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\*\*\* Appearing via Zoom \*\*\*

Glenn Strickland, Chairman

Honorable Angela D. Rodriguez, Vice Chairman

Michael Butera, designee for District Attorney Kim Ogg

Honorable Oswald Scott, Designee for J. Elaine Marshall

Dylan Osborne, Harris County Treasurer

Judith Snively, designee for M. Burgess, District Clerk

Sisto DeLeon, designee for Sheriff Ed Gonzalez

Deputy David Kern, Harris County Sheriff's Office

Leslie Rubio, Recorder, Harris County Sheriff's Office

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P R O C E E D I N G S

CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Ms. Case ...

(Not present.)

CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Snively, I see  
you.

Judge Martin ...

(Not present.)

CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Judge Baldwin ...

(Not present.)

CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Troy McKinney ...

(Not present.)

CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Okay. We've got 1,  
2, 3, 4, 5 -- I show six Members of the Board online.  
Four is a quorum so I will call this meeting to order.

The first order of business is old  
business -- no. Reading of prior minutes.

If everyone has read the minutes, I'll  
entertain a motion.

MR. BUTERA: This is Michael Butera.

I'll make a motion to approve.

CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Do I have a second?

MR. OSBORNE: I'll second. Dylan Osborne.

CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Thank you,  
Mr. Osborne.

Any discussion?

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

3 THE BOARD: Aye.

4 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Any opposed?

5 Motion passes.

6 Number B, old business, request made by  
7 U.S. Specialty Insurance Company, Agent Derissa Cheatham  
8 DBA Roadrunner Bail Bonds II, License No. 74580 to  
9 return the security deposit, \$50,000, California United  
10 Bank, CD No. 182567869. JP mailed on 2/5 of 2021.

11 Ms. Cheatham, are you here? Anyone here  
12 for --

13 MR. PADILLA: Yeah --

14 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: (Inaudible.).

15 MR. PADILLA: Mike Padilla.

16 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: There you go.

17 MR. PADILLA: Mike Padilla.

18 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Thank you, Mike.

19 Anybody have any questions for

20 Mr. Padilla?

21 MR. BUTERA: Glenn, this is Michael Butera.

22 So we carried this over last month at my  
23 request because there was a pending case that was open.  
24 We were able to get that case deposed and it has been  
25 paid so nothing would prevent the return of the

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1 collateral.

2 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Okay.

3 MR. BUTERA: So I'll --

4 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Chair will entertain  
5 a motion.

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

8 HONORABLE SCOTT: Judge Scott, I'll second.

9 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Any further  
10 discussion?

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

13 THE BOARD: Aye.

14 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Any opposed?

15 Motion carries.

16 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Under new business is  
17 a request for a new license.

18 Did Judge Rodriguez get on yet?

19 Okay. Since this is a license for myself,  
20 I'm going to step aside as Chair and pass it to  
21 Mr. Butera.

22 Who's talking back there in the  
23 background?

24 Mr. Butera, if you would take over as  
25 Chair for this item, and then I'll take back the Chair

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1 after we get through it.

2 (Chairman Strickland steps down as Chair.)

3 (Mr. Butera proceeds as acting Chair.)

4 MR. BUTERA: Glenn, so this is new business  
5 Item No. 1, request for a new license for Allegheny  
6 Casualty Company, Agent Glenn Strickland will be doing  
7 business as AA-1 Bonding Company, 4801 Katy Freeway,  
8 Houston, Texas 77007. License number to be determined.  
9 Phone number is (713) 759-0000 and it's a two-year  
10 license.

11 Glenn, obviously, you're here.

12 And who's here from the insurance  
13 company?

14 MR. STRICKLAND: Ken Good.

15 MR. GOOD: Ken Good.

16 MR. BUTERA: Okay. Would you both raise  
17 your right hand?

18 (Witnesses sworn.)

19 MR. BUTERA: All right. So let's go, I  
20 guess, around. Questions? Any questions from the  
21 Sheriff's Office?

22 SERGEANT DELEON: The application --

23 Application is in order. No questions.

24 MR. BUTERA: Okay. I see Judge Rodriguez  
25 is here.



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1 Judge, good afternoon.

2 HONORABLE RODRIGUEZ: All right. Good  
3 afternoon. If you want to go ahead and complete this  
4 one and then we'll go from there.

