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MEETING MINUTES

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A P P E A R A N C E S

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Honorable Oswald Scott, designee for J. Elaine Marshall

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P R O C E E D I N G S

CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: This is --

I'm going to call to order the meeting of the July 8th, 2020 meeting of the Harris County Bail Bond Board. It is 1:30 p.m.

And the first thing I'd like to do is I'm going to go down and call roll.

Judge Rodriguez ...

HONORABLE RODRIGUEZ: Judge Angela D. Rodriguez, vice chair of the Bail Bond Board present.

CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Okay. Judith ...

She was going into her house.

MS. SNIVELY: I'm about to go into my house.

CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Mr. Osborne ...

MR. OSBORNE: Present.

CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: And Judge Scott ...

HONORABLE SCOTT: Present.

CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Judge Martin ...

(No response.)

CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Kathryn Kase ...

MS. KASE: Present.

CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Sergeant DeLeon ...

SERGEANT DELEON: Present.

CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Okay. And

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1 Shannon Baldwin ...

2 (No response.)

3 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: And Troy McKinney ...

4 MR. MCKINNEY: Present.

5 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: All right. And we
6 have 3, 4, 5 --

7 MR. BUTERA: Michael Butera, DA's Office is
8 here.

9 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: -- 8 -- nine members.

10 All right. We do have a quorum. We have
11 nine members. We'll start by the reading of the prior
12 minutes.

13 If no one has any discussion, I'll
14 entertain a motion.

15 MS. KASE: So moved, Kathryn Kase.

16 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: I need a second.

17 MR. MCKINNEY: Second, McKinney. Second,
18 McKinney.

19 HONORABLE RODRIGUEZ: All right. Any
20 discussion?

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

23 THE BOARD: Aye.

24 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Any -- any opposed?
25 Any abstentions?

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1 Okay. By the way, for the record, if
2 there's anyone on this call that has a comment on a
3 topic that we are in discussion on, if you're topic is
4 germane, please get my attention and I'll recognize you
5 for a comment.

6 B., Old Business. Request made by
7 Accredited Surety and Casualty Company, Inc., Agent
8 Michael Cox DBA Cox Bail Bonds, the license 74520. The
9 security deposit with JP Morgan Chase Bank CD
10 0100073262951 for \$300,000 and replace it with a new
11 certificate of deposit that will need the security
12 requirements required by Texas Occupation Code 1704. JP
13 letters mailed on 2/4/2020.

14 This is from last month or two.

15 Steve Bell, are you here?

16 MR. BELL: Yes, I'm here. So this is --

17 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Raise your right
18 hand, Steve.

19 (Witness sworn.)

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

22 Steven Bell. I represent
23 Accredited Surety and Casualty.

24 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Okay. And I
25 understand that the certificates of deposit that was

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1 discussed last Bail Bond Board meeting have been
2 deposited; is that correct?

3 MR. BELL: Correct. So actually last
4 month, it was already one \$50,000 CD that was put up
5 back in February, I believe. Accredited put up an
6 additional 75,000. It was received, I believe -- Leslie
7 can -- we've been talking about it this morning.

8 But it was received back on July 1st and
9 has been deposited with the Treasurer which would put
10 them at a -- the two combined would be 125,000, if I
11 remember correctly, from Sergeant DeLeon. That was the
12 largest bond at the time that Michael Cox had up and
13 that should clear us to pull the 300,000 out.

14 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Anyone on the Board
15 have any discussion?

16 HONORABLE RODRIGUEZ: Is this a corporate
17 bondsman?

18 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Yes.

19 MR. BELL: Yes, ma'am. It's a corporate
20 surety, yes, ma'am.

21 HONORABLE RODRIGUEZ: Thank you.

22 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Chair will entertain
23 a motion.

24 MR. BUTERA: Michael -- this is
25 Michael Butera. I do just have a quick question for

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1 Sergeant DeLeon.

2 Is that correct, Sergeant? Because I
3 just don't remember.

4 What was the highest bond on Mr. Cox's
5 liability currently?

6 SERGEANT DELEON: It was -- it was 125.

7 Yeah. Yes, that did cover the largest
8 bond that was -- that was -- that was written.

9 MR. BUTERA: Okay.

10 SERGEANT DELEON: But -- and we --

11 MR. BUTERA: And so --

12 SERGEANT DELEON: We did -- we did --

13 We did submit the 75,000 to the
14 Treasury's Office waiting for a confirmation that it's
15 deposited but we -- we --

16 We do know. We saw it in our hands. We
17 delivered it. We're just waiting for a confirmation.

18 MR. BUTERA: Thank you, sir.

19 MR. MCKINNEY: Is there any value --

20 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Does anyone have a
21 motion --

22 MR. MCKINNEY: Hang on.

23 Is there any value in us deferring the
24 decision on this until we reach the agenda item about
25 the local rule?

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1 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: They've already --

2 MR. BUTERA: Michael Butera. I think the
3 way it's been framed, Troy, with the additional deposit
4 would let us take action now if the Board wanted to; but
5 of course, if the Board wants to wait, we could do that
6 as well.

7 SERGEANT DELEON: Yeah. That --

8 MR. MCKINNEY: I --

9 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: And I had considered
10 that, Troy. I have considered that, Troy; but as
11 Michael Butera just stated, with the requirements
12 listed, they've satisfied all the requirements so we
13 can, you know, this --

14 This meets all expectations that were
15 expressed. Correct, Mike?

16 MR. MCKINNEY: I --

17 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Sorry. Correct,
18 Michael?

19 MR. MCKINNEY: I move to approve the
20 request.

21 MR. OSBORNE: Second --

22 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: I have a motion to
23 approve.

24 Who was the second?

25 MR. OSBORNE: County Treasurer Dylan

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1 Osborne.

2 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Thank you, sir.

3 Any other discussion?

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

6 THE BOARD: Aye.

7 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Any opposed? Any
8 abstentions?

9 Thank you very much. That is approved.

10 MR. BELL: Thank you very much.

11 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: All right. No. 2,
12 Local Rules Workgroup meeting will begin following the
13 conclusion of the regular meeting of the Bail Bond Board
14 to discuss changes and updates on Sections 21(f) through
15 24 of the local rules and forms.

