

**FORT BEND COUNTY BAIL BOND BOARD
401 JACKSON STREET, 2ND FLOOR,
COMMISSIONERS COURTROOM, RICHMOND, TEXAS
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2024 8:30 A.M.**

AGENDA

1. Call to Order.
2. Pledges of Allegiance by Board Chair
(or by an individual requested by the Chair)
3. Public Comments regarding Board Action items on the Agenda (4-10)
4. Take all appropriate action on submission of the minutes of the previous month's Regular Bail Bond Board meeting.
5. Take all appropriate action on submission of the previous month's Bail Bond Board's Monthly Activity Report.
6. Take all appropriate action on submission of new application for licensee Financial Casualty & Surety, Inc., FCS, Marcos Antonio, Agent, d/b/a, Fearless Bail Bonds II, License # TBD.
7. Take all appropriate action on submission for Employee Identification Card(s) as requested by Marcos Antonio, Agent, d/b/a, Fearless Bail Bonds II, (Financial Casualty & Surety, Inc., FCS), License #TBD for the following:

Donna Candice Perales

8. Take all appropriate action on submission for Employee Identification Card(s) as requested by Linda Traylor, Agent, d/b/a, Country Bonding, (Allegheny Casualty Company), License #146 for the following:

Michael Wayne Yokem

9. Take all appropriate action on submission for Employee Identification Card(s) as requested by Rodney Vannerson, Agent, d/b/a, Aaron Bonding, (Financial Casualty & Surety, Inc., FCS), License #093 for the following:

Jeffrey Alan Jones

10. Comments from Board/Administrator/County Staff:

Rule Reminder of the Month

SECTION 6 - ATTORNEY BONDS

6.1 An attorney that posts a bail bond pursuant to Texas Occupations Code Section 1704.163 is exempt from the licensing and security requirements imposed by this Board and the Occupations Code. However, attorneys should be aware of the requirements of Texas Code of Criminal Procedure Article 17.11 stating, "Every court, judge, magistrate or other officer taking a bail bond shall require evidence of the sufficiency of the security offered; but in every case, one surety shall be sufficient, if it be made to appear that such surety is worth at least double the amount of the sum for which he is bound, exclusive of all property exempted by law from execution, and of debts or other encumbrances; and that he is a resident of Texas, and has property therein liable to execution worth the sum for which he is bound."

Announcements:

Record into the Minutes the following notice of non-renewal by the corporate surety (non-action item):

Allegheny Casualty Company, d/b/a A Way Out Bail Bonds, License #135, Leo Benitez, Agent

11. Adjournment.


Bill Rickert, Bail Bond Board Chair
Fort Bend County Treasurer


Sara Rosas, Administrator
Fort Bend County Bail Bond Board

Any person subject to the local appearance rule shall make a request to appear virtually no later than the preceding Monday at noon.

VIRTUAL MUST BE AUDIBLE AND VISIBLE

Please log in to:

<https://fortbendcountytexas.webex.com/meet/sara.rosas>

by 8:15 a.m. on the day of the meeting to join virtually.

We will call on you when your item is taken up by the Board.

NOTICE

Policy of Non-Discrimination on the Basis of Disability

Fort Bend County does not discriminate on the basis of disability in the admission or access to, or treatment or employment in, its programs or activities. The County's ADA Coordinator is the Director of Risk Management, located at 301 Jackson Street, Suite 224, in Richmond, Texas, 77469, telephone 281-341-8630. The Director of Risk Management is designated to coordinate compliance with the non-discrimination requirements in Section 35.107 of the Department of Justice regulations.

Fort Bend County will, generally, upon request, provide appropriate aids and services leading to effective communication for qualified persons with disabilities so that they can participate equally in the County's programs, services, and activities. Anyone who requires an auxiliary aid or service for effective communication or modification of policies or procedures to participate in a program, service, or activity of Fort Bend County, should contact the office of the ADA Coordinator as soon as possible, but no later than 48 hours before the scheduled event.

