

Tom Green County Bail Bond Board
Wednesday July 21, 2021 @ 11:00AM C/S/T
Zoom Meeting Video Conferencing

MINUTES

The Tom Green County Bail Bond Board met on Wednesday, July 21, 2021 via the Zoom Meeting online platform Meeting ID: 881 4921 3363 at 11:00AM Central Time.

Board Chair Dianna Spieker called the meeting to order at 11:10AM and Board Secretary Louie Perez called for an audio roll call and then acknowledged that a quorum was present.

Item Number 2 was the Consent Agenda. The two items consisted of the Minutes from the last meeting, April 14, 2021, and the Bond Issuance Monthly Report. Anthony Monico made a motion to approve the items under the Consent Agenda as presented. Christina Ubando seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the motion carried.

Item Number 3 was any submitted Bail Bond Applications within the 30-day window. Alliance Bail Bonds was on the agenda for renewal. The application was presented for approval. Eddie Howard made a motion to accept as presented. Anthony Monico seconded the motion. The motion passed.

The other application was Freedom Bail Bonds II. This is a new application in which the current license for Freedom Bail Bonds would be surrendered upon approval of the current pending application. This request is being made by the current Insurance Company in which Ricky Villarreal is the licensed agent. Thus, the current insurance company is International Fidelity Insurance Corporation and the new license would be under Allegheny Casualty Company. The current, active license would need to be surrendered and all authority and bail bonds would fall under the new insurance company, i.e., surety powers. A motion was made to approve the application by Roger Looka and the motion was seconded by Todd Allen. Judge Weatherby abstained from the vote. The motion passed.

Item Number 4 was the Audit Results.

Concho Bail Bonds	Audit performed on May 20, 2021
24/7 Louie Perez Bail Bonds	Audit performed on May 20, 2021
Angelo Bail Bonds	Audit performed on June 24, 2021
Better Bail Bonds	Audit performed on June 24, 2021
Jenkins Action Bail Bonds	Audit performed on June 24, 2021

Audit Committee member Adam Nunez presented the findings – all the above were in good standing and there were no issues. Chastity Gauwain made a motion to approve. Anthony Monico seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Item Number 5 was accepting as a matter of record a recommendation/request presented by Captain Todd Allen from the jail. Captain Allen is requesting that all submitted bail bonds be signed in blue ink. The body or information of the bail bond may be in black ink; however, the signature of the surety must be in blue ink.

Item Number 6 was a briefing from the bail bond companies. Louie Perez reported the bail bondsmen meet on June 30, 2021 at 10:00AM via Zoom. Nothing to report at this time.

Item Number 7 was Legislative updates. Ken Good who was in the audience and a member of the Legislative Committee for the Professional Bail Bondsmen of Texas gave an update on the legislative issues pertaining to bail that were addressed in the 87th legislative session. House Bill 2 and Senate Bill 8 were discussed at length by Ken Good. House Bill 1005 of the Occupations Code was presented and it was determined that this bill does not require any action by the bail bond board. In conclusion, the Texas Legislature is currently in Special Session. An update will follow with regards to what bills passed and the outcomes of the Special Session with regards to bail bond issues and any items that might affect the bail bond board.

Item Number 8 was to consider zoom meetings transition from Zoom to In Person. In person meetings or zoom meetings was the issue at hand. The majority of the members suggested staying with zoom meetings for the time being.

Item Number 9 was Public Comment. There was none at this time.

Item Number 10 was Future Agenda Items. Christina Ubando would like to add the agenda at some point an information only procedure on how to close out misdemeanor bail bonds at the county level.

Item Number 11 was to recess and enter into Executive Session. The item was tabled.

Item Number 12 was to consider Review Committee Reports. There were none at this time.

Item Number 13 was to reconvene from Executive Session. There was none at this time.

Item Number 14 was Announcements. The next tentative meeting is scheduled for August 18, 2021 and the next Regular Meeting will be on October 21, 2021.

Item Number 15 was Adjournment. Dianna Spieker adjourned the meeting at 11:24 AM.

These minutes were prepared by Louis A. Perez.

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Tom Green Bail Bond Board Secretary

ATTENDANCE REPORT

Members Present:

Dianna Spieker	Treasurer
Louis Perez	Licensed Bail Bondsman
Christina Ubando	County Clerk
Roger Looka	Sheriff Representative
Anthony Monico	District Clerk
Chastity Gauwain	County Judge Representative
Stuart Holden	District Attorney's Representative
Richard Villarreal	District Attorney's Representative
Judge Jay Weatherby	District Judge Court Representative
Judge Jay Daniel	Municipal Court Judge
Judge Eddie Howard	Justice of the Peace Representative
Judge Penny Roberts	County Court at Law Representative
<u>Judge Eddie Howard</u>	Justice of the Peace

Ginger Treadwell	County Attorney Representative
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Guests Present:

Ken W. Good
Drew Johnson
Michelle Moore
Ricky Villarreal
Byanka Villarreal
Adam Nunez
Jay Mohler
Armando Martinez
Katie Busker
Lauren Barron
Captain Todd Allen
Jaime Vance