5 MR. BUTERA: Okay. I was about to ask you  
6 if you'd love to take over because it would be my  
7 pleasure to hand it over to you but it's your choice.

8 HONORABLE RODRIGUEZ: Thank you. Go ahead  
9 and continue on this one.

10 MR. BUTERA: Very good. Thank you, Judge.

11 So thanks, Sergeant DeLeon.

12 Anybody else? Mr. Osborne ...

13 MR. OSBORNE: No questions.

14 MR. BUTERA: Okay. I do not have any  
15 questions.

16 So moving to the right side of the table,  
17 Judith ...

18 MS. SNIVELY: No questions.

19 MR. BUTERA: Judge Scott, anyone?

20 HONORABLE SCOTT: No questions.

21 MR. BUTERA: All right. Very good.

22 If there are no additional questions, I'll  
23 entertain a motion to approve.

24 MR. OSBORNE: I'll a make to motion.

25 MR. BUTERA: All right.

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1 MS. SNIVELY: I'll second that motion.

2 MR. BUTERA: Motion by Mr. Osborne and  
3 second by Ms. Snively.

4 All those in favor, please say aye.

5 THE BOARD: Aye.

6 MR. BUTERA: Anyone opposed?

7 All right. Congratulations, Glenn.

8 MR. STRICKLAND: Thank you so much.

9 MR. GOOD: Thank you.

10 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: All right. I'm going  
11 to retain my Chair position and go to Number 2.

12 (Mr. Butera steps down as acting Chair.)

13 (Mr. Strickland proceeds as Chair.)

14 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Request for a new  
15 license, Allegheny Casualty Company, Agent Marc Metze  
16 DBA Better Now Than Later Bail Bonds II, 2524 Southmore  
17 Boulevard, Houston, Texas 77004. License number to be  
18 determined. Phone number (713) 226-6700, two-year  
19 license.

20 Mr. Metze ...

21 MR. RAMSEY: Glenn, can I cut in real  
22 quick? This is Tommy Ramsey from the County Attorney's  
23 Office.

24 I just want to clarify that you were  
25 abstaining on the last vote.

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1 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Absolutely. I  
2 stepped aside and let Mike Butera be Chair.

3 MR. RAMSEY: Right, right. I just  
4 wanted --

5 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: And I did not --

6 MR. RAMSEY: I just wanted to clarify it  
7 for the record.

8 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: I did abstain.

9 MR. BUTERA: All right. And --

10 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Okay.

11 MR. BUTERA: Tommy and Glenn, if I could  
12 just say we forgot to make a mention of any public  
13 comment at the beginning of the meeting so we should do  
14 that now.

15 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: I'm going to do that  
16 now.

17 If there's anyone in the audience that  
18 has a comment on anything that we're discussing, get my  
19 attention and we will certainly address you and give you  
20 the opportunity to say something. And if any Member  
21 wishes to abstain during any vote, I will also be asking  
22 that question.

23 So Mr. Metze, I see you online.

24 MR. METZE: Yes. Good morning -- good  
25 afternoon.

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1 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: And Ken, are you  
2 representing him also?

3 MR. GOOD: Yes, sir.

4 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: And Ken Good has  
5 already been sworn in.

6 Mr. Metze, if you would raise your right  
7 hand, please.

8 (Witness sworn.)

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

11 MR. METZE: Mark Adam Metze.

12 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Thank you.

13 And Sergeant DeLeon ...

14 SERGEANT DELEON: The application is in  
15 order. The Sheriff's Office inspected the property, and  
16 we have no further questions in regard to this license.

17 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Mr. Butera ...

18 MR. BUTERA: No questions from the DA's  
19 Office.

20 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Ms. Snively ...

21 MS. SNIVELY: (No response.)

22 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Judge Rodriguez ...

23 HONORABLE RODRIGUEZ: No questions. Thank  
24 you.

25 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Mr. Osborne ...

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1 MR. OSBORNE: I'm good.

2 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: All right. Chair  
3 will entertain a motion.

4 MR. BUTERA: This is Michael Butera. I'll  
5 make a motion to approve.

6 MS. SNIVELY: I'll second that motion.

7 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: That was by  
8 Ms. Snively. Thank you.

9 Any discussion?

10 All those in favor, signify by saying aye.

11 THE BOARD: Aye.

12 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Any opposed? Any  
13 abstentions?