16 We've been delaying this. Do I have
17 another motion?

18 MR. OSBORNE: I make a motion to table,
19 Dylan Osborne.

20 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Who was that? Who
21 said that?

22 SERGEANT DELEON: Dylan.

23 MR. OSBORNE: Dylan Osborne.

24 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Thank you.

25 HONORABLE RODRIGUEZ: Second, Judge

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1 Rodriguez. Second, Judge Rodriguez.

2 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Judge Rodriguez.

3 Any discussion?

4 MS. KASE: Kathryn Kase --

5 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: All those in favor --

6 MS. KASE: Look -- hello, Kathryn Case
7 here. I just want to make a comment. I know we've been
8 delaying this -- and I'm not saying we shouldn't delay
9 this a little bit more -- but folks, I can assure you
10 this pandemic is a marathon. It is not a sprint. And I
11 do not foresee that we're going to be meeting in the
12 future, you know, together in person any time soon. I
13 mean, we would need a huge drop in hospitalizations for
14 us to be meeting together in August. And right now, the
15 trend line is not going in that direction. I really
16 want to be wrong about that.

17 But I feel bound and determined to tell
18 you, things aren't really good right now. So I just
19 want you to consider that as we continue to put this
20 off. We may not be able to meet in person for sometime.

21 MR. BUTERA: Thanks, Kathryn. This is
22 Michael Butera.

23 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Anyone else?

24 MR. BUTERA: Let's just piggyback off of
25 that comment, if I may. We had discussed or thrown

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1 around the possibility of, you know, trying to
2 transition to a technology format that allowed us to see
3 each other whether that's, you know, Skype or Zoom or --

4 I think we just stuck with the phone
5 meetings because it worked and it wasn't broken, but
6 it's so difficult to know who's about to talk, can't
7 see. So maybe if we can explore -- I don't know how
8 open the Board Members are to -- linking our meetings
9 how we have the meeting. It may help, you know, make
10 agenda items like this possible if we can see each
11 other, you know. Someone raise their hand and un-mute
12 themselves but I don't know how comfortable everybody is
13 with that technology. That's all I have.

14 MR. OSBORNE: And I have a question. And I
15 think you're right, Michael. I think something where we
16 can share screens or something like that might would
17 help.

18 But would it possible just to create a --
19 maybe like a subgroup of the attorneys that might want
20 to participate -- I'm thinking, you know, two or three
21 people that can just go ahead and finish redlining this
22 thing out and come back with a finished product?

23 MR. BUTERA: Yeah. That's a great point.
24 This is Michael Butera again.

25 We have explored that in the past in our

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1 problems -- I don't want to frame it as a problem. I
2 just want to say the issue has always been that once you
3 get enough people in the meeting who feel -- the Board
4 feels should be meeting, you know, maybe Sheriff's
5 Office, maybe the district attorney, maybe, you know,
6 Mr. McKinney, maybe the Chairman. Maybe -- well by that
7 time, you're a Board and you're a quorum. You know, the
8 meeting needs to be public which absolutely no problem
9 with that at all.

10 But we just decided I think the last time
11 this came up and we started the rules provisions
12 discussions that the best thing would be just to have
13 (inaudible.), anyone who wanted to stay could. It would
14 always be public and that was just a nice way to solve
15 that issue. But we could -- we could do it however the
16 Board pleased going forward.

17 MR. MCKINNEY: Troy McKinney. I like the
18 idea of doing this on Zoom which gives us the capability
19 of sharing documents as we do it. It gives us -- even
20 the people who don't already have Zoom -- which I
21 suspect by this point is few, if any, it's -- for them
22 to join with Zoom doesn't cost anything and it's easy to
23 do. So I would very much, for the future, like to
24 consider Zoom.

25 MR. BUTERA: And this is Michael Butera

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1 again, sorry. Just for Zoom, if you're a little bit of
2 a tech-phobe or you're like I don't want, you know, my
3 imagine to be public or you can always dial into a Zoom
4 meeting via phone just like we are now and you can
5 participate that way. But if we had a nice majority of
6 Members, perhaps, who were on a Zoom, you know, call, so
7 to speak, where you can seen and we could see each
8 other, I think it might be more efficient.

9 MR. MCKINNEY: I --

10 MS. SNIVELY: I think we're the only
11 ones --

12 MR. MCKINNEY: This is Troy McKinney -- go
13 ahead.

14 MS. SNIVELY: -- that are not through Zoom,
15 okay -- this is Judith.

16 I said I think we're the only ones in the
17 county not doing a Zoom meeting. It's Zoom, Zoom, Zoom
18 all day. So I think I agree it would be more effective.

19 MR. MCKINNEY: Does anyone in this group
20 not have the capability to do Zoom already?

21 Maybe ...

22 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: So then I'll tell you
23 what --

24 HONORABLE RODRIGUEZ: (Inaudible.) on what
25 we were voting on because it has a second so we can

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1 complete one thing --

2 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: No. I --

3 HONORABLE RODRIGUEZ: -- and go on to
4 another.

5 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: I understand --

6 MR. BUTERA: I think the discussion is
7 relevant to the item. We're all just trying to weigh in
8 on --

9 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Yeah.

10 MR. BUTERA: -- if we're going to delay
11 this again, Judge.

12 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Yeah. I think that
13 since we're not all set up for Zoom today and we're not
14 on that, I think it would probably be appropriate to go
15 ahead and delay this one more month. And then taking
16 Ms. Kase's comments to heart, we set it up next month so
17 we do, do a Zoom meeting and next month, we can talk
18 about the local rules with the Zoom.

19 Does everybody like that idea or somebody
20 else think it's -

21 MR. MCKINNEY: I don't think --

22 MS. KASE: If that's a motion --

23 MR. MCKINNEY: I don't think it requires --

24 MS. KASE: -- I'm going to second it. It's
25 Kathryn Kase.

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1 MR. MCKINNEY: Hang on, hang on.

