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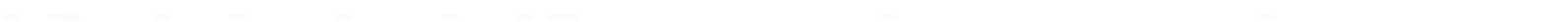
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A P P E A R A N C E S

*** Appearing via Zoom ***

- 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
- Kathryn Kase, Designee for Lina Hildago, County Judge
- Judith Snively, designee for M. Burgess, District Clerk
- Tommy Ramsey, County Attorney's Office
- Sergeant 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

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2 VICE CHAIRMAN RODRIGUEZ: Good
3 afternoon, everyone. It is 1:34, and my name is
4 Judge Angela D. Rodriguez, and I will be chairing this
5 meeting of the Harris County Bail Bond Board. Here we
6 have -- we're going to go ahead and take a roll call.

7 The representative for the sheriff, are you
8 present?

9 SERGEANT DELEON: Yes. Sergeant DeLeon,
10 I'm present. Thank you.

11 VICE CHAIRMAN RODRIGUEZ: Thank you
12 Sergeant DeLeon.

13 And the representative for
14 Ms. Kim Ogg ...

15 MR. BUTERA: Yes. Good afternoon, Judge.
16 Michael Butera for the District
17 Attorney's Office.

18 VICE CHAIRMAN RODRIGUEZ: Thank you.
19 And could everyone else who is in
20 attendance, please introduce themselves so I can make a
21 note?

22 MS. SNIVELY: Judith Snively for the
23 District Clerk's Office.

24 MR. OSBORNE: Dylan Osborne, County
25 Treasurer.

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1 HONORABLE SCOTT: Judge Oswald Scott for
2 Elaine Marshall, City of Houston.

3 VICE CHAIRMAN RODRIGUEZ: Okay. I believe
4 we have over five members present and we have a quorum.

5 Ladies and gentlemen, welcome to the
6 meeting of the Harris County Bail Bond Board. Here, we
7 have prior minutes.

8 MR. OSBORNE: Chair, I would make a
9 motion -- this is Dylan Osborne -- that we accept the
10 minutes as printed, submitted.

11 VICE CHAIRMAN RODRIGUEZ: Thank you very
12 much.

13 I will entertain first -- let's see. One
14 moment.

15 We have the regular meeting prior minutes
16 so I recognize that you're making a motion for the
17 regular meeting's prior minutes.

18 Do I hear a second?

19 MS. KASE: Second.

20 VICE CHAIRMAN RODRIGUEZ: Thank you.

21 MS. KASE: Kathryn Kase here.

22 VICE CHAIRMAN RODRIGUEZ: Thank you.
23 Recognizing Kathryn Kase for the second.

24 Do we have any public comment?

25 Thank you. Hearing none, all those that

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1 are in favor, please say aye.

2 THE BOARD: Aye.

3 VICE CHAIRMAN RODRIGUEZ: All opposed, say
4 nay. The ayes have it.

5 In addition regarding the
6 Special Meeting, do I --

7 Chair will entertain a motion to accept
8 those minutes.

9 MR. BUTERA: This is Michael Butera.

10 I'll make a motion to approve the minutes
11 from the Special Meeting from July 19th.

12 VICE CHAIRMAN RODRIGUEZ: Thank you very
13 much, Mr. Butera.

14 Do I hear a second?

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

16 VICE CHAIRMAN RODRIGUEZ: Thank you.

17 Any public comment?

18 All those in favor, please signify by
19 saying aye.

20 THE BOARD: Aye.

21 VICE CHAIRMAN RODRIGUEZ: All those opposed
22 can say nay.

23 Thank you. The ayes have it.

24 Moving on with our regular agenda. Here
25 we are, Wednesday, August the 11th, 2021. We began at

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1 1:34 p.m. We have recognized a quorum.

2 Do we have any more old business?

3 Okay. Hearing no further old business,
4 we'll go ahead and go on to C.

5 New business, a request for new license
6 from American Surety Company, Agent Vanessa L. Failla
7 DBA International Bonding Company II. License number to
8 be determined. Phone number (713) 225-1113 to be
9 located at 1818 North Main Street, Suite B, Houston,
10 Texas 77009.

11 Do we have someone from --

12 Do we have someone as a witness today?

13 MR. MOORE: Judge, this is Roger Moore,
14 vice president for American Surety and Ms. Failla was
15 also here on the call.

16 MS. FAILLA: I'm here.

17 VICE CHAIRMAN RODRIGUEZ: Thank you.

18 Okay. Hello, Ms. Failla. Hello, Counsel
19 Moore.

20 MS. FAILLA: Hello.

21 VICE CHAIRMAN RODRIGUEZ: If you would both
22 please raise your right hands to be sworn.

23 (Witnesses sworn.).

24 VICE CHAIRMAN RODRIGUEZ: Thank you.

25 Counsel, if you'd like to introduce

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1 yourself and say a few words and then we'll go ahead and
2 go through and have some questions, if the Board has any
3 for you.

4 MR. MOORE: Sure.

5 Roger Moore for American Surety, a
6 representative -- I'm also vice president of the
7 company. We have other licensees here in the county,
8 and we're currently in good standing in every county in
9 which we are licensed here in Texas. I think Ms. Failla
10 meets all of the requirements as well the company so I'd
11 ask the Board to approve this license.

12 VICE CHAIRMAN RODRIGUEZ: Thank you.

13 And we have Officer DeLeon from the
14 Sheriff's Department. We'll go ahead and start with
15 you.

16 Do you have anything?

17 SERGEANT DELEON: So the application was
18 reviewed. All documents seem to be in order. We were
19 notified no outstanding judgments owed to the county.
20 At a previous inspection of the facility, I show it to
21 be in order as well and we have no other comments.