14 Congratulations, Mr. Metze. You got a  
15 new license.

16 MR. METZE: Thank you. Be safe.

17 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: All right. Number 3  
18 is a request for renewal of license, Tina Lyles DBA  
19 Jailbusters Bonding Company, 1400 Washington Avenue,  
20 Houston, Texas 77002. Original date is 4/11/1984.  
21 Expiration date is 4/21/2021. License No. 74183. Phone  
22 number: (713) 228-7777. This is a three-year license.

23 Tina ...

24 MS. LYLES: Yes, hello.

25 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: All right. And who

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1 is representing you, Tina? Do you have anyone with you?

2 MS. LYLES: Ken Good.

3 MR. GOOD: I am. My name is Ken Good.

4 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: All right. Tina, if  
5 you'd raise your right hand, please.

6 (Witness sworn.)

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

9 MS. LYLES: Tina Lyles.

10 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Thank you.

11 Sergeant DeLeon ...

12 SERGEANT DELEON: The application is in  
13 order. The Sheriff's Office did visit the property. We  
14 spoke to the manager that was on duty. His name was  
15 Jack.

16 In regards to the employees, the employee  
17 list we did discuss. One of the employees seem to be  
18 under 18 and we wanted to make sure that he was not  
19 actually taking bonds and this particular employee is  
20 labor.

21 The license is in ratio. Everything else  
22 seem to be fine with the application and we had no other  
23 questions.

24 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: All right. Thank  
25 you.

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1 Mr. Butera ...

2 MR. BUTERA: Yes, Glenn.

3 Tina, I do have a couple of quick  
4 questions.

5 So I would draw your attention to your  
6 personal financial statement and just a couple of  
7 follow-up questions on that. And my --

8 MS. LYLES: Okay.

9 MR. BUTERA: -- copy, it's page 23.  
10 there --

11 I saw at the back of your application  
12 there were two different PPP loans that you took out  
13 recently. And as part of that loan application, I guess  
14 you have to swear that you're going to use the loan for  
15 permissible purposes like salary, rent, utilities, et  
16 cetera and you had checked off, you know, employee,  
17 salaries, rent and utilities. But then on your personal  
18 financial statement, there's -- in the rent box, there's  
19 no value there so I'm just going to follow up.

20 Do you have a rental payment? How would  
21 you quantify that?

22 MS. LYLES: Yes, sir, I do. The rent is  
23 \$2,400 a month.

24 And I apologize. My bookkeeper is  
25 relatively new to the position and it was simply an

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1 oversight on the financial part out of it, the financial  
2 statement. It was not intentional and I even missed it.  
3 I apologize.

4 I have had some medical issues lately and I  
5 had been on some medication and so it was just an  
6 oversight on my part and I'm very, very sorry. And  
7 we're happy to correct it and you know, even send it  
8 back over today to the Sheriff's Department.

9 MR. BUTERA: Okay. I mean, I think just  
10 filling in that information for us at the meeting is  
11 sufficient for me. I just had a question 'cause I was  
12 trying to reconcile those two things. So that's --  
13 that's one of my main questions.

14 A second question I had: Do you know or  
15 what is your intent with the PPP loan?

16 Are you hoping to apply for forgiveness?  
17 Are you expecting to pay that back?

18 What is the situation with those  
19 liabilities?

20 MS. LYLES: We have currently applied for  
21 loan forgiveness on the first one, and we anticipate  
22 that we will receive the loan forgiveness.

23 MR. BUTERA: Okay. Yeah. It's a little --  
24 Who knows how that's going to turn out?  
25 So I didn't know if you -- what your intentions were.



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1 I was just curious.

2 So I'll just flag for the Board. I do  
3 have a question and some issues regarding a date but I  
4 think I'll set those aside for now.

5 And if anyone has any application  
6 questions, then I could circle back to that when  
7 everyone's done.

8 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Okay.

9 MR. BUTERA: Thank you, Tina.

10 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Mr. Osborne ...

11 MR. OSBORNE: No questions.

12 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Judge Scott ...

13 HONORABLE SCOTT: No questions.

14 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Ms. Snively ...

15 MS. SNIVELY: No questions.

16 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Judge Rodriguez ...

17 HONORABLE RODRIGUEZ: No questions, sir.

18 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Chair will entertain  
19 a motion.

20 Glenn, actually, if I can come back. This  
21 is a brief comment or to bring to the Board's attention  
22 and --

23 This is an issue that has arisen a few  
24 times and is, I'm sure, frustrating for the applicant,  
25 frustrating for us.