2 Kathryn, Kathryn, Kathryn, we can't do
3 that. It's not on the agenda.

4 But I don't think there's any need for
5 there to be a motion to do that. Just simply -- the
6 only thing it affects is the manner in which the Opening
7 Meetings Act notice is given. If a Open Meetings Act
8 notice is given for a Zoom meeting, then that's what it
9 will be.

10 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Okay.

11 MR. RAMSEY: This is Tommy --

12 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: All right.

13 MR. RAMSEY: This is Tommy Ramsey,
14 County Attorney's Office. I agree with that. And in
15 case it's helpful, I've worked with a number of other
16 boards to set up essentially video meetings whether it
17 be through Zoom, Webex. There's a number of platforms.
18 And I'd be happy to get with, you know, Universal
19 Services and Sergeant DeLeon and whoever else I need to
20 be involved and ...

21 MR. OSBORNE: Yeah. That's --

22 That sounds like a good idea, Tommy. Go
23 ahead and reach out to them and then me and Leslie are
24 here to support whatever you need in order to move the
25 meetings in that direction for August.

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1 MR. RAMSEY: No problem.

2 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Okay. Then having
3 said all that, I do have a motion on the floor to table
4 and an appropriate second.

5 Is there any further discussion?

6 All those in favor, signify by saying
7 aye.

8 THE BOARD: Aye.

9 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Any opposed? Any
10 abstentions?

11 That motion carries and we will -- we
12 will put it on next month's meeting and we will
13 certainly be ready for Zoom.

14 All right. C., New Business. Request
15 for renewal of license, American Surety Company, Agent
16 Mark Steven Harris, DBA A Southside Bail Bond, 5049 Reed
17 Road, Houston, Texas 77033. Original date: 8/14/2012.
18 Expiration date: 8/27/2020. The license number 74540.
19 Phone number: (713) 738-6969. It's a three-year
20 license.

21 Mark Harris, are you there?

22 MR. HARRIS: Yes, sir, I'm here.

23 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: All right. And who
24 do you have? Do you have anyone with you, Mark?

25 MR. HARRIS: I think Roger Moore --

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1 MR. MOORE: Roger Moore --

2 MR. HARRIS: -- for American Surety.

3 MR. MOORE: Roger Moore --

4 MR. HARRIS: Roger Moore for American
5 Surety.

6 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Thank you. Both of
7 you raise your right hand, please.

8 (Witnesses sworn.)

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

11 MR. HARRIS: Mark S. Harris DBA --

12 MR. MOORE: Roger Moore.

13 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: And Roger Moore.

14 All right. Sergeant DeLeon ...

15 SERGEANT DELEON: The Sheriff's Office
16 found the application to be complete. We know of no
17 past due judgments owed to Harris County. Everything
18 seems to be in order.

19 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Mr. Osborne ...

20 MR. OSBORNE: No questions.

21 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Judge Scott ...

22 HONORABLE SCOTT: Just one question been
23 out.

24 Do you have any open cases, judgments
25 with the City of Houston?

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1 MR. HARRIS: No, I don't.

2 HONORABLE SCOTT: All right. That's it.

3 No other questions.

4 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Kathryn Kase ...

5 MS. KASE: No questions.

6 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Mr. Butera ...

7 MR. BUTERA: No questions.

8 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Judge Rodriguez ...

9 HONORABLE RODRIGUEZ: No questions.

10 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Mr. McKinney ...

11 MR. MCKINNEY: No questions.

12 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Mr. Snively --

13 Ms. Snively ...

14 MS. SNIVELY: No questions.

15 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Chair will entertain

16 a motion.

17 MR. MCKINNEY: Troy McKinney, move to

18 approve.

19 MR. BUTERA: (Inaudible.)

20 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: I have a motion to

21 approve by Mr. McKinney.

22 SERGEANT DELEON: And a second by Michael.

23 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Is that Mr. Butera?

24 MR. BUTERA: Yes, sir.

25 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: And a second by

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1 Mr. Butera.

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

4 THE BOARD: Aye.

5 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Any opposed? Any
6 abstentions?

7 Motion carries. Thank you very much,
8 Mr. Harris. Three-year license.

9 MR. HARRIS: Thank you.

10 MR. MOORE: Thank you.

11 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: All right. Number 2,
12 request made by Lexington National Corporation, Agent
13 Andre Robinson DBA Right Now Bail Bonds, License
14 No. 74565 to return the security deposit, Citizens
15 National Bank, CD 1021096 for \$50,000. JP letters
16 mailed on 6/19/2020. That's --

17 We haven't had 30 days yet.

18 So Chair will entertain a motion to table
19 this.

20 MR. BUTERA: Michael Butera --

21 HONORABLE RODRIGUEZ: Judge Rodriguez, move
22 to table for a month.

23 MR. BUTERA: Sorry, Judge. I'll second
24 then, Michael Butera.

25 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: And a second by

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1 Mr. Butera.

2 All those this favor, signify by saying
3 aye.

4 THE BOARD: Aye.

5 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Any opposed? Any
6 abstentions?

7 Motion carries to table.

8 Number 3, request made by Lexington
9 National Insurance Corporation, Agent Tiffany Lee DBA
10 OK Bail Bonds, II. The license number 74602 to open the
11 following address as a satellite office: Pennzoil
12 Plaza, North Tower, 700 Milam Street, Suite 1300,
13 Office Number 13081, Houston, Texas 77002.

14 That's going to be a notice, not a
15 request. There's no phone number on there. So it is
16 officially a notice and it is noticed.

17 Number 4, request for approval to pay
18 County -- Court Reporters Clearinghouse for \$571 from
19 the Harris County Bail Bond Board account for the
20 services rendered on Wednesday, June 10th, 2020.

21 And we've all -- understand what this is
22 so the Chair will entertain a motion.

23 MS. KASE: Kathryn Kase, so move that we
24 pay the Court Reporter's Clearinghouse \$571 for the
25 Harris County Bail Bond Board account -- from the Harris

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1 County Bail Bond Board account for the services rendered
2 on Wednesday, June 10th, 2020.

3 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: I need a second.

4 MR. MCKINNEY: Troy McKinney, second.

5 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: I heard Troy McKinney
6 second.

7 All those in favor, signify by saying
8 aye.

9 THE BOARD: Aye.

10 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Any opposed? Any
11 abstentions?