22 VICE CHAIRMAN RODRIGUEZ: Thank you.

23 Mr. Snively, do you have any questions?

24 MS. SNIVELY: I have no questions. Thank
25 you.

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1 VICE CHAIRMAN RODRIGUEZ: Okay.

2 Judge Scott ...

3 HONORABLE SCOTT: No, I don't have any.

4 VICE CHAIRMAN RODRIGUEZ: Okay.

5 Counsel Butera ...

6 MR. BUTERA: No, no questions from the
7 State. Thank you, Judge.

8 VICE CHAIRMAN RODRIGUEZ: And our
9 treasurer, Mr. Osborne.

10 Do you have anything at this time, sir?

11 MR. OSBORNE: No, ma'am. Thank you, Chair.

12 VICE CHAIRMAN RODRIGUEZ: Thank you.

13 Does anyone have any public comment?

14 Hearing none, I find that the paperwork
15 is reasonably in order. And at this time, I will call a
16 vote. The Chair will entertain -- one moment.

17 Hearing no public comment, the Chair will
18 entertain a motion to approve.

19 MR. BUTERA: Judge, this is Michael Butera.

20 I make a motion to approve.

21 VICE CHAIRMAN RODRIGUEZ: Thank you.

22 MS. KASE: This is Kathryn Kase. I'll
23 second.

24 VICE CHAIRMAN RODRIGUEZ: Thank you.

25 At this time, all those in favor, signify

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1 by saying aye.

2 THE BOARD: Aye.

3 VICE CHAIRMAN RODRIGUEZ: All those opposed
4 can say nay.

5 The ayes have it. Thank you.

6 Congratulations --

7 MR. MOORE: Thank you, Board.

8 VICE CHAIRMAN RODRIGUEZ: -- Ms. Failla on
9 your new license.

10 MS. FAILLA: Thank you.

11 VICE CHAIRMAN RODRIGUEZ: You may be
12 dismissed or you can go ahead and continue to observe
13 the rest of the meeting.

14 Next, we have Item 2 in new business.
15 Notice made by Crum & Forster, NRIC, Agent Vanessa
16 Failla DBA International Bonding Company, License
17 No. 74586 to rescind license.

18 I believe there's no vote that's
19 necessary on this notice. This is duly recognized.
20 Thank you very much.

21 Moving on to Item 3. Notice made by
22 Financial Casualty & Surety, Incorporated, Agent George
23 Salais DBA Space City Bail Bonds, License No. 74547 to
24 let license expire on September the 20th, 2021.

25 Mr. Salais will handle the runoff of open

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1 liability and files will be kept at 7575 Gulf Freeway,
2 Suite A, Houston, Texas 77017.

3 Is there any public comment on this item?
4 If not, I don't believe it is necessary
5 to move forward with that.

6 According to my agenda, we don't have any
7 further items. Is that correct for everybody else?

8 MR. OSBORNE: I believe that's it.

9 SERGEANT DELEON: That's correct, Chair.

10 VICE CHAIRMAN RODRIGUEZ: Well, ladies and
11 gentlemen, this is one of the first times that I've had
12 the honor of chairing this meeting --

13 FEMALE: Hello ...

14 VICE CHAIRMAN RODRIGUEZ: Yes ...

15 Someone said hello?

16 FEMALE: (No response.).

17 VICE CHAIRMAN RODRIGUEZ: Whoever is
18 speaking, could you identify yourself?

19 FEMALE: (No response.).

20 VICE CHAIRMAN RODRIGUEZ: Okay. One final
21 chance. You may identify yourself at this time. You
22 have a public comment?

23 Female: (No response.).

24 VICE CHAIRMAN RODRIGUEZ: Thank you.

25 Hearing no further public comment, this

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1 is one of the first times that I have had the honor to
2 Chair this Bail Bond Board meeting. And as you know, my
3 predecessor, Judge Armando V. Rodriguez served on this
4 Board for many years. And I'll say that it is a
5 distinct honor to be here to preside over this meeting
6 today. And we will see our Chair back very soon, I'm
7 sure.

8 At this time, I would like to entertain a
9 motion to adjourn.

10 MR. OSBORNE: Dylan Osborne, motion to
11 adjourn.

12 MR. BUTERA: Dylan beat me to it. But
13 I'll --

14 This is Michael Butera. I'll make the
15 second.

16 VICE CHAIRMAN RODRIGUEZ: Duly recognize
17 Treasurer Osborne and seconded by Counsel Butera from
18 Kim Ogg's office.

19 Any public comment?

20 All those that are in favor of the
21 motion, signify by saying aye.

22 THE BOARD: Aye.

23 VICE CHAIRMAN RODRIGUEZ: All those opposed
24 can say nay or abstain. The ayes have it.

25 The meeting is now adjourned.

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1 Thank you ladies and gentlemen. You may
2 step back and you're free to go. Thank you, everyone.

3 (Meeting adjourned at 1:45 p.m.).
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1 STATE OF TEXAS)

2 COUNTY OF HARRIS)

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4 I, Trevor Causey, do hereby certify that the
5 facts as stated by me in the caption hereto are true;
6 that the above and foregoing transcript of the
7 proceedings was taken in stenograph, reduced to
8 typewriting under my direction, and is a full, true and
9 correct transcript of the proceedings.

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

16 GIVEN UNDER MY HAND, on this day, the 11th day
17 of August, 2021.

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The State of Texas
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