NOTICE

Fort Bend County Bail Bond Board reserves the right to adjourn into executive session at any time during the course of this meeting to discuss any of the matters listed above, as authorized by Texas Government Code Sections 551.071 (Consultation with Attorney), 551.072 (Deliberation of Real Property), 551.0725 (Deliberation of Contract Being Negotiated), 551.073 (Deliberation of Gifts and Donations), 551.074 (Personnel Matters), 551.0745 (Personnel Matters Affecting County Advisory Body) 551.076 (Deliberation of Security Devices) 551.087 (Economic Development) and 551.089 (Deliberation Regarding Security Devices or Security Audits).



FY 2024

**FORT BEND COUNTY BAIL BOND BOARD
PUBLIC PARTICIPATION FORM**

Instructions: Fill out ALL blanks – PLEASE PRINT

Name: _____ Date: _____

Home Address: _____

Telephone (optional): _____

Please provide the name, address and phone number of any group or organization you represent, if applicable:

Which agenda item do you wish to address?

In general, are you FOR AGAINST Agenda Item# _____

(Please check one)

I acknowledge that, if called to speak, I will only speak to the agenda item(s) and that my comments will be limited to a maximum of three minutes.

Signature: _____

NOTE: This Public Participation Form must be presented to the Administrator prior to the time that the meeting is called to order. Any documentation you wish to provide to the Board should accompany this form when you present it to the Administrator.

This form becomes public record, along with any attachments, and is recorded with materials regarding the Bail Bond Board.

MINUTES

FORT BEND COUNTY BAIL BOND BOARD
401 JACKSON STREET, 2ND FLOOR, COMMISSIONERS COURTROOM
RICHMOND, TEXAS
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 17, 2024, 8:30 A.M.

BE IT REMEMBERED, that on this the 17th day of January, 2024, the Bail Bond Board of Fort Bend County, Texas at the Commissioner's Courtroom, Richmond, Texas with the following members present:

CRAIG LANDIN	SUGAR LAND MUNICIPAL JUDGE, CHAIR
LUPITA SALDANA	BONDSMEN REPRESENTATIVE, VICE CHAIR
BILL RICKERT	COUNTY TREASURER
MARIA SEGURA	COUNTY TREASUER DESIGNEE
LAURA RICHARD	COUNTY CLERK
BEVERLEY WALKER	DISTRICT CLERK
MARK LaFORGE	DISTRICT ATTORNEY DESIGNEE
NANCY LUSK	DEFENSE ATTORNEY
DEBRA SINCLAIR	MISSOURI CITY MUNICIPAL JUDGE (VIRTUAL)

***Also present as non-member – Michelle Turner from the County Attorney's Office**

1. Call to Order.

Called to order at 8:30 a.m. by Craig Landin.

**2. Pledges of Allegiance by Board Chair
(or by an individual requested by the Chair)**

Pledges led by Craig Landin.

3. Public Comments regarding Board Action items on the Agenda (4-19)

None

4. Take all appropriate action to elect a Chair for the 2024 Bail Bond Board, as authorized by 2.1 of the Fort Bend County Local Bail Bond Board Rules; MEMBERS.

Lupita Saldana nominated Craig Saldana, Beverley Walker nominated Bill Rickert. Craig Landin declined the nomination. Moved by Craig Landin seconded by Lupita Saldana is duly put and unanimously carried it is ordered to approve the election of the Chair for the 2024 Bail Bond Board, as authorized by 2.1 of the Fort Bend County Local Bail Bond Board Rules; MEMBERS. Bill Rickert took the place of Chair for the remainder of the meeting.

5. Take all appropriate action to elect a Vice Chair for the 2024 Bail Bond Board, as authorized by 2.1 of the Fort Bend County Local Bail Bond Board Rules; MEMBERS.

