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**ARKANSAS PROFESSIONAL
BAIL BONDSMAN LICENSING BOARD
Regular Meeting
June 10th, 2022**

Chairman Curt Clark called the meeting to order.

Roll call was taken. The following members were present Clark, Muldoon, Edwards, Craig, Wilburn, and Molder were present. Joyner was absent. Clark made a motion to excuse Joyner from being absent. Wilburn seconded. A roll call vote was taken all board member voted yes. Motion passed.

Assistant Attorney General Joe West was present. Board Staff was present.

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

Hearings

APBBLB vs First Step Bail Bonds Company Inc./Tara Purser

Jeff Wankum Attorney for First Step and First Step Agent Tara Farias- Purser was present. After hearing testimony from Director Murray of the APBBLB and First Step Agent Tara Farias Purser, on the allegations present by the board Director (Investigator at the time of the incident). The board found in allegation 12 in the list of allegations as unfounded or not proven. The board found in allegation 13 in the list of allegations as unfounded or not proven. The board found in allegation 14 in the list of allegations as founded that First Step Agent Tara Farias-Purser violated APBBLB Board Rule 1 42.F. A motion was made Clark to accept the findings of the allegations listed. Muldoon second, and the motion passed.

A motion was made by Edwards to place First Step Agent Tara Farias-Purser on One (1) year administrative probation, with no similar violation for that length of time effective immediately. Wilburn seconded and motion passed.

Transfers/Suspensions/Reinstatements:

A report was provided for information purposes: There was two (2) transfers. There were five (5) agent suspensions or terminations. There were zero (0) reinstatement.

Appeal Update:

Assistant Attorney General provided an update on all cases under appeal. No updates.

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.

Previous months Forfeitures - New: thirty-eight (38) New Forfeitures

The Previous Months Forfeiture Report was presented. The Chair invited comment or discussion. There being no further discussion, Edwards 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.

License Approvals:

There were four (4) agent licenses issued since last meeting.

ELP Presentation

Ken Anderson with the Arkansas Department of Labor and Licensing presented to the board Electronic Licensing. Board agreed in a motion to accept the new ELP process. Edwards made a motion to go forward with the ELP change, and Muldoon seconded. Motion passed.

Derek Balentine new company.

Derek Balentine before the board to get acceptance to open a new bail bond company **2nd Chance Bail Bonds, LLC...** Clark made a motion to accept Ballentine's to open a new company after all paperwork is processed through the APBBLB staff. Edwards seconded. Motion passed.

Investigators Report: Investigator was not present on vacation.

Executive Director's Report / Review: In formed board about electing new officers. Board decided to elect officers in July board meeting. Director informed board of forfeitures paid from the recovery fund, and Fiscal Officer Ron Bratton gave the board a report of the amounts.

Public Comments: no public comment. Ronnie Minnik and John Kesling gave comment on APPLB Board Rule 42. Clark and other spoke about looking into a working retreat to work on the rules.

Meeting was adjourned.

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

Submitted for approval:

This 10th day of July 8th, 2022 _____
Curt Clark, Chairman