12 That's approved.

13 Okay. Number 5, notice of
14 Carolyn D. Campbell DBA Capitol Bail Bonds. The license
15 number 74254 filing of Chapter 7 Bankruptcy case.

16 Now, this is listed on the agenda as
17 simply a notice. It will be noted.

18 SERGEANT DELEON: Is there any -- any
19 discussion on this topic?

20 MR. MCKINNEY: Tommy, is there anything we
21 need to do?

22 MR. RAMSEY: Not at this time. I have --

23 Harris County's appeared in the case.
24 There was a meeting of creditors this morning, and I
25 expect to touch base with the attorneys who's handing it

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1 this afternoon. And there's a few issues that -- that
2 I'm going to -- that I'm looking into, want to discuss
3 with that person. But otherwise, there's no action
4 required at this time.

5 SERGEANT DELEON: So ...

6 MR. MCKINNEY: I have a --

7 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Tommy, this is Glenn
8 Strickland.

9 MR. MCKINNEY: Go ahead.

10 MR. RAMSEY: Yes, sir.

11 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: 1704 requires the
12 folders on the defendants to be assessable. And when
13 you get into a discussion with them, I am told that the
14 bankruptcy lawyers said to close everything up, lock the
15 doors up and don't let anybody in but there are
16 defendants out there that need to be serviced. And the
17 courts are going calling. I looked at it the other day
18 and there are 152 people on bond. The courts are going
19 to be calling over time changing things, needing help.
20 The defendants are going to be needing help to call in
21 somewhere.

22 I spoke Ms. Campbell the other day and
23 her phone number was through Comcast and it has been
24 totally turned off. And of course, you can't even get
25 in there to get the records because of the attorney.

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1 So I would suggest to you that you see if
2 there's some sort of way we could get the records and
3 get them to a licensed bondsman that could contact the
4 people, reach out, give them a phone number to call and
5 put it to the courts so that we could be servicing the
6 courts and the defendants at the same time.

7 You know, and I, for one would be willing
8 to help do that and help the courts and help the
9 defendants. But I suggest that you talk to them about
10 that -- and I'm sure you've thought about it. I just
11 want to say it out loud.

12 MR. RAMSEY: I appreciate that and I'll be
13 happy to look into that and see -- see what we can do.

14 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: 'Cause there's going
15 to be a lot of conversations that the courts want, you
16 know? Different people changing dates or doing this or
17 doing that. Happens constantly every day and you know.
18 You just got to have a way to service that. And calling
19 up dead phone numbers, that's no "problema".

20 All right. Moving on --

21 MR. MCKINNEY: No, hang on.

22 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: -- to Number 6 --

23 MR. MCKINNEY: No, no, no, no. Don't move
24 on yet. I've got a couple more questions.

25 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: All right. Go ahead.

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1 MR. MCKINNEY: Tommy, it appeared from the
2 notice that we received that there was a claim that
3 there were no assets; and therefore, there should be no
4 proof of claim filed. Where --

5 Does she not have a deposit up with the
6 County for the Bail Bond Board?

7 MR. RAMSEY: Well, it was my understanding
8 that she did. I'm not sure if I've seen that, "no
9 assets" part, why --

10 Essentially, the status of the collateral
11 is one of issues I was going to discuss with the
12 attorney that's handling it this afternoon.

13 MR. BUTERA: This is Michael Butera. She
14 does have collateral up and I think 10,000 but I could
15 be wrong on that amount, Troy. I've got all the
16 paperwork here and collateral is part of (inaudible.)

17 MS. KASE: (Inaudible.) "requested". This
18 is Kathryn Kase.

19 MR. BUTERA: I can conceive that. I mean,
20 it's been -- Ms. Campbell's been a bondsman for decades.
21 So the main corpus of it would have been when she was
22 first licensed. I don't know when it was added to or --
23 I haven't reconstructed the history on that.

24 MR. OSBORNE: Y'all need for me to dig that
25 out? This is Dylan Osborne, the County Treasurer.

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1 MR. MCKINNEY: Yes. Could you do it right
2 now or is it a later thing?

3 MR. OSBORNE: It may be later. My staff
4 member that normally handles this is working from home
5 due to COVID. But give me one second. Let me check and
6 I might have it handy.

7 MR. MCKINNEY: We'll he's doing that, my
8 second question or my second thing that, perhaps, we
9 need to discuss in relation to this is: There may need
10 to be a notice from us to all the relevants courts --
11 county, district -- maybe just the courts in which there
12 are bonds pending -- with regard to the fact there is a
13 bankruptcy. I'm not so sure that a forfeiture that
14 would result in filing a judgment NISI wouldn't violate
15 the stay.

16 MR. BUTERA: But Troy -- this is Michael
17 Butera. We've been trying to think through the best way
18 to do that. I'm looking at a pretty recent version of
19 the O62 which is the county report that should show us
20 all of the pending bonds that Ms. Campbell has out. I
21 have actually 169 total cases out of -- someone else
22 mentioned the number so it's slightly off, slightly
23 higher than that number. And I kind of did a
24 calculation and there is a case pending -- at least
25 one case -- in all 22 district courts and all 16

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1 misdemeanor courts and I can't speak to JP at this time
2 but it does touch every court. Some courts just have
3 one case, but -- so it's definitely a court-wide
4 issue.

5 MR. MCKINNEY: There may need to be
6 something from the County Attorney's Office to the
7 judges instructing them on what they can and can't do in
8 light of the bankruptcy filing. I don't think any of
9 the judges or even including this court really want to
10 be on the back end of violating a mandatory stay,
11 double judgment -- double bankruptcy judgment --

12 MR. BUTERA: Yeah. I can't just say --
13 this is Michael Butera. From our perspective,
14 obviously, we're -- the DA's Office perspective -- we're
15 very aware of the situation and what the stay means.

16 So we're aware of one unpaid judgment
17 that we've taken no action on because we don't feel like
18 we can. And any NISIs that were to come through would
19 not be pushed forward by us because we're definitely
20 aware of the situation.