Lupita Saldana nominated Laura Richard. Moved by Lupita Saldana seconded by Beverley Walker is duly put and unanimously carried it is ordered to approve the election of the Vice Chair for the 2024 Bail Bond Board, as authorized by 2.1 of the Fort Bend County Local Bail Bond Board Rules; MEMBERS.

6. Take all appropriate action to appoint members to the 2024 Rules and Forms Committee as authorized by 2.5 of the Fort Bend County Local Bail Bond Board Rules; COMMITTEES.

Moved by Laura Richard seconded by Craig Landin it is duly put and unanimously carried it is ordered to appoint Nancy Lusk, Beverley Walker and Lupita Saldana as members to the 2024 Rules and Forms Committee as authorized by 2.5 of the Fort Bend County Local Bail Bond Board Rules; COMMITTEES.

- 7. Take all appropriate action to appoint members to the 2024 Complaint Committee as authorized by 2.5 of the Fort Bend County Local Bail Bond Board Rules; COMMITTEES**

Moved by Mark LaForge seconded by Lupita Saldana it is duly put and unanimously carried it is ordered to appoint Craig Landin, Mark LaForge and Beverley Walker as members to the 2024 Complaint Committee as authorized by 2.5 of the Fort Bend County Local Bail Bond Board Rules; COMMITTEES

- 8. Take all appropriate action on submission of the minutes of the previous month's Regular Bail Bond Board meeting.**

Moved by Laura Richard seconded by Craig Landin it is duly put and it is ordered to approve to take all appropriate action on submission of the minutes of the previous month's Regular Bail Bond Board meeting.

- 9. Take all appropriate action on submission of the previous month's Bail Bond Board's Monthly Activity Report.**

Moved by Craig Landin seconded by Beverley Walker it is duly put and it is ordered to approve to take all appropriate action on submission of the previous month's Bail Bond Board's Monthly Activity Report.

- 10. Take all appropriate action on submission of new application for licensee Financial Casualty & Surety, Inc., Marcos Antonio, Agent, d/b/a, Fearless Bail Bonds II, License # TBD.**

Pulled.

- 11. Take all appropriate action on submission of renewal application for licensee Crum & Forster, The North River Insurance Company, JoAnn Reyes, Agent, d/b/a, Rosita's In & Out Bail Bonds, License # 114.**

Moved by Mark LaForge seconded by Craig Landin it is duly put and it is ordered to approve submission of renewal application for licensee Crum & Forster, The North River Insurance Company, JoAnn Reyes, Agent, d/b/a, Rosita's In & Out Bail Bonds, License # 114.

- 12. Take all appropriate action on submission by Mike Padilla, Vice President of The North River Insurance Company, JoAnn Reyes, Agent, d/b/a Rosita's In & Out Bail Bonds, License #114, to withdraw CD # 100073340340 in the amount of \$50,000.00 and replace with Cashier's Check #94202638413 in the amount of \$50,000.00.**

Moved by Beverley Walker seconded by Craig Landin it is duly put and it is ordered to approve submission by Mike Padilla, Vice President of The North River Insurance Company, JoAnn Reyes, Agent, d/b/a Rosita's In & Out Bail Bonds, License #114, to withdraw CD # 100073340340 in the amount of \$50,000.00 and replace with Cashier's Check #94202638413 in the amount of \$50,000.00.

13. Take all appropriate action on submission for Employee Identification Card as requested by Marcos Antonio, Agent, d/b/a, Fearless Bail Bonds II, (Financial Casualty & Surety, Inc. FCS), License #TBD for the following:

Donna Candice Perales	Fearless Bail Bonds II
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Pulled.

