# ARKANSAS PROFESSIONAL BAIL BONDSMAN LICENSING BOARD Conference Call Board Meeting via Zoom January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2021

Chairman Curt Clark called the meeting to order.

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

Assistant Attorney General Brad Nye was present. Board Staff was present.

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

## Hearings

# Pulaski County Circuit Court vs John Chism Bail Bonds (Rodrick Galloway) Forfeiture Hearing.

Dan Hancock (Attorney for John Chism Bail Bonds) was present. No one from John Chism Bail Bonds was present. After a discussion by the board on the circumstances of the forfeiture, a motion was made by Clark, under Arkansas statue 17-19-208, that John Chism Bail Bonds Company license be suspended and that the maximum amount of \$10,000.00(ten thousand) be taken from John Chism Bail Bonds letter of credit to pay Pulaski County Circuit Court for the bond forfeiture. Buck seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

A second motion was made by Edwards to schedule a hearing for John Chism vice president of John Chism Bail Bonds for disposition of his current license with a different bail bond company (Donna's Bail Bonds). The motion was seconded by Ibison. Motion passed unanimously.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

## **Transfers/Suspensions/Reinstatements:**

A report was provided for information purposes: There was six (6) transfers. There were two (2) agent suspensions or terminations. There were one (1) 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. Joyner made a motion to approve expenses and Person seconded. Motion passed with all in favor.

## **Forfeitures - Open:** Six(6) 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 moved to notice 10-day letter for an immediate hearing those licensees whose forfeitures were not paid in a timely manner. Molder seconded. The motion was put to a vote and carried with all in favor.

## **License Approvals:**

There were nine (9) licenses issued since last meeting.

**Sale of Spencer Bonding Services, LLC.** Clark presented to the board that sell the business to Justin Edwards, owner of JE & Bryce's Bail Bonding... Justin Edward was present. Motion was made by Clark to accept the sale. Molder seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

**Investigators Report:** Informed board of cases and cases pending in criminal court. Informed board of pending complaints.

# **Executive Director's Report / Review:**

Executive Director Randy Murray told the board we had fifteen applicants apply for the investigator position and has narrowed it down to three (3) pending interviews. Director and board also discussed the investigator pay and trying to get a pay increase. Director also disused up coming legislative session.

# **Public Comments:**

No public comments

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Submitted for approval:		
This 12th day of February, 2021		
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