

**ARKANSAS PROFESSIONAL
BAIL BONDSMAN LICENSING BOARD
Regular Meeting
August 13, 2021**

Chairman Curt Clark called the meeting to order.

Roll call was taken. The following members were present Curt Clark, Jim Ibison, Kevin, Derrick Person, Ricky Joyner, Clayton Edwards, and Linda Craig was present. Kevin Molder was absent.

Assistant Attorney General Joe West was present. Board Staff was present.

Minutes presented for previous meeting were approved. Edwards made motion to approve previous minutes Craig seconded. Motion passed.

Hearings

Saint Francis County Sheriff vs T-Gard Bail Bonding/Yolonda Riley

Todd Gardner Owner of T-Gard was present, along with Yolonda Riley. Board heard evidence. Judgment as follows.

Based on the substantial evidence in the record, the Arkansas Professional Bail Bond Company and Professional Bail Bond Licensing Board hereby orders:

The license of Respondent Riley shall be suspended for thirty (30) days. As Respondent Riley is not currently employed as an agent by any licensed bonding company, the imposition of this suspension will not begin until she becomes employed by another licensed bonding company. No adverse finding or penalty is imposed on Respondent T-Guard Bail Bonding.

Pursuant to Ark. Code Ann. § 25-15-212 and § 17-19-210(i), Respondent Riley may appeal the Board's decision by filing a petition for judicial review in the Circuit Court of Pulaski County within thirty (30) days of the date on the certificate of service attached to this Order. Motion was made by Edwards and seconded by Joyner. Motion passed. Motion was made by Clark not to seek action against T-Gard Bail Bonding, Joyner seconded. Motion passed.

Pulaski County Circuit Court vs John Chism Bail Bonds/Kory Kelley/James Kelley/Andrew Perry. Lonoke County Circuit Court vs John Chism Bail Bonds/Akee Jamal Johnson/Christen Warren/ Michelle Castleberry/ Christopher Brown/Danny Proffitt Jr... Benton County Circuit Court vs John Chism Bail Bonds\Amy Figueroa.

The board orders the director and AG to send out appropriate letters to John Chism Bail Bonds and the bank that holds the letter of credit for John Chism Bail Bond to have the above listed forfeitures paid. If unable to collect on letter of credit, pay using the Bail Bond Forfeiture Fund. Motion was made Clark and seconded by Person. Motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS

Transfers/Suspensions/Reinstatements:

A report was provided for information purposes: There was one (1) transfers. There were zero (0) agent suspensions or terminations. There were zero (0) reinstatement.

Appeal Update:

Assistant Attorney General provided an update on all cases under appeal.

NEW BUSINESS

Vouchers Paid & Financial Report:

The Chairman invited questions and/or discussion regarding the vouchers paid since last meeting. Edwards made a motion to approve expenses and Joyner seconded. Motion passed.

Forfeitures - Open: Fourteen (14) New Forfeitures'

The Previous Months Forfeiture Report was presented. The Chair invited comment or discussion. There being no further discussion, The Chair called for motions, Ibison made a motion and to send a notice 10-day letter for an immediate hearing those licensees whose forfeitures were not paid in a timely manner. Joyner seconded. The motion passed.

License Approvals:

There were Fourteen (14) licenses issued since last meeting.

Investigators Report: Investigator informed board of new and pending cases.

Executive Director's Report / Review:

Executive Director made board aware that LeAnn was leaving as Specialist 3. Board directed director to seek a new Specialist 3. The Director entered into a discussion, about the bond tracker.

Public Comments:

No Public Comment.

Meeting was adjourned.

Edwards made a motion to adjourn, and Joyner seconded. Meeting was adjourned.

Submitted for approval:

This 8th day of October 2021 _____
Curt Clark, Chairman