14. Take all appropriate action on submission for Employee Identification Cards as requested by Troy McLeheny, Agent, d/b/a, H Town Bail Bonds, (U. S. Fire Insurance Company), License #122 for the following:

Carla Gay Swindell	H Town Bail Bonds
Eric Wayne Gonzales	H Town Bail Bonds

Moved by Craig Landin seconded by Lupita Saldana it is duly put and it is ordered to approve submission for Employee Identification Cards as requested by Troy McLeheny, Agent, d/b/a, H Town Bail Bonds, (U. S. Fire Insurance Company), License #122 for the following:

Carla Gay Swindell	H Town Bail Bonds
Eric Wayne Gonzales	H Town Bail Bonds

15. Take all appropriate action on submission for Employee Identification Cards as requested by Amor Saldana, Agent, d/b/a, Freebird Bail Bonds, (U. S. Fire Insurance Company), License #143 for the following:

Jasmine Nicole Saldana	Freebird Bail Bonds
Divine Destiny Montes, III	Freebird Bail Bonds

Moved by Beverley Walker seconded by Mark LaForge it is duly put and it is ordered to approve submission for Employee Identification Cards as requested by Amor Saldana, Agent, d/b/a, Freebird Bail Bonds, (U. S. Fire Insurance Company), License #143 for the following:

Jasmine Nicole Saldana	Freebird Bail Bonds
Divine Destiny Montes, III	Freebird Bail Bonds

16. Take all appropriate action on submission for Employee Identification Cards as requested by Amor Saldana, Agent, d/b/a, A Affordable Bail Bonds, (Allegheny Casualty Company), License #141 for the following:

Jasmine Nicole Saldana	A Affordable Bail Bonds
Divine Destiny Montes, III	A Affordable Bail Bonds

Moved by Beverley Walker seconded by Mark LaForge it is duly put and it is ordered to approve submission for Employee Identification Cards as requested by Amor Saldana, Agent, d/b/a, A Affordable Bail Bonds, (Allegheny Casualty Company), License #141 for the following:

Jasmine Nicole Saldana	A Affordable Bail Bonds
Divine Destiny Montes, III	A Affordable Bail Bonds

17. Take all appropriate action on submission for Employee Identification Card as requested by Lupita Saldana, Agent, d/b/a, Rapido Bail Bonds, (Allegheny Casualty Company), License #145 for the following:

Jasmine Nicole Saldana	Rapido Bail Bonds
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Moved by Mark LaForge seconded by Beverley Walker it is duly put and it is ordered to approve submission for Employee Identification Card as requested by Lupita Saldana, Agent, d/b/a, Rapido Bail Bonds, (Allegheny Casualty Company), License #145 for the following: Lupita Saldana abstained.

Jasmine Nicole Saldana	Rapido Bail Bonds
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18. Take all appropriate action on submission for Employee Identification Cards as requested by Lupita Saldana, Agent, d/b/a, 1st Choice Bail Bonds, (Lexington National Insurance Company), License #151 for the following:

Jasmine Nicole Saldana	1st Choice Bail Bonds
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Moved by Craig Landin seconded by Laura Richard it is duly put and it is ordered to approve submission for Employee Identification Card as requested by Lupita Saldana, Agent, d/b/a, 1st Choice Bail Bonds, (Lexington National Insurance Company), License #151 for the following: Lupita Saldana abstained.

Jasmine Nicole Saldana	1 st Choice Bail Bonds
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19. Take all appropriate action on submission for Employee Identification Cards as requested by Lupita Saldana, Agent, d/b/a, Rapido Bail Bonds, (Allegheny Casualty Company), License #145 for the following:

Jasmine Nicole Saldana	Rapido Bail Bonds
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Duplicate item.

20. Comments from Board/Administrator/County Staff:

Rule Reminder of the Month

2.5 COMMITTEES

The Board shall approve the creation of any committees and shall select the members to be appointed in accordance with requirements of the Open Meetings Act.

2.6 CHANGES TO RULES

These Rules may be adopted, altered, amended or repealed by majority vote of all the members present at a regularly scheduled meeting of the Board, provided that at least 10 days written notice is given of the proposed adoption, alteration, amendment or repeal, by posting the proposed rules in the same manner as posting notice of meetings of the Board.

