 JUDGE RODRIGUEZ: -- and continue. Thank  
14 you.

15 MR. STRICKLAND: For the record, this is  
16 Glenn Strickland resuming the Chair.

17 JUDGE RODRIGUEZ: I yield to the Chair of  
18 Glenn Strickland.

19 MR. STRICKLAND: Pardon me?

20 JUDGE RODRIGUEZ: This is Judge Rodriguez,  
21 and I yield to the Chair of Glenn Strickland.

22 MR. STRICKLAND: This is Glenn Strickland.  
23 I'm resuming my position as Chair of the Harris County  
24 Bail Bond Board at this time.

25 No. 2, request for renewal of license,

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1 Bankers Insurance Company, Maria Sanchez, d/b/a Exit Bail  
2 Bonds, 7434 Brown Wood Street, Houston, Texas 77020;  
3 original date, 5-13-2014; expiration date, 5-23-2020;  
4 License No. 74557; Phone No. (713) 222-8880; 2-year  
5 license.

6 Ms. Sanchez, are you on the line?

7 MS. SANCHEZ: Yes, I am, sir.

8 MR. STRICKLAND: And do you have an  
9 attorney with you, or are you just representing yourself?

10 MS. SANCHEZ: Drew Johnson.

11 MR. JOHNSON: Yes, sir. Drew Johnson with  
12 Bankers Insurance.

13 THE COURT REPORTER: I didn't hear any of  
14 that.

15 MR. JOHNSON: This is Drew Johnson with  
16 Bankers Insurance.

17 MR. STRICKLAND: Okay. Did you get that,  
18 Minnie?

19 THE COURT REPORTER: I have, Mr. Johnson,  
20 but I didn't catch the first name.

21 MR. JOHNSON: Drew Johnson.

22 THE COURT REPORTER: Drew. Thank you very  
23 much.

24 MR. STRICKLAND: He is with Bankers  
25 Insurance Company, Minnie.

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1 THE COURT REPORTER: Got it. Thank you.

2 MR. STRICKLAND: Starting around the horn  
3 with the Sheriff's department, Sergeant DeLeon.

4 MR. SERGEANT DE LEON: The application  
5 seems to be complete. The Sheriff's office is not  
6 notified of any unpaid judgments owed to Harris County as  
7 of 4-7.

8 MR. STRICKLAND: City of Houston?

9 JUDGE SCOTT: He cleared it up. No issues.

10 THE COURT REPORTER: What's your name?

11 MR. BUTERA: Yes, this is Michael Butera.  
12 So I will try to be brief because it's so awkward on a  
13 phone call, but I do have some issues with the renewal  
14 not related to the Bankers' side of the renewal but to  
15 other judgments that Ms. Sanchez has unpaid that was part  
16 of a personal property, License No. 74559, that are past  
17 30 days due and remain unpaid, which I think would bar  
18 her licensure at this time.

19 So hopefully, I will make a motion to table  
20 until May. But for some more context for the board  
21 members, there are two outstanding judgments. One for  
22 \$1,598 that was supposed to be paid February 21st of  
23 2020, and one for \$100,000 -- over \$100,000 that was --  
24 that will be due before the next meeting on May 6, in  
25 addition to 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 unpaid JP

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1 judgments that we've identified all out of JP Court 11.

2 In addition, again, I don't want to go into  
3 too much detail if the Board is not wanting to hear this  
4 at this time; but there are several issues that the DA's  
5 office has had with Ms. Sanchez's license in terms of  
6 judgments not being paid on time, having to execute  
7 continual communication problems with the office, neither  
8 Ms. Sanchez nor her designee being available to answer  
9 questions or take care of judgments on time, we had to  
10 execute against the collateral for Ms. Sanchez's license  
11 four times in the past few years, which is exceptionally  
12 unusual. Most bondsman are on top of their business,  
13 they pay on time when they are due and we had to go to  
14 extraordinary measures with the collections.

15 So I planned to make a motion -- there  
16 might be other discussions -- but initially to table it  
17 until May to let those past due judgments be satisfied,  
18 but I think there are other issues that we will be able  
19 to identify on the license as well.

20 MR. STRICKLAND: So from Mr. Butera, I have  
21 a motion to table.

22 Is there a second?

23 MR. BUTERA: Sorry, this is Michael Butera.  
24 I would be glad to make that motion now. I was holding  
25 off on making it just in case anyone wanted to have a

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1 discussion or have questions --

2 MR. STRICKLAND: Forgive me.

3 MR. BUTERA: -- or I will make the motion  
4 to table until -- sorry, Glenn. I think we were talking  
5 on top of each other.

6 I would be glad to make the motion to table  
7 until the May agenda, at the very least to get those  
8 unpaid judgments satisfied.

9 MR. STRICKLAND: Forgive me. I thought  
10 that you had made the motion.

11 So I do have a motion to table until the  
12 May agenda. Is there a second to that motion?

13 JUDGE SCOTT: Judge Scott, City of Houston,  
14 I will second that motion.

15 MR. STRICKLAND: Judge Scott seconds the  
16 motion.

17 Is there any discussion?

18 All those in favor of tabling this item  
19 until the May agenda signify by saying "aye."

20 MEMBERS: Aye. Aye.

21 MR. STRICKLAND: Any opposed?

22 (No response.)

23 MR. STRICKLAND: Any abstentions?

24 (No response.)