21 I should also say just as a matter of
22 update -- I don't think it's improper to mention -- that
23 there was a communication from Ms. Campbell's bankruptcy
24 attorney who I've had several conversations with. I
25 know others on the Board may have visited with and he

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1 communicated last Friday -- I think it was and I
2 forwarded that information to Tommy Ramsey and the
3 Sheriff's Office -- that Ms. Campbell wrote a letter --
4 why do I have a lost for words -- giving up,
5 surrendering her bonding license. That's just FYI on
6 that.

7 MR. MCKINNEY: That solves the problem of
8 her not writing any more bonds.

9 MR. BUTERA: Well -- and the unpaid
10 judgment solves that problem because she was turned off
11 as soon as she had a judgment that was unpaid and that
12 was contemporaneous with the bankruptcy filing. So
13 luckily, there haven't been any bonds posted, I think,
14 all last month. So that we've been fortunate that
15 that's not been an issue.

16 MR. MCKINNEY: My understanding and you --
17 somebody can correct me if I'm wrong -- is the process
18 once the court declares a forfeiture that the clerk as a
19 matter of administrative function issues the judgment
20 NISI.

21 MR. BUTERA: That's correct, Troy. This is
22 Michael Butera again. But then it comes to us to do
23 something with or take action on, so we are the next
24 part in that process.

25 MR. MCKINNEY: I get what you're -- I get

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1 you on the next step. I'm just concerned, perhaps, for
2 the Clerk's Office and/or the judges that order it that
3 doing so both declaring the forfeiture and/or filing the
4 NISI which is essentially filing a lawsuit might violate
5 the stay.

6 MR. BUTERA: Yeah. I don't know and I
7 would defer to Tommy to research that but I don't know
8 if a bankruptcy stay can stop all criminal processes
9 that are deemed mandatory by the Code of Criminal
10 Procedure. It's the code says that when someone fails
11 to appear in court, the Court shall enter a judgment
12 NISI. I don't know if a bankruptcy court --

13 And when I say I don't know, I mean, I
14 mean, I literally do not know, you know, if a bankruptcy
15 court petition would stop the entire criminal justice
16 process.

17 MR. MCKINNEY: I think it would -- it would
18 stop --

19 It would not stop a NISI for a, you know,
20 like a defendant. But as to the surety who is in
21 bankruptcy, you can't file suit against somebody who's
22 in bankruptcy.

23 MR. RAMSEY: Troy, this is --

24 MR. BUTERA: I'm saying I don't
25 know --

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1 MR. RAMSEY: Tommy Ramsey. I can --
2 I'd be happy to look into the issue about
3 whether the stay affects judgment NISI and all also on
4 the issue of notice to the courts. I can get with
5 Michael and we can work through that.

6 MS. KASE: This is Ms. -- this is Kathryn
7 Kase. If Ms. Campbell's given up her license, does that
8 rob us of, you know, any jurisdiction over any of this
9 as a Board, for any, you know, further involvement
10 basically?

11 MR. MCKINNEY: Kathryn, my -- my --
12 I think my answer to that question is no
13 because at least -- because we still control her deposit
14 subject to orders from bankruptcy court.

15 MR. OSBORNE: And on that note, Troy, looks
16 like according to our records, we have a hundred fifty
17 thousand dollars in CDs from that -- on that license
18 going back to 1992.

19 MR. MCKINNEY: Cool.

20 MR. OSBORNE: Did we --

21 Did somebody say what the total amount of
22 outstanding of bonds are on that license?

23 MR. BUTERA: I did not, Dylan, but I can
24 give you that number, I think. Looking -- and this is
25 just based on the 062 which, again, is the county

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1 report.

2 So if all 169 of these cases were to
3 forfeit -- which there are not in that posture now.
4 These are just ones that have been posted with regard to
5 forfeiture status or final judgement status. Their
6 total value is somewhere around \$1.8 million. And the
7 one final judgment that I mentioned that's not paid, I
8 don't have the paperwork in front of me but it was in
9 the -- it was somewhere around a thousand dollars,
10 probably --

11 MR. MCKINNEY: If she is --

12 If she only has \$150,000 up, how the heck
13 did she have 1.8 million in outstanding bonds?

14 SERGEANT DELEON: The way the ratio works
15 is she's 10 to 1 on the amount that she has on deposit.

16 Doesn't she have property up as well,
17 Dylan, or does she only have cash?

18 MR. OSBORNE: Let me check again. Let me
19 check the other files. Like I said, I'm trying to kind
20 of put that together --

21 SERGEANT DELEON: Yeah. I mean, this is --

22 This may take a little deeper dive but
23 remember, Troy, they work on a ratio so ...

24 MR. MCKINNEY: I understand.

25 SERGEANT DELEON: Yeah. And because --

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1 MR. MCKINNEY: I noticed it's 10 to 1.

2 SERGEANT DELEON: Exactly because she's
3 been since '92 so she's -- yeah. She's been a
4 bonds-person for a long time. So she would qualify as a
5 10 to 1. That's why.

6 MR. MCKINNEY: Yeah. Well, I heard --

7 MR. BUTERA: This is Michael Butera. This
8 is even --

9 Even if she's 10 to 1, she would be at
10 the maximum amount. That would be 1.5 million, you
11 know, not 1.8. So either there is real property or
12 there's just -- it's just off.

13 MR. OSBORNE: Yeah. I don't believe I keep
14 the records for real property. I believe that's housed
15 by the sheriff.

16 SERGEANT DELEON: Yeah. I have to --

17 Again, I won't -- I won't -- I have to do
18 a deeper dive into that to get you the actual -- to see
19 if there's property up as well.

20 MR. OSBORNE: So what happens to the
21 outstanding bonds that they have out as they go into
22 bankruptcy? Do -- I assume --

23 I mean, obviously, these people don't
24 just get picked up, right?

25 Does another bail bondsman get a chance to

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1 pick them up, pick up the bonds?

2 I mean, how does that work for people who
3 are currently out on bail?

4 MR. MCKINNEY: I have seen situations in
5 the past where a bondsman lost their license. I don't
6 know I've seen a bankruptcy where the courts have gone
7 through a process of declaring the surety -- basically
8 revoking the bonds declaring the surety insufficient,
9 making all these people go get their bonds.

