

**MINUTES**  
**Montgomery County Bail Bond  
Board**  
**Darin Bailey**  
**Presiding Officer**

Wednesday, September 21, 2022

THE MONTGOMERY COUNTY BAIL BOND BOARD CONVENED AT 12:02 p.m. THE DATE LISTED AT THE TOP OF THIS AGENDA, IN THE ALAN B. SADLER COMMISSIONER'S COURT BUILDING, 501 N. THOMPSON, 4<sup>TH</sup> FLOOR, CONROE, TX 77301.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: At any time during the meeting the Board may announce it will go into closed session pursuant to Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code to receive advice from legal counsel or for any other lawful matters that are specifically related to items listed on this agenda. Prior to any such closed session the Presiding Officer, in open session, will identify the agenda item to be discussed and the section or sections of Chapter 551 under which the closed discussion is authorized.

- I. CALL TO ORDER TIME: 12:02P.M.
- II. ROLL CALL

*Board members present: Judge Santini, 457<sup>th</sup> District Court, Representative for District Courts and Judges, Jamie Meinkowsky, Designee for County Judge Mark Keough, Therese Pringle, Designee for Judge Mary Ann Turner, County Court at Law # 4, representative for County Courts and Judges, Vanessa Windham, Designee for Brett Ligon, District Attorney, Alexis van de Ven Seda, Surety Representative, Melisa Miller, District Clerk, Darin Bailey, Designee for Mark Turnbull, County Clerk, Amanda Webb, Defense Attorney Representative,*

*Board members not present: Lt. Jeremiah Richards, Designee for Sheriff Rand Henderson, Judge Wayne Mack, Justice of the Peace, Pct. 1, Representative for Justice Courts and Judges, Melanie Bush, County Treasurer, Judge William Waggoner, Conroe Municipal Judge.*

*Non Board members present: John McKinney, Asst. County Attorney and Legal Counsel to the Board, Jan Avery, Bail Bond Board Administrator.*

### III. PUBLIC COMMENT

(Note: Public must sign registration prior to the start of meeting in order to address the Board. Comments are limited to 3 minutes per speaker.)

There were no public comments.

### IV. MINUTES

A. Approve the minutes for the meeting August 17, 2022.

Darin Bailey entertained a motion on the minutes. Vanessa Windham Motioned to approve the minutes, Jamie Meinkowsky seconded. Judge Santini abstained. The motion passed.

### V. TREASURER

A. Consider, discuss and take action on the Treasurer's Report.

Darin stated that Melanie was unable to attend the meeting and Jan Avery the Administrator or she would attempt to answer any questions anyone might have on the report. There were no questions, Melisa Miller motioned to approve the report in the packet, Alexis van de Ven Seda seconded. All Board Members were in favor, the motion passed.

### VI. ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

A. Review funds received for the month of August 2022. Report attached.

B. Consider:

1. Updated list of Licensed Surety companies for posting, September 01, 2022.
2. License Expiration Report – updated 08/31/2022.

### VII. Complaint Sub-Committee

1. Complaint # 1 – Consider and take appropriate action after receiving update and recommendation from the Bail Bond Subcommittee relating to complaint received July 05, 2022 from Antiwan Lane against Alexis van de Ven Seda, dba Bustin Out Bail Bonds.

Amanda Webb gave the following update on the complaint – Due to the complainant being incarcerated it has been challenging to obtain records. This is the second complaint from Antiwan Lane, the first was dismissed and this is related to the first and referred to voicemails and communications at the jail. The committee is aware that there is evidence out there but the task of going through the 4000+ voicemails was a

challenge. The District Attorney's office was working with the attorney Judith Shields on the matter. Alexis van de Ven Seda asked if she could address the Board. Alexis stated that this has been Ongoing for the better part of this year, she had refunded most of the money to the co-signer, and there were costs associated with this defendant. Alexis stated she has a copy of the letter signed by Antiwan Lane that he wanted to dismiss the complaint and any other complaint associated with it. Amanda stated that the committee wanted to bring this to the Board to see what action they wanted to take. Darin Bailey motioned to dismiss the complaint, Judge Santini seconded. Amanda Webb and Jamie Meinkowsky opposed. All other Board members approved dismissing, the motion passed.

2. Complaint # 2 – Consider and take appropriate action after receiving update and recommendation from the Bail Bond Subcommittee relating to complaint received July 20, 2022 from Tonya Ramos Smith against Sandi Morris.

Amanda Webb stated to the Board that the committee struggled with this complaint and they had asked the County Attorney's office about obtaining an AG Opinion. John McKinney stated that he had spoken with 3 attorneys that teach the bondsman throughout the state that this was acceptable and an industry standard. He could find no indication with the information given that this was deemed a violation. Darin Bailey stated that just because it might be an industry standard does not make it an acceptable practice as the code clearly states under 1704.252 (9) – After notice and a hearing, a board may revoke or suspend a license if the license holder: pays commissions or fees to or divides commissions or fees with, or offers to pay commissions or fees to or divides commissions or fees with, a person or business entity not licensed under this chapter.

Darin Bailey moved to a hearing against Sandi Morris, Judge Santini seconded, Vanessa Windham opposed, all other Board members were in favor. Darin asked Jan if she would set up for the hearing and send proper notice. The motion passed.

## VIII PRESIDING OFFICER

- A. Hearing on license application of Wisam Muharib, agent for Lexington National Insurance Company dba All TX Bail Bonds.

Ronnie Frank, owner of Lexington National Insurance, Steven Bell, attorney for Lexington National Insurance, Wisam Muharib, and Mark Font, counsel for Wisam Muharib were in attendance.

Swear in Wisam Muharib and Lexington representative and proceed to a)

Darin Bailey swore in Wisam Muharib.

- a) Conduct hearing on license application of Wisam Muharib agent, Lexington National Insurance Company dba All TX Bail Bonds.

Jan Avery stated that the only question she had had was on the civil litigation case in Harris County and she confirmed with Harris County that the case had been settled. She pulled the court document, it had been signed by the Judge in Harris County.

- b) 1704.159 – Enter an order on action taken on the license application of Wisam Muharib, agent Lexington National Insurance Company dba All TX Bail Bonds.

Amanda Webb motioned to approve the license application of Wisam Muharib as an agent for Lexington National Insurance Company dba All TX Bail Bonds, Alexis van de Ven Seda seconded. All Board members were in favor, the motion passed.

## IX ADJOURN

Darin Bailey entertained a motion to adjourn. Alexis van de Ven Seda motioned to adjourn the meeting, Judge Vince Santini seconded. All were in favor, the meeting adjourned at 12:19 p.m.

**The Agenda is on this bulletin board and may be obtained in the County Clerk's office on the 1<sup>st</sup> floor of the Court's building at 210 West Davis, Conroe, TX 77301 and in the Commissioner's Courtroom on the day of the meeting.**