

WILLIAMSON COUNTY BAIL BOND BOARD MEETING MINUTES

January 15, 2021

The Williamson County Bail Bond Board met in regular session on Friday, January 15, 2021, a 11:30 AM to conduct the following business:

Virtual Meeting Notice: Pursuant to the suspension of various provisions of the Texas Open Meetings Act implemented by Governor Greg Abbott on March 16, 2020 due to the Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19), the Williamson County Bail Bond Board will be conducting its meeting virtually by audioconferencing. Members of the public who wish to listen to the virtual meeting and/or address the Williamson County Bail Bond Board during the meeting may contact the Williamson County Treasurer's Office at 512-943-1540 to obtain detailed information regarding participation.

Members in attendance:

Jessica Zak, Chairman, Licensed Bail Bondsmen Representative
D. Scott Heselmeyer, Secretary, County Treasurer
Rick Kennon, Judge, 368th District Court
Brandy Hallford, Judge, County Court at Law 1
Nancy Rister, County Clerk
Bridget Chapman, District Attorney's designee
Lucas Wilson, Municipal Judge
Cathy Mendoza, District Clerk's designee
Cheryl McGirr, Criminal Defense Attorney

The meeting was called to order by Jessica Zak at 11:32 AM.

1. There were no new members to introduce. Bail Bondsmen attending the meeting were Joel Franklin, Matt Clark, Stacy Cardwell, Freddy Joe Pierce, and Billy Engle. Criminal Attorneys attending the meeting were Jim Drummond, Valerie Cavitt, Melinda Cardanes, Nicole Burns, Miranda Fields, and Gilberto Solano.
2. The annual election for the Licensed Bail Bond Surety Representative Board Member was conducted. Jessica Zak was the only nominee. She received the votes of all bail bondsmen present.
3. The annual election for the Criminal Defense Attorney Representative Board Member was conducted. Cheryl McGirr was the only nominee. She received the votes of all the criminal defense attorneys present.
4. JP Representative Board Member will be acknowledged during the February meeting.
5. Appointed Board Members were acknowledged. Rick Kennon, District Court; Brandy Hallford, County Court; Nancy Rister, County Clerk; Jason Harder, Sheriff's Designee; Cathy Mendoza, District Clerk's Designee; Lucas Wilson, Municipal Judge; Bridget Chapman, District Attorney's Designee. Chairman, Vice-Chairman, and Secretary of the 2021 Bail Bond Board will be elected and confirmed during the February meeting.
6. The Minutes from the December 18, 2020 meeting were acknowledged and approved with a correction on item 1; delete the "or guests" at the end of the sentence.
7. No old business to update.
8. The Treasurer and Sheriff's report for the month of December 2020 was considered and approved following a motion by Bridget Chapman and a second by Rick Kennon. The motion carried unanimously.
9. Update on new employees was given.
10. Update on dismissed employees was given.

11. Changes to Bail Bond Applications were considered. Bridget Chapman and Travis Mickleto will review the current draft. This item will be placed back in the February agenda.

12. The meeting was adjourned at 11:45 AM by Jessica Zak.