21. Announcements:

County Holidays in January: 1st, New Year's Day
15th, Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

22. Adjournment. 8:48 a.m.



Sara Rosas
Bail Bond Board Administrator

Any person subject to the local appearance rule shall make a request to appear virtually no later than Monday at noon. Please log in to:

<https://fortbendcountytexas.webex.com/meet/sara.rosas> by 8:30 a.m.
to join the meeting.

We will call on you when your item is taken up by the Board.

Jan-24

LICENSEE MONTHLY BAIL BOND ACTIVITY REPORT

CASH/PROPERTY	LICENSEE	DATE	F	M	F	LIABILITY	M	OUTSTANDING	LIABILITY	SECURITY	HELD	PROP	SUSP	LIC
												CD	STAT	NUMB
	ABC	1-28-09	6	21	\$125,000.00	\$104,760.00	\$3,665,750.00	\$ 385,983	CD/PROF	0	104-10			
	DISCOUNT	1-28-09	0	0	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$969,750.00	\$ 576,304	CD/PROF	0	046-08			
	FT. BEND COUNTY	2-Feb	3	4	\$28,500.00	\$7,250.00	\$579,850.00	\$ 65,000	CD	0	088-07			
	GRANNIES	1-Feb	0	0	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$251,278.58	\$ 50,000	CD	0	069-99			
			9	25										

Corporate Surety's are excluded from complying with Subsection (g) of Section 6, Art. 2372p-3, V.A.C.S.
 Effective September 1, 2001, a person who applies for a renewal of a license that has been held for eight years without having been suspended/revoked may renew the license for 3 years from the date of expiration if the Board knows of no legal reason why the application should not be renewed.

0 - Active
 1- Suspended
 2- Expired/Inactive
 Late report / Late report with notice sent***
 *Inactive
 N/R - Report Not Received or received after the required date/time

