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**ARKANSAS PROFESSIONAL
BAIL BONDSMAN LICENSING BOARD
Regular Meeting
December 8th, 2023**

Roll call was taken. The following members were present Clark, Muldoon, Joyner present via Zoom, Wilburn, Edwards, and Molder. Craig was absent. A motion was made Clark to excuse Craig from meeting due to medical issues. Person seconded. Vote was taken and motion carried.

Assistant Attorney General Doralee Chandler was present. Board Staff Scott Handford, Ron Bratton, and Veronica Tuzon was present.

Hearings

APBBLB vs JE Bonding, Inc. / Johnathon Thompson

Attorney Clint Lancaster was present for JE Bonding, Inc. Board heard statement from Lancaster about clerical error. Muldoon made a motion to continue hearing until Jan. 12th, 2024, board meeting. Molder seconded. A vote was taken, and motion passed.

APBBLB vs Big Daddy Bail Bonding, Inc. / Deandre Johnson

Attorney for Big Daddy and Co-Owner Kevin Caldwell was present. The board heard testimony from Big Daddys Bonding, Inc., Kevin Caldwell and Randy Murray Director of the APBBLB. After hearing testimony and a discussion of the matter, Edwards made a motion to table the issue and keep existing suspension in place until Jan. 12th, 2024, board meeting. Person seconded. A vote was taken, motion carried.

APBBLB vs First Step Bail Bonds Co., Inc. / Jillu Killion

Attorney and Co-Owner Eric Nathaniel for First Step Bail Bonds Co. Inc. was present. After hearing testimony from First Step Bail Bonds Co. Inc. attorney, Eric Nathaniel, and the Randy Murray, Director of the APBBLB. Muldoon made a motion to fine First Step Bail Bonds Co. Inc. \$100 dollars a day for being late paying forfeiture which totaled \$1700.00. Molder seconded. A vote was taken. Motion carried.

APBBLB vs First Step Bail Bonds Co., Inc. / Jayvion Terrell Bryant

Attorney and Eric Nathaniel for First Step Bail Bonds Co., Inc. was present. After hearing testimony from First Step Bail Bonds Co. Inc., Eric Nathaniel and Randy Murray, Director of the APBBLB, Clark made a motion to dismiss complaint. Person seconded. A vote was taken. Motion carried.

Minutes from last meeting.

Minutes presented for previous meeting October 13th, 2023, were approved. Edwards made motion to approve previous minutes and Molder seconded. Motion passed.

Old business

AG reported on APBBLB vs First Step Bail Bond Co. Inc. that the appeal was filed by First Step Bail Bond Co. Inc. attorney.

NEW BUSINESS

Vouchers Paid & Financial Report:

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

Forfeitures: Twenty (20) new forfeitures.

Transfers- There were Six (6) transfer.

License Suspensions and Terminations- There were Eight (8) License Suspensions and Termination.

License Approvals:

There were Six (6) licenses issued since last meeting.

The Previous Months Forfeiture Report was presented.

A motion by Muldoon was made to send out a 10-day letter on all forfeitures that are not paid in a timely manner and if not paid by the 10 days that the company be suspended pending a hearing before the board. Clark/Joyner seconded. Motion passed.

Jeremiah Davis of Free at Last Bail Bonds Inc. Suspension

After hearing from the board director and staff that Mr. Davis had meet all of the requirements that the board had set in previous meetings, a motion was made by to transfer owner ship of Free at Last Bail Bonds Inc. to Jeremiah Davis. Person seconded. A vote was taken. Motion carried. After further discussion a motion was made Clark to reinstated First Step Bail Bonds Co. Inc and Jeremiah Davis's company and agent license. Person seconded. A vote was taken. Motion carried.

APBBLB beginning education and continuing education provider course renewal.

The boar was provided lesson plans from Ronnie Minnick, Mrytle Davis, and John Keisling education providers for approval for 2024. After reviewing the lesson plans Muldoon made a motion to approve the providers. Clark seconded. A vote was taken. Motion carried.

Investigators Report: Investigator informed board of new cases working and working with AG on previous cases.

Director's Report / Review:

Director presented Fiscal year 2022 Audit report findings. Board approved the findings. Director reported to the board of budget meeting with ADLL and that we had a parttime person to help Ron and Veronica.

Todd Gardner to question the board.

Mr. Gardner had questions for the board concerning upcoming statute change.

Meeting was adjourned.

Clark made a motion to adjourn, Molder seconded. Meeting was adjourned.

Submitted for approval:

This 12th day of January, 2024

Curt Clark, Chairman