25 MR. STRICKLAND: Motion carries. This

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1 shall be tabled until the May agenda, Ms. Sanchez.

2 MS. SANCHEZ: Okay. Thank you, sir.

3 MR. STRICKLAND: All right. No. 3, request  
4 for approval to pay Court Reporters Clearinghouse for  
5 \$708 from the Harris County Bail Bond Board account for  
6 services rendered on Wednesday, December 11th, 2019.

7 This -- we have been dealing with this  
8 every month and it's the overages that we're getting from  
9 discussing the local rules. So having said that, the  
10 Sheriff's department is authorized by the Board to pay  
11 anything \$500 or under. Anything over that, they have to  
12 bring it to the Board.

13 So the Chair will entertain a motion.

14 MR. OSBORNE: Dylan Osborne, I will make  
15 the motion to pay the invoice.

16 MR. BUTERA: This is Michael Butera, I will  
17 second that motion.

18 MR. STRICKLAND: Any discussion?

19 (No response.)

20 MR. STRICKLAND: All those in favor signify  
21 by saying "aye."

22 MR. BUTERA: Aye.

23 MEMBERS: Aye. Aye.

24 MR. STRICKLAND: Any opposed?

25 (No response.)



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1 MR. STRICKLAND: Any abstentions?

2 (No response.)

3 MR. STRICKLAND: Motion carries.

4 Okay. This last one is the local rules  
5 work group meeting will begin following the conclusion of  
6 the regular meeting of the Bail Bond Board to discuss  
7 changes and updates on Sections 21 F through 24 to the  
8 local rules and forms.

9 Do we wish to get into that on a conference  
10 call, or is it better to do it when we're together in  
11 May? I'm asking the Board.

12 MR. OSBORNE: Chairman, this is Dylan  
13 Osborne. I think I'm on board with moving -- tabling  
14 this until May, unless anybody else just wants to do this  
15 now.

16 JUDGE RODRIGUEZ: That's a genius idea.  
17 This is Judge Rodriguez.

18 Genius motion, thank you. I agree.

19 MR. STRICKLAND: Okay. Was that a motion,  
20 Dylan?

21 MR. OSBORNE: Yeah, pending discussion,  
22 yes, I will make the motion to table Item 4 until next  
23 month.

24 MR. STRICKLAND: And Judge Rodriguez, you  
25 second?

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1 JUDGE RODRIGUEZ: Yes, sir, I second.

2 MR. STRICKLAND: All right. Is there any  
3 discussion on that?

4 I have a motion to table this item until  
5 May. All those in favor signify by saying "aye."

6 MEMBERS: Aye. Aye.

7 JUDGE RODRIGUEZ: Aye.

8 MR. STRICKLAND: Any opposed?

9 (No response.)

10 MR. STRICKLAND: Any abstentions?

11 (No response.)

12 MR. STRICKLAND: All right. Then this will  
13 be tabled until May.

14 Ladies and gentlemen, that will bring us to  
15 the end of the Bail Bond Board agenda. Hopefully, by the  
16 time the May agenda rolls around, we will be past this  
17 pandemic and we can once again meet in person, and it's  
18 just a lot easier to do things.

19 I would like to thank each and every one of  
20 you for attending. I hope that you're all safe. And I  
21 hope that everyone gets through this with no sickness.

22 I will entertain a motion to adjourn.

23 MR. OSBORNE: Dylan Osborne, I will make a  
24 motion to adjourn.

25 MR. BUTERA: Michael Butera, I will make a

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1 motion adjourn.

2 MR. STRICKLAND: I have a motion by  
3 Mr. Osborne to adjourn.

4 Who was the second?

5 MR. BUTERA: This is Michael Butera. I  
6 will be the second.

7 MR. STRICKLAND: Michael Butera, seconds.  
8 Any discussion?

9 JUDGE RODRIGUEZ: Hold on. A little bit of  
10 discussion. I have a quick question. This is Judge  
11 Rodriguez.

12 For renewal of license, is it required to  
13 read the entire agenda items?

14 MR. STRICKLAND: It has in the past --  
15 (Multiple speakers.)

16 MR. STRICKLAND: Go ahead.

17 MR. RAMSEY: I apologize. This is Tommy  
18 Ramsey from the County Attorney's Office. No, it's not  
19 required to read the entire agenda item.

20 JUDGE RODRIGUEZ: Okay. I was just  
21 double-checking. Thank you.

22 I don't have any further questions.

23 MR. STRICKLAND: I have a motion to second  
24 to table that item, and it's passed.

25 The Chair will entertain a motion to

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1 adjourn.

2 MR. OSBORNE: I believe you have that  
3 motion, sir, with a second.

4 MR. STRICKLAND: Yeah, we have that, Dylan.  
5 All those in favor signify by saying "aye."

6 MEMBERS: Aye. Aye. Aye.

7 JUDGE RODRIGUEZ: Aye.

8 MR. STRICKLAND: Any opposed?

9 (No response.)

10 MR. STRICKLAND: Thank you, ladies and  
11 gentlemen, and I will see you in May.

12 MEMBERS: Thank you, Chair.

13 (Off the record.)

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4 Reporter in and for the State of Texas, do hereby certify  
5 that the above and foregoing contains a true and correct  
6 transcription of all portions of the above-referenced  
7 board meeting to be included in the transcript of said  
8 board meeting, and were reported by me to the best of my  
9 ability.

10 Given under my hand and seal of office on  
11 the 20th day of April, 2020.

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