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1 I would just point out -- according to  
2 the paperwork I have -- the agenda and everything, that  
3 the expiration date of this license is April the 21st,  
4 2021.

5 Today is the 14th of April. And under  
6 the Occupations Code -- at least my reading of  
7 1704.104 -- is that any rule or action taken by the  
8 Board has to be posted for ten days before it's  
9 effective, meaning any action we take today on the 14th  
10 is not effective until the 24th. So unfortunately, just  
11 looking closely at the timeline, it looks like this  
12 license expires on the 21st before whatever action the  
13 Board would take today would be effective on the 24th.

14 This issue has come up in the past. It's  
15 always frustrating. It's unsatisfying to me because  
16 Tina has been a bondsman since 1984 and I don't have any  
17 opposition on the facts or the face of her application  
18 to a renewal.

19 My question for Tommy is: Doesn't this  
20 license expire or as matter of law before the Board's --  
21 let's just say approval would become effective on the  
22 24th?

23 MR. RAMSEY: Well -- and when this has come  
24 up in the past, I believe the Board has essentially --  
25 if they approve it, they will approve it for -- with the

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1 agreement that the bondsman take no action on -- during  
2 the period between the license, the end of the ten days  
3 and the license expiration. But the Board --

4           Essentially, what I'm getting at is the  
5 approval of the item, I would think, would be effective  
6 as the date of the meeting, although the item, you  
7 wouldn't be able to write under the item. I mean, I'd  
8 say -- we've gone into this before. My personal opinion  
9 is that -- and there's disagreement among different  
10 (inaudible.).

11           My personal opinion is that this section  
12 doesn't apply to renewals reading the statute as a  
13 whole. And the reason for that is because if you read  
14 it as a whole, the provision that applies to smaller  
15 counties wouldn't make any sense so --

16           But out an abundance of caution assuming it  
17 does apply, let's say, I think -- you know, I think that  
18 it would be within the statutes if the Board --

19           If the Board ended up approving it, let's  
20 say, I think it would be within the language that the  
21 statute would be. If the license renewal is effective  
22 as of the day the Board approves it but no action can be  
23 taken for the -- for the ten days, I guess is what I'm  
24 getting at.

25           MR. GOOD: This is Ken Good. If you would

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1 allow me to address that.

2 First of all, let me just say at the  
3 outset, you know, Ms. Lyles, I've spoken to her and  
4 she's willing to agree that if the Board in its  
5 discretion will renew the application that she will not  
6 write any bonds on the 22nd or the 23rd until the ten  
7 days goes into effect to the 24th.

8 Now, I will say that the turning in and  
9 this -- so I would make two arguments to kind of support  
10 that. Number one is an equatable argument. I think her  
11 application was turned in much more than 30 days before  
12 the meeting which is what your local rules require. It  
13 would have been turned in probably before 60 days before  
14 the last meeting -- I mean, before two meetings ago when  
15 we would have had this meeting last month but for the  
16 great freeze. And also because she's been licensed  
17 long, she had to have her DBA renewed and you -- as you  
18 are aware of from other licenses/applications, there's a  
19 delay in getting renewals or getting assumed  
20 names/certificates entered.

21 And then the second argument I would  
22 make is I would, you know, kind of bootstrap on what the  
23 County Attorney is saying. And I would encourage the  
24 Board to look at a couple of sections in more detail.  
25 Because I think there is the general rule and the Bail

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1 Bond Board acts about the ten day postdate. But I think  
2 there is a specific rule for applications. And since  
3 this is a renewal, the renewal (inaudible.) are the  
4 same rules for the original (inaudible.) But when --

5 (Talking in background.)

6 SERGEANT DELEON: Hold on one second.

7 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: There we go.

8 Go ahead, Ken.

9 MR. GOOD: And so I --

10 So the point that I'm making is there's a  
11 specific provision for applications that says when the  
12 Board considers an application, the order is conditional  
13 and then the condition has to be met within 90 days, is  
14 the filing of the CD. But once the CD is filed, anytime  
15 during that 90-day period, it becomes final. And so  
16 if --

17 I would argue that we have a different set  
18 of rules for applications. And since the renewal  
19 applications have to follow the same rule as the  
20 original application, that she's already fulfilled the  
21 CD requirement. So I believe that under the statute or  
22 the specific rules covering licenses, it would go into  
23 effect today.