10 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Oh, but that's really
11 unfair to the people.

12 MR. OSBORNE: It seems like it.

13 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: And as I said
14 earlier, if we could get the files, we can get someone
15 licensed under this act in Harris County to contact the
16 defendants and start servicing their accounts with the
17 courts.

18 MR. BUTERA: I mean, Glenn -- this is
19 Michael Butera. Are you -- here's the issue. I don't
20 know that anyone's articulating it.

21 But there's a hundred sixty-nine possible
22 defendants ranging probably -- and again, I'm not basing
23 this on a deep analysis -- but ranging probably from a
24 basic B level or even some JP case misdemeanors to, you
25 know, the most serious of felonies. So there's a huge

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1 wide range of bonds. They paid Ms. Campbell to post the
2 bond for them.

3 Who's going to step up and monitor
4 defendants that they don't have a financial relationship
5 with? I mean, I would be elated to hear that there's
6 someone who's going to do that.

7 But who's going to do that? Are they
8 going to try to gather another fee from that defendant?

9 I just -- I don't have any of those
10 answers. I'm just trying to figure out how that would
11 work going forward.

12 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: What has happened in
13 the past is the phone number that was associated with
14 the license was transferred to the person that was going
15 to run off the liability and with the understanding that
16 any bonds that came in on that license make those bonds.
17 And that would actually pay you for doing it.

18 My company could absorb it and we could
19 service all of those. I would certainly want to work
20 something out. And I would not want to charge any more
21 of the defendants at all -- because that's not their
22 fault and they shouldn't have to pay the money. But
23 there should be some type of accommodation.

24 You know, Tommy, if -- if they would
25 release the phone number and I could get the phone

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1 numbers switched to my office -- which I have the room
2 for on my switchboard -- and we could get the files, I
3 would volunteer to take that job on provided we got the
4 phone number.

5 MR. MCKINNEY: I think that's probably a
6 (inaudible.), not a bail bond thing.

7 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Well, it is for Tommy
8 to get the phone number and the files.

9 MR. MCKINNEY: Right. I'm just not sure
10 that phone number could be assigned, to be given to
11 somebody without --

12 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: I don't know. That's
13 what Tommy have to work out.

14 MR. RAMSEY: Well -- this is Tommy. I'd be
15 happy to look into that.

16 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Yeah. And call me,
17 Tommy, if you want to talk about it when you talk to the
18 lawyer, you know. You know how to find me. I'll be
19 glad to do what I can do but I don't --

20 I think -- and I understand what Troy is
21 saying about the courts finding the bonds
22 insufficient -- and I know that has been done before but
23 that's not fair to the defendants.

24 MR. MCKINNEY: Oh, I agree completely.

25 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: So ...

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1 HONORABLE RODRIGUEZ: And Tommy --

2 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: I want to be a part
3 of any solution.

4 HONORABLE RODRIGUEZ: Along that same vein
5 as the Chair is referring to, perhaps you can ask the
6 lawyers how and if all of the people who currently have
7 a bond with that company, if they are --

8 Who's going to take the responsibility to
9 uniformly notify them of the status of their bondsmen?

10 I think it would be proper to let the
11 Board know, let's say: Is the bankruptcy lawyer going
12 to take that on to notify everyone that their
13 bonds-person has failed bankruptcy or how is -- how are
14 they planning on addressing that?

15 I think that's a fair inquiry.

16 MR. RAMSEY: Okay.

17 MR. MCKINNEY: My suggestion would be --
18 this is a -- I'm not so sure this is a Bail Bond Board
19 thing.

20 But obviously the Clerk's Office could
21 identify the cases and the lawyers on those cases and it
22 would -- it might be helpful to at least notify the
23 lawyers notifying --

24 That'll be much easier for the Clerk's
25 Office to do or at least generate a list for somebody

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1 else to do than ...

2 MS. SNIVELY: Yeah. You're right. We
3 could --

4 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Well, you know, the
5 truth of it is, Troy, the Clerk's Office does not always
6 have a good address.

7 MR. MCKINNEY: Well, that's why I'm saying,
8 the lawyers, not the -- they send emails to lawyers.
9 They -- I get the Clerk's Office doesn't -- won't
10 necessarily have good addresses on the defendants.

11 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: And that's why if you
12 had the files, you get good addresses. I think --

13 Tommy, I'll be glad to help in whatever
14 manner I can.

15 MR. RAMSEY: Okay. Well, I -- I will
16 definitely reach out and start looking into these into
17 issues.

18 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Okay. And call me if
19 you need anything, okay.

20 MR. RAMSEY: Will do.

21 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: All right. Anything
22 further on that?

23 All right. We will go to Item No. 6.

24 Discussion and possible action regarding
25 changes to Sections 1 through 21 of the Local Rules

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1 focussing on Section 1.C.2.

2 And this is the item that Tommy Ramsey
3 had requested for us to put on the agenda for this month
4 and he has been researching it.

5 Tommy, what do -- what do we got to say,
6 sir?

7 MR. RAMSEY: Well, the short of it is --
8 and as I mentioned in last month's meeting was the
9 (inaudible.) to agents of a corporate surety exceeds the
10 limits of what the Board can touch through local rules.

11 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Okay. Anyone else
12 have any discussion?

13 MR. BUTERA: Tommy, this is Michael Butera.

14 Can I just ask -- 'cause your answer
15 furthering the context of a corporate surety because
16 that's how we come across this multiple times over the
17 last few months we discussed it.

18 Would you restrict that to applications
19 to a corporate surety or in addition to a property
20 bondsman? What would your opinion be on that?

21 MR. RAMSEY: Well, the property bondsman
22 would be -- let me pull up the -- sorry. My other
23 screen just froze.

24 Well, yeah. I mean, it -- to the extent
25 that it would limit the amounts, essentially 10 to 1

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1 ratio, for instance, that was mentioned with a prior
2 item --

3 To the extent that it would limit the
4 amount that a property bondsman could write based on
5 whatever ratio applies to them -- if they're eight years
6 in and 10 to 1 or it's -- I believe it's -- what is
7 it -- 5 to 1 prior to that? Then yeah, I do think it
8 would exceed the Board's authority to --

9 MR. MCKINNEY: Tommy ...

10 MR. RAMSEY: -- the local rule.

11 MR. MCKINNEY: Tommy, if we amended that
12 rule to add a sentence on the end that said: This rule
13 does not apply to a corporate surety licensed by the
14 State of Texas," would that solve the problem?

