



HARRIS COUNTY BAIL BOND BOARD

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MINUTES OF MARCH 9, 2022 MEETING NO. 480

The monthly meeting of the Harris County Bail Bond Board was held Wednesday, March 9, 2022, in the Harris County Administration Building, Commissioners Court, 1001 Congress St. Houston, Texas 77002. The meeting was called to order by Honorable Angela Rodriguez, at 1:43 p.m.

ATTENDANCE: Honorable Angela Rodriguez, Vice Chairman
County Judge Lina Hidalgo
Kathryn Kase, Designee for County Judge Lina Hidalgo
Honorable J. Elaine Marshall
Michael Butera, Designee for Kim Ogg
Dylan Osborne, County Treasurer
Wes McCoy, Designee for Marilyn Burgess, District Clerk
Honorable Shannon Baldwin
Honorable Amy Martin
Troy McKinney, Attorney
Sheriff Ed Gonzalez, Harris County Sheriff's Office
Chief Deputy Edison Toquica, Harris County Sheriff'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

NOT IN ATTENDANCE: N/A

A. READING OF PRIOR MINUTES

Motion to approve made by Dylan Osborne; seconded by Sheriff Ed Gonzalez motion carried. (All in favor)

B. OLD BUSINESS

C. NEW BUSINESS

- 1. Notice of results of the election for Harris County Bail Bond surety representative for the remainder of 2022.

Acknowledged.

- 2. Request for Renewal of License

TAMEKA BOWEN

Db: Bowen’s Bail Bonds
2323 Ellis School Road
Baytown, Texas 77521

VOIR DIRE COMPLETE

Phone: 281-426-5577
3-year license
License No. 74490

Motion to approve made by Michael Butera; seconded by Sheriff Ed Gonzalez motion carried. (All in favor)

- 3. Request for New License

NORTH RIVER INSURANCE CO.

Agent: Rebekah Williams Tate
Db: 000 McKnight’s Bail Bonds
6826 W. Montgomery Road
Houston, Texas 77091

VOIR DIRE COMPLETE

Phone: 832-713-3551
2-year license
License No. 74619

Motion to approve made by Troy McKinney; seconded by Judge Shannon Baldwin motion carried. (All in favor)

- 4. Request for New License

ALLEGHENY CASUALTY COMPANY

Agent: Christopher Strickland
Db: A-1 Bonding Company II
4801 Katy Freeway
Houston, Texas 77007

VOIR DIRE COMPLETE

Phone: 713-759-0000
2-year license
License No. 74620

Motion to approve made by Sheriff Ed Gonzalez; seconded by Troy McKinney motion carried. (All in favor.)

5. Discuss and consider adding Subsection A to Bail Bond Board Rule 12 in relation to the adoption of procedures and time limits for public comments as follows:
 - A. Anyone wishing to speak at any Bail Bond Board meeting with respect to any issue or any item on the Bail Bond Board agenda is limited to three minutes, exclusive of any time spent answering specific questions by any member of the Board. The Board may make and approve a motion to extend the time for any speaker.

Motion to approve made by Troy McKinney; seconded by Michael Butera motion carried. (All in favor)

6. Request for discussion and potential action regarding bail bond surety premiums and a requirement that bonding companies collect a minimum percentage of bail before posting a surety bond. Consider meeting in an executive session for legal advice regarding this issue.

Judge Amy Martin requested to go into executive session.

Mario Garza made a motion to have the District Attorney's Office request an Attorney General opinion regarding this matter before going into executive session.

Motion to hear public comments made by Sheriff Ed Gonzalez; seconded by Troy McKinney motion carried. (All in favor)

Troy McKinney requested to go into executive session for legal advice.

Executive session ended and meeting began at 5:11 p.m.

Motion to table for next meeting by Troy McKinney; seconded by Michael Butera; motion failed 4-4 (voting yes: Judge Angela Rodriguez, Troy McKinney, Michael Butera, Mario Garza; voting no: Dylan Osborne, Sheriff Ed Gonzalez, and Kathryn Kase, Wes McCoy)

Motion to approve made by Dylan Osborne; seconded by Kathryn Kase; motion failed 4-2 (voting yes: Dylan Osborne, Kathryn Kase, Wes McCoy, Sheriff Ed Gonzalez; voting no: Troy McKinney, Mario Garza; abstained: Michael Butera, Judge Angela Rodriguez)

7. Consider adopting a new Section 19 to the Harris County Bail Bond Board Rules as follows:

19. Regulatory Requirements for Bail Bonding Businesses

- A. No licensee or agent for a corporate surety shall violate the Texas Deceptive Trade Practices Act, TEX. BUS. & COM. CODE Chapter 17, in conducting any bail bond business activity. A violation of the Texas

Deceptive Trade Practices Act is a violation of the rules adopted by the Board.

B. An agreement between a licensee, or agent for a corporate surety and a guarantor, co-surety, or defendant related to time or installment payments of any bond premium, security, or cost, however labeled, for making the bond must be in writing and be signed by both an authorized person for the licensee or agent for a corporate surety and any person responsible for making the time or installment payments. The agreement must be signed before the bond is made. If the defendant is to be a party to the agreement, such agreement must be signed by the defendant before the bond is made if the defendant is not already in custody or, if the defendant is already in custody, within two business days after the defendant is released from custody. The agreement must state the date and time at which each person signed the agreement. The agreement must state the total premium, security, or fee charged, the total outstanding amount owed that is to be paid over time or in installments, the amount of each future payment and to what it will be applied, the date by which payments must be made, and any charges, interest, or fees applicable to the time or installment agreement. A defendant who is not a party to a time or installment agreement must be given an opportunity of not less than five business days following actual notice from the licensee or agent for a corporate surety to make any untimely time or installment payment required of any guarantor or co-surety before a licensee or agent for a corporate surety may file an application or affidavit for surrender for the failure of a guarantor or co-surety to make a required payment. No licensee or agent for a corporate surety, or anyone acting on their behalf, may seek to surrender a bond for the failure to make required time or installment payments without having an agreement that complies with every requirement of this section. An application or affidavit for surrender of a bond must include, if it exists, a copy of any time or installment agreement required by this rule if the application or affidavit to surrender the bond is based in whole or in part on the failure of anyone to make a time or installment payment subsequent to the posting of the bail bond."

Motion to table for next meeting made by Troy McKinney; seconded by Mario Garza motion carried. (All in favor; one opposed: Kathryn Kase)

Motion to adjourn made by Sheriff Ed Gonzalez; seconded by Dylan Osborne and was carried. (All in favor).

Meeting ended at 5:40 p.m.


Judge Angela Rodriguez
Vice Chairman
Harris County Bail Bond Board

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