24 But I am fully aware of what the Board  
25 has done in the past. And if the Board will approve

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1 that under all the circumstances that are going on --  
2 some out of her control -- she will agree to not write  
3 bonds for those two days. Thank you. That's all I have

4 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Okay. Mr. Butera,  
5 with the stipulation that Tina --

6 Tina, do you agree to that?

7 MS. LYLES: Yes, I agree.

8 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Okay. Mike, with the  
9 stipulations that were made by her not writing on that  
10 license for those two days, are you ready to entertain a  
11 motion?

12 MR. BUTERA: Of course. Anyone can --  
13 Oh, I'm sorry, Judge. Go ahead.

14 HONORABLE RODRIGUEZ: Hi. Let's stay  
15 within the gap because I believe the gap is more than  
16 two days. Could be three or four days.

17 MR. GOOD: Her license expires on the 21st.  
18 That's her current license. And the 10th day would be  
19 the 24th. So her license --

20 The renewal would go into effect under the  
21 ten days on the 24th and it would expire on the 21st.  
22 So we're only talking about the 22nd and the 23rd.

23 HONORABLE RODRIGUEZ: All right.

24 SERGEANT DELEON: So this is --

25 HONORABLE RODRIGUEZ: Thank you.

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1 SERGEANT DELEON: This is Sergeant DeLeon.

2 I make a motion to approve with the  
3 stipulation that she does not write for the two days.

4 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Okay. I have a  
5 motion. I need a second.

6 HONORABLE RODRIGUEZ: Judge Rodriguez  
7 seconds.

8 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Thank you.

9 Any further discussion?

10 All those in favor, signify by saying aye.

11 THE BOARD: Aye.

12 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Any opposed?

13 MR. BUTERA: Glenn, I'll just note my  
14 opposition. I don't think the Board has the power to  
15 extend an expiration date or revise an expired license.

16 So nothing -- nothing against you, Tina.  
17 I think it's just not an action that the Board can take  
18 so I'll just note my opposition.

19 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: We have one against.

20 Okay. Motion carries.

21 Tina, you have got another license for  
22 another three years.

23 MR. GOOD: Thank y'all very much.

24 MS. LYLES: Thank you, Members of the  
25 Board. Thank you very much.

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1 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: And 21 through 20 --  
2 or 22, 23, don't write anything on that license, okay?  
3 MS. LYLES: Okay. I got it.  
4 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: All right.  
5 MS. LYLES: Thank you so much.  
6 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Number 4 --  
7 MS. LYLES: Bye-bye, everybody.  
8 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Number 4, request for  
9 renewal of license, Johnny Ballard DBA Outlaw Bail  
10 Bonds, 12724 Woodforest Boulevard, Houston, Texas 77015.  
11 Original date is 5/9/2001. Expiration date is  
12 5/19/2021. The License No. 74435. Phone number:  
13 (713) 455-0680. This is for a three-year license.  
14 Johnny, who's here with you? Anybody?  
15 I can't hear you, Johnny. I cannot hear  
16 audio.  
17 Could anyone hear Johnny Ballard?  
18 MR. BALLARD: Can you hear me now?  
19 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Yes, yes.  
20 MR. BALLARD: Okay.  
21 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Is anyone with you,  
22 Johnny?  
23 MR. BALLARD: What's that?  
24 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Do you have any  
25 attorneys or anything with you?



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1 MR. BALLARD: No, no, no. No attorneys.

2 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: All right.

3 Raise your right hand, please.

4 (Witness sworn.)

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

7 MR. BALLARD: Johnny Dale Ballard.

8 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Thank you.

9 Starting around the horn.

10 Sergeant DeLeon ...

11 SERGEANT DELEON: The application seems to  
12 be in order. An inspection was done at the property and  
13 the current license is in ratio and we do not know of  
14 any money that's owed. We have no other questions or  
15 comments.

16 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Thank you. Thank  
17 you.

18 Mr. Butera ...

19 MR. OSBORNE: Chair, I have a point of  
20 order.

21 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Yes.

22 MR. OSBORNE: We seem to have lost our  
23 recording. I don't have a -- the little thing in the  
24 corner saying we're being recorded any longer.

25 MR. BUTERA: Mine is not there either so --

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1 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Mine -- mine -- mine

2 neither.