Jan-24

LICENSEE MONTHLY BAIL BOND ACTIVITY REPORT

CORPORATE SURETY													
LICENSEE	DATE	F	M	F	LIABILITY	M	OUTSTANDING	LIABILITY	SECURITY	HELD	PROP	SUSP	LIC
											CD/CK	STAT	NUMB
1ST CHOICE/LEXINGTON	2-Feb	22	11	\$232,000.00	\$20,152.00		\$887,653.00	\$50,000.00	CD	0	CD	0	151-23
1ST OUT / LEXINGTON	1-Feb	7	5	\$75,000.00	\$5,750.00		\$169,250.00	\$50,000.00	CD	0	CD	0	152-23
A BETTER DEAL/US FIRE	2-Feb	15	17	\$139,000.00	\$13,930.30		\$5,820,235.90	\$50,000.00	CK	0	CK	0	139-19
A AFFORDABLE/ ALLEGHENY	1-Feb	11	24	\$312,500.00	\$62,235.00		\$3,764,903.00	\$50,000.00	CD	0	CD	0	141-19
A SPEEDY / US FIRE	1-Feb	3	8	\$87,000.00	\$12,000.00		\$1,865,099.00	\$50,000.00	CK	0	CK	0	140-21
A MOBILE BB / LEXINGTON	1-Feb	4	2	\$365,000.00	\$2,000.00		\$461,000.00	\$50,000.00	CD	0	CD	0	150-23
AARON / FCS	2-Feb	2	1	\$55,000.00	\$750.00		\$6,624,196.00	\$50,000.00	CD	0	CD	0	093-08
AFAST / BANKERS	2-Feb	13	9	\$199,000.00	\$16,750.00		\$4,649,596.00	\$50,000.00	CD	0	CD	0	117-12
AWAY OUT /ALLEGHENY	2-Feb	0	0	\$0.00	\$0.00		\$279,750.00	\$50,000.00	CD	0	CD	0	135-18
ALLIED / AMERICAN SURETY	1-Feb	5	1	\$21,500.00	\$5,000.00		\$1,555,957.00	\$50,000.00	CD	0	CD	0	128-17
ASAP / LEXINGTON	1-Feb	8	23	\$68,000.00	\$40,000.00		\$6,703,813.10	\$50,000.00	CD	0	CD	0	110-11
BETTER NOW / BANKERS	2-Feb	14	27	\$267.00	\$29,275.50		\$380,402.10	\$50,000.00	CD	0	CD	0	081-06
COMING TO GET YOU/LEXINGTON	1-Feb	4	6	\$75,000.00	\$10,750.00		\$4,871,808.50	\$50,000.00	CD	0	CD	0	119-13
COUNTRY / ALLEGHENY	2-Feb	8	6	\$152,500.00	\$9,757.90		\$1,576,005.00	\$50,000.00	CD	0	CD	0	146-21
FREEBIRD / US FIRE	1-Feb	20	34	\$326,500.00	\$52,924.80		\$3,551,254.40	\$50,000.00	CK	0	CK	0	143-20
H-TOWN / US FIRE	1-Feb	33	37	\$671,500.00	\$57,850.00		\$6,457,759.00	\$50,000.00	CD	0	CD	0	122-14
MR JONES 3 / ALLEGHENY	2-Feb	14	41	\$154,000.00	\$79,766.40		\$2,828,291.00	\$50,000.00	CD	0	CD	0	147-22
RAPIDO / ALLEGHENY	2-Feb	4	11	\$92,000.00	\$13,750.00		\$1,660,067.00	\$50,000.00	CD	0	CD	0	145-21
ROSITAS IN&OUT / NORTH RIVER	2-Feb	10	31	\$198,000.00	\$59,145.10		\$3,267,539.90	\$50,000.00	CK	0	CK	0	114-12
TEXAS BAIL / ALLEGHENY	2-Feb	17	17	\$342,500.00	\$56,702.00		\$2,928,535.00	\$50,000.00	CD	0	CD	0	144-20
		185	295	\$	\$	-	\$	-	\$				

January 2024

Monthly Summary of Bonding Activity

	BONDSMEN		ATTORNEYS	
FBC BONDSMEN AND ATTYS WHO EXECUTED BONDS	22			3
	FEL	MISD	FEL	MISD
BONDSMEN AND ATTY BONDS - FBC	194	320	4	1
BONDSMEN AND ATTY BONDS - OUT/CTY	8	9	0	0
BONDSMEN AND ATTY BONDS - JP		4	0	0
BONDSMEN AND ATTY BONDS - JP/OUT/CTY		0	0	0
BONDSMEN AND ATTY BONDS - MUNICIPAL		2	0	0
BONDSMEN AND ATTY BONDS - MUN/OUT/CTY		0	0	0
CASH BONDS - FBC, other	3	71	0	0
CASH BONDS - OUT/CTY	0	0	0	0
CASH BONDS - JP	0	3	0	0
CASH BONDS - JP/OUT/CTY		0	0	0
CASH BONDS - MUNICIPAL		0	0	0
CASH BONDS - MUNICIPAL OUT/CTY		0	0	0
PR BONDS - FBC	21	137	0	0
PR BONDS - OUT/CTY	0	1	0	0
PR BONDS - JP		2	0	0
PR BONDS - MUNICIPAL		0	0	0
APPEAL BOND	0	0	0	0
	0	0		
PERSONAL BONDS	1	0	0	0
BONDS WRITTEN BY BONDSMEN NOT FROM FBC	31	45	0	0
SUBTOTALS	258	594	4	1
TOTAL NUMBER OF BONDS WRITTEN				857

January 2024				
ATTORNEY	F	M	F	M
Jonathan Frank	4	2	\$82,000.00	\$1,100.00
Michael Driver	0	2	\$0.00	\$3,000.00
Troy Wilson	1	0	\$10,000.00	\$0.00
TOTALS	5	4	\$92,000.00	\$4,100.00