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ARKANSAS PROFESSIONAL BAIL BONDSMAN LICENSING BOARD Regular Meeting

May 13th, 2022

Rickey Joyner (for Curt Clark) called the meeting to order.

Roll call was taken. The following members were present Clark (via speaker phone), Muldoon, Edwards, Joyner, and Molder were present. Craig and Wilburn were absent. Clark made a motion to excuse Wilburn and Craig from being absent. Molder 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. Molder made motion to approve previous minutes Edwards seconded. Motion passed.

Hearings

Lonoke County Sheriff's Office vs Bryce's Bail Bonding Inc./Jaimon

Russell. After hearing evidence presented by the board investigator, Molder made a motion to suspend Jamion Russell for 90 days, with a monetary fine of \$500.00, with the fine to be paid before license can be reinstated.

Based on the substantial evidence in the record, the Arkansas Professional Bail Bond Licensing Board hereby orders:

- 12. Respondent Russell's license shall be suspended for ninety (90) days. Respondent Russell is further assessed an administrative penalty in the amount of \$500.00. The administrative penalty must be paid in full prior to the reinstatement of Respondent's license.
- 13. No adverse finding or penalty is imposed on Bryce's Bail Bonding, Inc.
- 14. Pursuant to Ark. Code Ann. § 25-15-212 and § 17-19-210(i), Respondent Russell may appeal the Board's decision by filing a petition for judicial review in the Circuit Court of Pulaski County within thirty (30) days of the date on the certificate of service attached to this Order.

A role call vote was taken in the matter. Molder voted yes, Muldoon voted yes, Joyner voted yes, Clark voted yes, and Edwards voted no. Motion passed 4 to 1.

APBBLB vs G.M. Bail Bonds Inc./Joseph Sharrah/Jacqueline Hanna/Steven Wayne

Thomas Forfeitures. After hearing was called by the hearing officer, no representative from the company was present. Based on information presented to the board by the director of the APBBLB, a motion was made by Joyner and seconded by Molder that G.M. Bail Bonds Inc. license is revoked and the board staff is to attempt collection of forfeiture money from G.M. Bail Bonds letter of credit. A Roll call vote was taken all voted yes and motion carried.

APBBLB vs John Chism Bail Bonds Inc. Forfeiture. After hearing evidence presented by the director and previous forfeitures hearings on the above listed company. A motion was made by Edwards to attempt collection of forfeiture money from Chism's cancelled letter of credit and to pay listed forfeitures from the bail bond recovery fund. Joyner seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Transfers/Suspensions/Reinstatements:

A report was provided for information purposes: There was one (1) transfer. There were one (1) 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. Joyner made a motion to approve expenses and Molder seconded. Motion passed.

Previous months Forfeitures - New: thirty-two (32) 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 Molder seconded. Motion passed.

License Approvals:

There were six (6) licenses issued since last meeting.

Previous months vouchers paid Joyner made a motion to accept previous months vouchers paid, Molder seconded. Motion carried

Board spoke about the director's salary and getting an increase to make it more inline with other state agency directors. Board agreed

Investigators Report: Investigator informed board of new and pending cases and training events.

Executive Director's Report / Review: Informed the board that all Rules updates had been made. After an inquiry by Muldoon on the Bond Tracker. Director informed board of mandate by the Arkansas Department of Labor and Licensing to switch to a new system called ELP. Ken Anderson Chief of Technical Support will be giving a presentation at the June board meeting.

Public Comments: no public comment. Chairman Clark reported that a founding member of the APBBLB Tom Nickolich had passed and gave a brief history of Mr. Nickolich's history with the board and introduction of Statutes and Rules. Kristopher Keeton also spoke about his farther.

Meeting was adjourned. Molder made a motion to adjourn, and Joyner seconded.	Meeting was adjourned.
Submitted for approval:	
This 10th day of June 2022	
Curt Clark, Cha	irman