3 MR. OSBORNE: Bridgett ...

4 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Sergeant DeLeon,  
5 what's up?

6 SERGEANT DELEON: No, it's not -- it's not  
7 the Sheriff's Office. That's the County Attorney --  
8 that's Bridgett with the County Attorney.

9 MS. RUBIO: This is -- this is Leslie.

10 I'm recording with my phone.

11 Unfortunately, I am not the host so I cannot record.

12 Only the host has the capability of doing that but I'm  
13 recording with my phone so I've been recording since ...

14 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Is Denise online?

15 She was the one that did that before. Denise?

16 FEMALE: I didn't -- no, I didn't do it  
17 for recording.

18 SERGEANT DELEON: It's Bridgett.

19 MR. RAMSEY: I'm calling Bridgett right  
20 now. Just give me one second.

21 MR. OSBORNE: So who is --

22 Glenn, when we get these recordings, who  
23 does something with them?

24 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Sheriff's Office.

25 SERGEANT DELEON: Yes. So Leslie does the

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1 minutes. But the way it is designed right now is the  
2 account host is through the County Attorney's Office and  
3 that is Bridgett with the County Attorney that sets the  
4 session.

5 MR. OSBORNE: So what do you do with these  
6 recordings after the meeting?

7 SERGEANT DELEON: So we do the minutes and  
8 then we send them to the Clearinghouse to create a  
9 transcript.

10 MR. OSBORNE: Oh, okay.

11 MR. BUTERA: And Dylan, there's a statutory  
12 requirement that we either have to have a transcript or  
13 recording so that's why we (inaudible.).

14 I'll just note -- and I think Tommy is  
15 trying to get it sorted so that's great.

16 I'll just note if we do have at least the  
17 phone recording -- this is Michael Butera by the way for  
18 the record -- that would be sufficient, you know.  
19 Perhaps not the ideal but at least we do have a  
20 recording complying with the statute so ...

21 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: And Leslie --  
22 Leslie, you're recording?

23 MS. RUBIO: Yes, yes, I am.

24 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Okay. Then with what  
25 Mr. Butera said and since you're recording, I'm going to

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1 continue on.

2 Now, we just called on Sergeant DeLeon on  
3 this license. Next is Mr. Butera.

4 MR. BUTERA: I don't have any questions and  
5 I don't note any unpaid judgments so that's all.

6 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Judge Scott ...

7 HONORABLE SCOTT: No questions.

8 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Mr. Osborne ...

9 MR. OSBORNE: No questions.

10 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Ms. Snively ...

11 MS. SNIVELY: No questions.

12 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Judge Rodriguez ...

13 HONORABLE RODRIGUEZ: No questions, sir.

14 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: All right. I see no  
15 other Board Members online.

16 Chair will entertain a motion.

17 MR. BUTERA: Michael Butera. I'll make a  
18 motion to approve the renewal.

19 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Thank you.

20 And I need a second.

21 MR. OSBORNE: I'll second, Dylan Osborne.

22 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Thank you.

23 Any other discussion on this license?

24 All those in favor, signify by saying

25 aye.

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1 THE BOARD: Aye.

2 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Any opposed?

3 All right. Motion carries.

4 Congratulations, Johnny. You've got a  
5 license for another three years.

6 MR. BALLARD: Thank you.

7 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: All right. Number 5,  
8 notice made by Crum & Forster/North River Insurance,  
9 Agent Vanessa Failla DBA International Bonding Company,  
10 License No. 74586 to operate the following satellite  
11 office, 1001 North San Jacinto Street, Houston, Texas  
12 77002.

13 Is Vanessa online?

14 MR. PADILLA: She is not, Glenn; but this  
15 is Mike Padilla.

16 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Okay. Mike, there's  
17 no phone number on here.

18 MR. PADILLA: I think it's just a satellite  
19 office.

20 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: I understand but if  
21 she's going to use a different phone number than what's  
22 been approved by the Board, she has to put it on there.

23 MR. PADILLA: I don't think she's using a  
24 different phone number. I think it's just an office. I  
25 don't think there's a phone number.

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1 SERGEANT DELEON: So the Sheriff's --

2 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: All right then.

3 SERGEANT DELEON: The Sheriff's Office --  
4 yeah.

5 The Sheriff's Office did -- when we talked  
6 to them, there is no phone. There's only a computer and  
7 a place to go sign the bond.

