



State of Utah

SPENCER J. COX
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Lieutenant Governor

Insurance Department

JONATHAN T. PIKE
Acting Insurance Commissioner

Bail Bond Surety Oversight Board Meeting

<https://insurance.utah.gov/licensee/other/bail-bond/board>

Date: January 13, 2021

Time: Noon

Place: TELECONFERENCE ONLY

ATTENDEES

BOARD MEMBERS

xClay Carlos (Chair)	Tony Choate
xDominic Sanone (Co-Chair)	xBonnie Johnson
Lt. Ken Jones	xCurt Oda
xChad Woolley	xReed Stringham (Non-Voting)

DEPARTMENT STAFF

xJon Pike, <i>Insurance Commissioner</i>	Tracy Klausmeier, <i>P&C Dir.</i>	xDanny Schoenfeld, <i>Finance Dir.</i>
xSteve Gooch, <i>PIO Recorder</i>		

PUBLIC

Todd Harris	Terry Smith	Oscar Gonzalez
Vivian White	Quin Smith	Mark White
Larry Nowak	Gary Walton	Adam Rogers
Mike Baucum	Joshua Massey	Bert Christenson

MINUTES — Approved

General Session (Open to the Public)

- Welcome / Clay Carlos, Chair (12:08 pm)
- Reading of anchor location determination
- Telephone roll call
 - Attendance code #1: **147686**
- Adoption of Minutes for October 14, 2020 meeting
 - **Motion by Curt to adopt minutes. Seconded by Dominic. Motion passes 5-0.**

Executive Session - If Needed (Closed to the Public)

General Session (Open to the Public)

- **Approve Recommended Actions from Executive Session** – Not needed
- **Summary of Reports**
 - Quarterly Accounting for Bail Bond Administration Account / Danny
 - Spending in Q3 was approximately \$926, primarily for staff time.
 - **Motion by Dominic to approve report. Seconded by Chad. Motion passes 5-0. (Motion moved from 20:25 of the recording.)**
- **New Business**
- **Old Business**
- **Other Business**
 - Proposed bail amendments for 2021 Legislative Session / Reed

- Reed submitted a two-page document that is an excerpt from the UID's bill summary. It contains the provisions that are proposed to amend the bail code. There are three columns that show the line the changes appear in the bill, the text of the changes itself, and an explanation of the nature of the change.
- The changes being proposed have previously been discussed in Bail Bond Board meetings.
- The intent of the changes is to streamline the licensing and renewal process. Previously, people who had property backed businesses had to file a CPA-reviewed financial statement, tax returns, title letters and other documents. The UID has pared that down so all that needs to be filed is the CPA financial statement. The summary says what someone will need to do to obtain a license initially and then to renew. Hopefully it will make the process easier and less burdensome for agents.
- Curt says in the last meeting there was discussion about bail limits being maintained in the rule, and asks if it will be put in statute. Reed says those limits will stay in the rule. The discussion convinced Reed that's where it should be. All that will need to happen at renewal is for an agent to verify that they're complying with the bond limits.
- Curt says the statutory amendments look good, and he's pleased that the UID is making it simpler to renew. Reed says the industry was having to throw a lot of paper away and the UID was having to maintain a lot of paper. Clay agrees and says it looks good.
- **Motion by Curt to support the statutory changes that Reed has proposed. Seconded by Chad. Motion passes 5-0. (Motion moved from 17:21 of the recording.)**
- Introduction / Commissioner Jon Pike
 - Commissioner Pike is thrilled to be working with the bail industry and the UID. After 30 years of working with health insurance as a day job, and 13 years in local government, he's excited to merge the two in a new way. He was told by Governor Cox that the UID has a good team. He'll do his best to listen to colleagues and industry and hopes they'll find him easy to approach.
 - Clay welcomes Commissioner Pike to the UID and says he looks forward to helping him solve problems.
- Bail system changes / Curt
 - Curt notes that the bail system is heading for some changes during the session. Much of it has to do with points and issues the bail industry has pointed out to the legislature but they didn't listen. Clay says the powers that be aren't interested in hearing what the bail bond industry has to say about any of it, so it's up to other entities to reverse it. Curt says if it comes down to it, we can say "we told you so." Clay agrees and says about all that's left to do is cross your fingers and hope someone else comes to the rescue.
- **Adjourned** (12:30 pm)
 - Attendance code #2: **628072**
 - **Motion by Curt to adjourn. Seconded by Dominic. Motion passes 5-0.**
 - **Next Meeting:** April 21, 2021 — Copper Room, East Building

2021 Meetings (Noon to 1:30pm)

January 13, 2021	April 21, 2021	August 25, 2021	October 13, 2021
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