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**ARKANSAS PROFESSIONAL
BAIL BONDSMAN LICENSING BOARD
Regular Meeting via Zoom
March 10th, 2023**

Roll call was taken. The following members were present Clark, Muldoon (via Zoom), Edwards, Joyner, Molder (via Zoom), Wilburn, and Craig present.

Assistant Attorney General Doug House was present. Board Staff Scott Handford, Ron Bratton was present. Veronica Tuzon was absent with doctor appointments.

Hearings

APBBLB vs Niki Charles and Lynda Craig License Revocation

Lynda Charles present in person, Niki Charles present via Zoom. Lynda and Niki Charles of Free at Last Bail Bonds was not represented by counsel. APBBLB was represented by Assistant Attorney General Doug House.

After hearing facts from Assistant Attorney General Doug House and hearing testimony from the defendants, based on the evidence giving by both sides. Muldoon made a motion to Revoke Lynda Charles and Niki Charles bail bond license, under Arkansas State Statute 17-19-210, 17-19-102A, APBBLB Rule 1 Sec. 21., Wilburn seconded the motion. Clark called for a roll call vote, Molder-Yes, Wilburn-Yes, Clark-Yes, Muldoon-Yes, Edwards-Yes, Joyner-Yes, and Craig-Yes. Motion passes unanimously. Case closes by judges and AG will prepare paperwork.

Crawford Co. District Court vs G.M. Bail Bonds\Bonnie Jacinto

This case did not need to be a hearing as stated by AG Doug House. This was originally heard at the February 10, 2023, board meeting under the wrong name of Alexander Robertson but should have been Bonnie Jacinto. Alexander Robertson was approved by the board for to be approved for payment from G.M. Bail Bonds letter of credit or the recovery fund. Clark made a motion to correct the error. Edward seconded and board vote was unanimous. Motion passed.

Minutes from last meeting.

Minutes presented for previous meeting were approved. Joyner made motion to approve previous minutes and Molder seconded. Motion passed.

Old business

AG reported no appeal updates pending.

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 Edwards seconded. Motion passed.

Transfers- There were zero (0) transfers.

License Suspensions and Terminations- There were one (1) License Suspensions and Termination.

Previous months Forfeitures - New: Twenty (20) New Forfeitures

License Approvals:

There were ten (10) licenses issued since last meeting.

The Previous Months Forfeiture Report was presented.

The Chair invited comment or discussion. There being no further discussion, Joyner made a motion that all forfeitures not paid in a timely manner, that a 10-day letter be sent to the company Clark seconded. Motion passed.

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

Director's Report / Review:

Director informed board about a bill that passed and signed into law by the Governor to reduce occupational license fees. The director informed to board that it did not appear the law would affect our board but would affect other boards. The director reported the APPLB fund balances to the board. The director also reported to the board, the status of G.M. Bail forfeitures. The director also reported on his health status to the board.

Public Comments:

Kris Keaton the President of the Arkansas Bail Bond Association informed the Board and the APBBLB of a bill the association is trying to obtain, concerning charitable cash bonds that are being posted by charitable organization and to make them go threw the licensing process as far as background checks.

Meeting was adjourned.

Clark made a motion to adjourn, Edwards seconded. Meeting was adjourned at 11:00AM.

Submitted for approval:

This 14th day of April 2023 _____
Curt Clark, Chairman