

**MINUTES OF THE BAIL BOND BOARD OF WEBB COUNTY
MEETING OF JANUARY 3, 2024
MEETING HELD AT THE 341ST DISTRICT COURT**

The Bail Bond Board of Webb County met at a regular meeting on January 3, 2024. The following members were present to-wit:

**JUDGE JESUS DOMINGUEZ
JUDGE OSCAR LIENDO
MANUEL VINALS**

**MARGIE IBARRA
JESSICA LAUREL
ALEJANDRO GUTIERREZ**

**COMMISSIONER RICARDO JAIME
PEDRO J GARZA JR.**

**MUNICIPAL JUDGE
JUSTICE OF PEACE JP1 PL2
REPRESENTATIVE RAUL REYES
COUNTY TREASURER
COUNTY CLERKS
BONDSPERSON REPRESENTATIVE
REPRESENTATIVE MARTIN CUELLAR
SHERIFF OFFICE
WEBB COUNTY COMMISSIONER PCT. 4
REPRESENTATIVE ISIDRO R ALANIZ
DISTRICT ATTORNEY**

The following members were absent:

**JUDGE BECKIE PALOMO
JUDGE VICTOR VILLARREAL
ESTHER DEGOLLADO**

**341ST DISTRICT JUDGE
COUNTY COURT AT LAW #2
DISTRICT CLERK**

Also present was Albrecht Riepen General Counsel and Enedelia Romo Bail Bond Board Administrator.

1. Call meeting to order.

2. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC MAY ADDRESS THE BAIL BOND BOARD DURING PUBLIC COMMENTS. ALL PERSONS MUST PRE-REGISTER IN WRITING BY EMAILING THE BAIL BOND BOARD ADMINISTRATOR AT eromo@webbcountytexas.gov NO LATER THAN 4:00PM ON THE BUSINESS DAY BEFORE THE MEETING. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION WILL BE LIMITED TO THREE MINUTES FOR THOSE WHO HAVE PRE-REGISTERED. PURSUANT TO STATE OPEN MEETING LAW, THE WEBB COUNTY BAIL BOND BOARD IS RESTRICTED IN DISCUSSION OR TAKING ACTION ON ITEMS NOT POSTED ON THE AGENDA.

3. **Approval of December 2024 Bail Bond Board Meeting minutes.**

Upon motion of Mr. Manuel Vinals, Seconded by Mr. Alejandro Gutierrez, all voting in favor the minutes of December 6, 2023 were approved with subject to these amendments announce by Board Counsel. On Border Bonding Company and Cisneros Bail Bonds No Written Order was submitted regarding over the limit and Collateral Transfer.

4. **Report on Outstanding Agreed Judgments/ Default Judgments, Pending Judgments Nisi, Pending Writs of Execution, and Suspended Sureties as of December 29, 2023.**

Albrecht Riepen General Counsel informed the Board that we don't have any Judgments or Writs of Execution pending at this time. Cristobal Cisneros still suspended. There are six Bonding Companies that have pending Judgments Nisi.

5. **Report on Outstanding Bonds regarding Bonding Companies as of December 29, 2023.**

Enedelia Romo Bail Bond Board Administrator informed the board about Bonding Company report.

6. **Quarterly Report on Art. 17.16 Affidavits of Surety for Discharge of Liability and Art. 17.19 Affidavits of Surety for Warrant or Capias filed by bonding companies. (Albrecht Riepen, Board Counsel)**

Albrecht Riepen Board Counsel informed the Board that The Quarterly Report was provided by District Clerks Office Kimberly Moreno.

7. Discussion and possible action on election of Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson of the Bail Bond Board for the year 2024. (Judge Rebecca Palomo, Chairperson)

Pedro Garza make a motion to elect Judge Beckie Palomo as Chairman of the Bail Bond Board. Commissioner Ricardo Jaime make a motion to elect Judge Jesus Dominguez as Vice-Chairman of the Bail Bond Board. Upon motion of Mr. Pedro Garza, Seconded by Mrs. Margie Ibarra, all voting in favor this item was approved.

8. Motion to instruct Ms. Enedelia Romo to inquire, from other Texas counties the process and implementation cost of a paperless bond system. (Ricardo Jaime, Commissioner Pct. 4)(Tabled from November meeting)

Commissioner Ricardo Jaime informed the Board to remove this item from this meeting and further meetings. Drop it from the agenda.