15 HONORABLE RODRIGUEZ: I believe --

16 I believe it would if we are inclined to
17 change it at all. That would be the change that I would
18 be inclined to make if we make any changes at all at
19 this time.

20 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: That was Judge
21 Rodriguez.

22 MR. BUTERA: Michael Butera. Do you mind
23 repeating what you said? I didn't --

24 I think I caught it but I just want to
25 make sure I got your proposed change.

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1 MR. MCKINNEY: The proposed change would be
2 to do add a sentence to the end of C(2) that says:
3 "This subsection does not apply to a corporate surety
4 licensed by the State of Texas."

5 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Is that a motion?

6 MR. MCKINNEY: Not yet. I'm just asking
7 Tommy whether he think that solves the --

8 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: I understand that.

9 MR. MCKINNEY: -- the issue.

10 MR. RAMSEY: I'm sorry --

11 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: It's a discussion and
12 all I hear is silence.

13 MR. RAMSEY: I'm sorry. I didn't realize
14 it was a question.

15 Yeah. I mean, that would address the
16 issue with corporate surety. And I can --

17 I can double check on the property
18 bondsman issue for, you know, for the -- for a future
19 date, if the Board would like.

20 MR. MOORE: Mr. Chairman, this is Roger
21 Moore for American Surety. With respect to
22 Mr. McKinney's comment, rather than say "and licensed by
23 the State of Texas", only a corporation licensed by
24 this -- I mean, an insurance company authorized to do
25 business in Texas can be licensed by the Board.

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1 I think the rule ought to say, "licensed
2 by the Harris County Bail Bond Board", that is, "a
3 corporation licensed by the Harris County Bail Bond
4 Board".

5 MR. MCKINNEY: I -- I agree with that.

6 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Okay. Is there
7 anything other discussion out there?

8 HONORABLE RODRIGUEZ: Yes. I was on mute.
9 Excuse me.

10 We could further shorten it to say that
11 it does not apply to corporate sureties and just leave
12 it at that, corporate sureties in Harris County.

13 MR. MCKINNEY: I don't think we want to go
14 that broad because if we just limit it to corporate
15 sureties, that might include people who aren't already
16 licensed by the Harris County Bail Bond Board.

17 HONORABLE RODRIGUEZ: Right. I wanted to
18 mirror the language that you said, Counsel McKinney.

19 MR. MCKINNEY: Right. I'd like the
20 suggestion that we got a minute ago that says: "This
21 subsection does not apply to an insurance company or a
22 corporate" -- what was the wording on that?

23 MR. MOORE: A corporate surety licensed by
24 the Harris County --

25 MR. MCKINNEY: A corporate --

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1 "A corporate surety licensed by the
2 Harris County Bail Bond Board," and I would move that we
3 amend the rule to so state.

4 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: So I have a motion --

5 HONORABLE RODRIGUEZ: Judge Rodriguez
6 seconds.

7 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: And Judge Rodriguez
8 seconds.

9 Is there any further discussion?

10 SERGEANT DELEON: So Judge --

11 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: All those in favor,
12 signify --

13 SERGEANT DELEON: Just before we --

14 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: I'm sorry.

15 SERGEANT DELEON: Before we move forward.
16 This is Sergeant DeLeon. You know, amending -- amending
17 this rule, the County -- the Sheriff's Office will work
18 with the different insurance companies in order to make
19 sure that the qualifying powers are all correct.
20 Currently right now the way our software system works,
21 we are using the power as our guide for not allowing a
22 bondsman to write over a certain amount. There is some
23 housekeeping that we'll have to do when we make this
24 change.

25 So I just want to make sure that the

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1 insurance companies know that there still has to be some
2 leg work on the back end even that has to be done in
3 order for us to get this up and running.

4 MR. MCKINNEY: Is the --

5 Is the 10 days between now and the time
6 our order becomes effective sufficient time for that to
7 happen or would you need more time?

8 SERGEANT DELEON: That's -- again, that's
9 up to -- we only have --

10 We only have two -- maybe three insurance
11 representatives right now so there's a few more that are
12 out there that would not know about this.

13 And on our end, we'd be able to put into
14 the system and the 10 days we'd be able to put into the
15 system what's on file. But if an insurance company
16 wanted then to put in a different qualifying power, then
17 that is going to be most definitely something that we'll
18 do as we get them in to the office.

19 MR. MCKINNEY: Explain to me what you mean
20 in this context by qualifying power.

21 SERGEANT DELEON: Well, the qualifying
22 powers is for each bondsman -- actually, you know, I
23 don't want to speak for the bonding companies -- but
24 that gives them the limits per se that each bondsman can
25 write; is that correct?

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1 Which insurance groups do I have on right
2 now?

3 MR. BELL: Steven Bell. I don't -- I'm a
4 little -- not understanding the confusion that you have
5 because we're tied to a specific bondsman that is
6 determined by the insurance company. They literally
7 could change that tomorrow if they want to.

8 SERGEANT DELEON: Right.

9 MR. BELL: "Deposit" the time separate --
10 Just so it's an entirely separate issue.
11 It has nothing to do with that. And this is --

12 SERGEANT DELEON: Correct. But --

13 MR. BELL: What will happen is -- yeah.

14 So they have nothing to do with one
15 another.

16 SERGEANT DELEON: Well, no, no. So --

17 MR. BUTERA: Steven Bell, this is Michael,
18 they do. Steven, this is Michael Butera. And maybe --
19 I hope this clarifies really the confusion thing.

20 So every time a corporate applicant gives
21 over an application or like Steven said, they can change
22 whenever they want to. They determine the ceiling, the
23 maximum amount that the agents they are licensing in
24 posting bail total. The reason it ties in, though,
25 Steven, historically the Sheriff's Office would receive

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1 an application. And because of this local rule, they
2 would say, okay, "Insurance Company, you chose to put
3 down \$30,000 for Agent A; therefore, your license --
4 your qualifying power should mirror the local rule and
5 say \$50,000."