8 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Okay. All right.  
9 Then that is noted by the Board.

10 And Number 6, notice made by Crum &  
11 Forster, North River Insurance, Agent Jason Ayala DBA  
12 1-Way Out Bail Bonds, License No. 74527 to change old  
13 address 6906 Denison Street, Unit A, Houston, Texas  
14 77020 to new location, 4141 North Freeway, 210a,  
15 Houston, Texas 77002.

16 Mr. Ayala, you're --

17 Mike, you're here for him?

18 MR. PADILLA: Yes.

19 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Same question. By  
20 the phone, is there a phone number associated with this  
21 satellite office?

22 MR. PADILLA: This is a new --

23 This is a new office. This is the --

24 It's a new office. The phone number just  
25 goes with it.

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1 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Great. All right.

2 MR. PADILLA: This isn't a satellite. This  
3 is the change of location.

4 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: All right. And that  
5 is also noticed by the Board.

6 Number 7 is notice and request made by  
7 Financial Casualty & Surety, Agent Andy Hernandez DBA  
8 Fearless Bail Bonds, License No. 74587 to open a new  
9 satellite office location and add a new phone number at  
10 the following: 7434 Brownwood Street, Houston, Texas  
11 77020, Suite B. New phone number: (832) 940-1744.

12 Andy Hernandez ...

13 MR. HERNANDEZ: Yes, sir.

14 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Raise your right  
15 hand, please.

16 (Witness sworn.)

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

19 MR. HERNANDEZ: Andy Hernandez.

20 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Thank you.

21 Any -- the Board have any questions?

22 Sergeant DeLeon ...

23 SERGEANT DELEON: Yeah. Just the standard,  
24 the question in regards to the phone number.

25 So Andy, is this a number that's been

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1 used by another bonding company?

2 MR. HERNANDEZ: No, sir, not to my  
3 knowledge.

4 SERGEANT DELEON: Okay.

5 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Okay.

6 SERGEANT DELEON: The Sheriff's Office --

7 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Any questions?

8 SERGEANT DELEON: The Sheriff's Office did  
9 inspect the property. The property is fine.

10 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Any other  
11 questions?

12 HONORABLE RODRIGUEZ: Just quickly.

13 Mr. Hernandez, hello.

14 MR. HERNANDEZ: Hello. How are you doing?

15 HONORABLE RODRIGUEZ: About approximately  
16 how long have you been involved in the bonding business?

17 MR. HERNANDEZ: I want to say probably  
18 going on 10 years now, if I'm not mistaken.

19 HONORABLE RODRIGUEZ: Thank you --

20 MR. HERNANDEZ: Or eight years. Yes,  
21 ma'am.

22 HONORABLE RODRIGUEZ: That's all I have.

23 MR. HERNANDEZ: No problem.

24 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: This is a --

25 Even though this is a notice, there's a



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1 phone number attached to it that we're listing.

2 So the Chair will entertain a motion for  
3 this.

4 MR. OSBORNE: I make a motion, Dylan  
5 Osborne.

6 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: I have a motion by  
7 Dylan Osborne.

8 HONORABLE RODRIGUEZ: Judge Rodriguez,  
9 second.

10 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: And I have a second.

11 Any other discussion?

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

14 THE BOARD: Aye.

15 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Any opposed? Any  
16 abstentions?

17 All right. That has been approved, Andy.

18 MR. HERNANDEZ: Thank you, sir. Thank you  
19 very much, Members of the Board.

20 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: All right. That  
21 concludes my copy of the agenda.

22 Is there any other business to be brought  
23 before the Board?

24 Chair will entertain a motion, please.

25 MR. BUTERA: This is Michael Butera. I'll

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1 make a motion to adjourn.

2 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Thank you. And a  
3 second?

4 HONORABLE RODRIGUEZ: Second by  
5 Judge Rodriguez. And thank you very much for taking  
6 over the meeting in the beginning.

7 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Thank you,  
8 Judge Rodriguez. We missed you at the beginning.

9 Okay. All those --

10 HONORABLE RODRIGUEZ: I had a lot of  
11 (inaudible.) to deal with.

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

14 THE BOARD: Aye.

15 CHAIRMAN STRICKLAND: Any opposed? Any  
16 abstentions?

17 Thank you, ladies and gentlemen. We will  
18 see you next month in May. Thank you.

19 (Meeting adjourned at 2:03 p.m.)  
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