9. Discussion and possible action related to Webb County Bail Bond Board Rule Section 3.3, regarding employee registration for Bianka's Bail Bonds and Bianka's Bail Bonds II. Specifically: Angelina Alexis Jimenez. (Albrecht Riepen, Board Counsel)(Tabled from last meeting)

Albrecht Riepen Board Counsel informed the Board that Bianka's Bail Bonds and Bianka's Bail Bonds II have complied with Webb County Bail Bond Rule Section 3.3. Upon motion of Commissioner Ricardo Jaime, Seconded by Mrs. Margie Ibarra all voting in favor this item was approved.

10. Discussion and possible action related to Webb County Bail Bond Board Rule Section 3.3, regarding employee registration for Kike's Bail Bonds and Kike's Bail Bonds II. Specifically: Angelina Alexis Jimenez. (Albrecht Riepen, Board Counsel)(Tabled from last meeting)

Albrecht Riepen Board Counsel informed the Board to table this item for next meeting. Upon motion of Commissioner Ricardo Jaime, Seconded by Judge Jesus Dominguez all voting in favor this item was tabled.

11. Discussion and possible action regarding the revision of forms adopted by the Board. (Albrecht Riepen) (Tabled from last meeting)

Albrecht Riepen Board Counsel informed the Board to table this item for next meeting. Upon motion of Judge Jesus Dominguez, Seconded by Mrs. Margie Ibarra all voting in favor this item was tabled.

12. **Discussion and possible action regarding additional minor substantive changes to the Art. 32.01 Application to Discharge Surety Bail Bond. (Albrecht Riepen, Board Counsel)**

Albrecht Riepen General Counsel informed the Board to table this item for next meeting. Upon motion of Judge Jesus Dominguez, Seconded by Commissioner Ricardo Jaime, all voting in favor this item was tabled.

13. **Hearing on whether the multiplicative bond writing power of real property pledged as collateral should be reduced due to prior suspension pursuant to Tex Occ. Code 1704.203(f)(1) and (g) for Border Bonding Company, Cisneros Bail Bonds, and Mike's Bail Bonds.(Albrecht Riepen, Board Counsel)(Tabled from last meeting)**

Albrecht Riepen Board Counsel informed the Board that the affected Bonding Companies are Border Bonding Company, Cisneros Bail Bonds, and Mike's Bail Bonds.

In reference to Mike's Bail Bonds regarding suspension of December 2021 to table for next meeting. Upon motion of Commissioner Ricardo Jaime, Seconded by Judge Oscar Liendo all voting in favor this item was tabled.

14. **Announcement discussion and possible action regarding the enforcement of Tex Occ. Code 1704.203(c) 204,205 and 212. (Albrecht Riepen, Board Counsel)**

No Action Taken.

15. **Discussion and possible action regarding ability to run Odyssey reports on pending bond forfeitures for Administrator and General Counsel for purposes of enforcing Tex. Occ. Code 1704.203 (c). (Albrecht Riepen, Board Counsel)**

No Action Taken. Drop it from the agenda.

16. **Discussion and possible action on scheduling a training on the revised local rules for sureties and a CLE for attorneys. (Albrecht Riepen, Board Counsel)**

Albrecht Riepen General Counsel informed the Board to have a Training for Sureties and Attorneys. The notice for the training will be send later. Upon motion of Commissioner Ricardo Jaime, Seconded by Mrs. Margie Ibarra, all voting in favor the Training for Sureties and Attorneys was approved.

17. **Discussion regarding filing of 17.16 from Bail Bond Companies to Sheriff Office, Pre-Trial Services and all courts, that 17.16 are time sensitive and to remind all Bail Bond Companies to continue to follow up with the verification and signatures from Judges. (Jessica Laurel, Bondsperson Representative)**

Jessica Laurel informed the Board regarding Art. 17.16. No Action Taken.

18. **Discussion and possible action regarding appointing a member of the board as a representative to make decisions with IT on the implementation of a text message reminder system. (Judge Jesus Dominguez, Municipal Judge)**

Judge Jesus Dominguez appoint Commissioner Ricardo Jaime as the representative from the Board to make decisions with IT on implementation of Text message system.

19. **Committee Reports**

Rules Committee

Nothing to Report

Advertise Committee

Nothing to Report

Website Committee

Nothing to Report

20. **Miscellaneous Business.**

No Action Taken.

21. **Adjournment.**

Upon motion of Commissioner Ricardo Jaime, Seconded by Mrs. Margie Ibarra, all voting in favor the meeting was adjourned.