6 Is that right, Sergeant DeLeon?

7 SERGEANT DELEON: Right. So we have
8 several that are like that, right? So that's your
9 limit. And that's what I'm -- that's what I'm --

10 MR. BUTERA: Then when they put up \$250,000
11 in collateral; and therefore, the qualifying power could
12 not be more than \$250,000. Well, now -- and this is all
13 fine. I'm not saying this can't happen.

14 But if the local rule gets amended --
15 which is perfectly fine -- then the qualifying power
16 doesn't have to match the amount of collateral that the
17 surety -- the agent has posted. And I think Sergeant
18 DeLeon's point is in their system --

19 Let's say a corporation like we had on
20 last month that put up the 101 million-dollar qualifying
21 power of attorney on their agent. I don't think there's
22 any way for the Sheriff's Office to know in realtime how
23 much that agent has had posted and if the person at the
24 bonding window is going to exceed the amount that the
25 corporation has said they're willing to let that agent

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1 post which you might think --

2 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Placed on any single
3 bond.

4 SERGEANT DELEON: Right.

5 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: That's not -- that's
6 not in total.

7 MR. BELL: Correct. And I --

8 And Mike, I -- and I understand exactly
9 what you're saying. I will tell you that the
10 licenses -- and I don't want to speak out of turn
11 because I've quite a few.

12 The licenses that I've done, the
13 qualifying powers quite honestly are generally generic
14 and they're -- the majority of the ones that I've done
15 as of late we've put up a million dollar qualifying
16 power. Because understand, they can have a million
17 dollar qualifying power but if they don't have a power
18 in hand to write a bond that big, it's irrelevant. So
19 that --

20 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: That is correct.

21 MR. BELL: So I do understand what you're -

22 MR. BUTERA: Multiple powers. There's the
23 general power and then there's the particular power that
24 is accompanying each bond. We're talking about the
25 general power that the corporation gives when the

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1 individual is licensed just so we're on the same page.

2 And maybe I'm just misunderstanding the conversation --

3 SERGEANT DELEON: Right. So what I'm
4 saying is --

5 MR. BUTERA: -- so I'll step back.

6 SERGEANT DELEON: What I'm saying is that
7 insurance companies, it is on them. It is on insurance
8 companies to, you know, go to our web site, understand
9 that this rule has changed. And if there's any --
10 if there's any amendment need to be made to powers that
11 they have on file, well, then it will be up to them.
12 What I'm --

13 On a computer system, the county -- the
14 Sheriff's Office now on the computer system, once we
15 amend this rule -- if that's that way we do -- what the
16 Sheriff's Office is going to do is we're going to go
17 look at the 80 plus bondsmen that we have, we'll look at
18 the power that's on file that was filed when they were
19 renewed and we will use that as the ceiling for us to
20 take a bond because that's all we have. That's what I'm
21 saying.

22 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Correct. Correct.

23 MR. GOOD: Correct -- and this is Ken Good.

24 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: And just for
25 reference --

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1 MR. GOOD: I mean, this is Ken Good. I
2 just wanted to comment. That is the practice that the
3 insurance companies by enlarge follow. That is how they
4 internally tracks someone's right -- ability to write a
5 bond is with the qualifying powers. But while this may
6 be new on the County's part, this is common practice
7 outside of Harris County and that's the way the
8 insurance industry tracks their agents ability to post
9 bonds. And so this is not something that will be new to
10 the insurance industry.

11 SERGEANT DELEON: Okay.

12 MR. GOOD: And they -- and they -- they --
13 they have --

14 And there's all kinds of internal
15 procedures they have for -- if it's above a certain
16 amount, then they have to go within the company to get
17 approval before they even present a new -- a new --

18 So there's all kinds of checks and
19 balances already in place but -- and they will be --
20 continued to be caught.

21 SERGEANT DELEON: Okay. But it -- would
22 it --

23 HONORABLE RODRIGUEZ: Thank you, Mr. Good.

24 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: In addition to
25 that --

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1 HONORABLE RODRIGUEZ: That was very
2 informative.

3 SERGEANT DELEON: But within the 10 days --

4 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: In addition --

5 SERGEANT DELEON: But within the 10 days,
6 the Sheriff's Office will have enough time to make
7 those -- those amendments.

8 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: In addition to that,
9 an insurance company has to take that qualifying power
10 of attorney to the District Clerk's Office as it's done
11 now in every renewal or application. They have to file
12 that with the District Clerk's Office and that has to be
13 mailed from the District Clerk's Office or the Sheriff's
14 Department. So it's not an instantaneous thing. They
15 can't walk up to the window and throw down a new
16 qualifying power.

17 MR. MCKINNEY: Everybody will have --

18 Everybody will have 10 days between --
19 assuming we approve this -- between now and the time it
20 goes into effect to take care of their business.

21 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Yes. Any other
22 discussion?

23 I have a motion on the floor and a second
24 to change Rule 1.C.2 as read by Mr. McKinney.

25 Once again, any other discussion?

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

3 THE BOARD: Aye.

4 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Any opposed? Any
5 abstentions?

6 The motion carries.

7 MR. BELL: Thank you very much. I
8 greatly appreciate that.

9 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: All right. Now, is
10 there any further business before the Board?

11 Chair will entertain a motion to adjourn
12 until next month.

13 MR. OSBORNE: Motion to adjourn, Dylan
14 Osborne.

15 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: And a second by ...

16 MR. MCKINNEY: McKinney.

17 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Troy McKinney.

18 All those in favor --

19 THE BOARD: Aye.

20 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Opposed?

21 Thank you, ladies and gentlemen. That
22 carries and I will talk to you in August. Bye-bye.

23 (Meeting adjourned at 2:27 p.m.)
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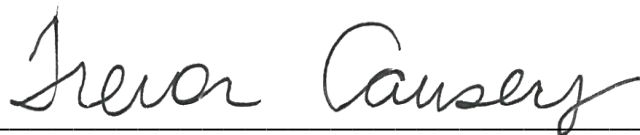
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