

Tom Green County Bail Bond Board
Wednesday October 18, 2023 @ 11:00AM
Commissioner's Court Room

MINUTES

The Tom Green County Bail Bond Board met on Wednesday, October 18, 2023 in the County Commissioner's court room.

Item Number 1 was to call the meeting to order and the determination of a quorum. Board Chair Dianna Spieker called the meeting to order at 11:00AM and Board Secretary Louie Perez took roll and then acknowledged that a quorum was present.

Item Number 2 was the Consent Agenda. This consisted of the Minutes from the July 19, 2023 meeting and the Bond Issuance Monthly Report. Judge Susan Werner made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda as presented and Judge Jay Daniel seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the motion passed.

Item Number 3(a) was to consider any renewal bail bond applications within the 30-day window. Santa Angela Bail Bonds was presented as a two (2) year renewal application. Dianna Spieker informed the Board that everything appeared to be in order. Anthony Monico made a motion to approve as presented and Ashley Knight seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the motion passed.

Item Number 3(b) was to consider a new bail bond application for Texas Outlaw Bail Bonds. Dianna Spieker presented to the board that an application for a new license was submitted by applicant, Jessica Zak. Steven Bell, an attorney for Lexington National Insurance Company and Leisha King, a representative from the same insurance company was in the audience to answer any questions or concerns from the Board. Louie Perez stated that in the application the two employees listed had their personal information transposed with respect to each other's information. Mr. Bell stated this would be addressed, remedied, and resubmitted on or before October 18, 2023. There being no other discussion, Anthony Monico made a motion to approve as presented and Christina Ubando seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the motion passed.

Item Number 4(a) was to consider bail bond audits. Freedom Bail Bonds (Libertad) was audited and the only issue found by the audit team was with regards to the payment plan schedule. The issue was addressed and resolved to the satisfaction of the audit team.

Item Number 4(b) was to consider bail bond audits. Freedom II Bail Bonds was audited as well and the only issue found by the audit team was with regards to the payment plan schedule. Apparently, the issue was if there were more than one bond, all payments were to run concurrent with each other and on the same payment plan as stated in the contract. Essentially, the issue was straightened out and presented for approval. Thus, Billy Fiveash made a motion to approve as presented and Judge Susan Werner seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the motion passed.

Item Number 5 was to set the procedure for electing the Criminal Defense Attorney Representative. There will be a ballot box available at the District Clerk's office and the County Clerk's office. In addition, Anthony Monico will send an email to the Tom Green County Bar Association President - Guy Choate to advise of the election as well.

Item Number 6 was to update the procedure for setting Designee's rules 2.3(b). After some discussion, the board determined to take no action and keep the procedure the same.

Item Number 7 was to discuss the Audit Procedure. A question was brought up that if a bail bond company is no longer licensed and not in operation, but has outstanding bonds, should the audit committee still audit the company? After some discussion, the board decided that if a bail bond company is non-operational, no audit would be needed.

Item Number 8 was to consider a briefing from the bail bond companies. Louie Perez informed the board that there was a meeting of the owners on September 26, 2023. They talked about an update on the misdemeanor bond closure procedures. In addition, he advised them that Major Todd Allen has retired from the Tom Green County jail and is currently working with the Texas Commission on Jail Standards. Whereas, the new Major is Beth Holland-Mull. Lastly, the Professional Bail Bondsmen of Texas had their annual convention in San Antonio and the bail bondsmen would like to do a community service project for Tom Green County.

Item Number 9 was Public Comment. None

Item Number 10 was Future Agenda Items. None

Item Number 11 is the Next Meeting Date. The next required meeting will be on November 15, 2023.

Item Number 12 was Adjournment. Dianna adjourned the meeting at 11:23 AM.

These minutes were prepared by Louis A. Perez.

Louis A. Perez

Tom Green Bail Bond Board Secretary

ATTENDANCE REPORT

Members Present:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dianna Spieker	County Treasurer
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Anthony Monico	District Clerk
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Louis Perez	Licensed Bail Bondsman
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Christina Ubando	County Clerk
<input type="checkbox"/> Judge Jay Weatherby	District Judge
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Lt. William Fiveash	Sheriff Representative
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Judge Lane Carter	County Judge
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Judge Susan Werner	Justice of the Peace Judge
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Judge Jay Daniel	Municipal Court Judge
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Joe Losoya	County Courts at Law Representative
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ashley Knight	District Attorney Representative
<input type="checkbox"/> Richard Villarreal	District Attorney Representative
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jana Johnson	Criminal Defense Attorney Representative

Non-Voting Members

Guests Present:

Armando Martinez	Major Beth Holland-Mull
Dania Martinez	Attorney Ken Good
David Jenkins	Attorney Steven Bell
Jay Mohler	Jessica Zak
Ricky Villarreal	Leisha King
Byanka Villarreal	Kenneth Small
Freddy Ontiveros	Jamie Vance