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Bail Bond Oversight Board Meeting

Date: **June 24**, 2009

Time: Noon

Place: **Spruces Room**, East Building.

(Attendees=x)

Board Members

xDominic Sanone, <u>Chairman</u>	xWayne Carlos, <u>Vice-Chairman</u>
xClayton A. Simms, LLC	xMichael Weddington
Camille L. Neider	Bert Christenson
xMickey Braun	xMegan I. Corrent

Insurance Department Staff

xSuzette Green-Wright	xTracy Klausmeier	xTara Buehner
xPerri Babalis	xJilene Whitby	

MINUTES

General Session (Open to the Public)

- **Welcome** / Dominic Sanone, Chair
Started at 12:07pm
- **New Business**
 - **Presentation to Retiring Board Members**
Mickey presented plaques and letters to Wayne and Dominic for 8 years of service with the Board. There will be no chair or co-chair from July 1 to 15th. The department will prepare the agenda for the next meeting.
 - **Announce New Board Members** / Mickey
Megan Corrent, Gordan Wright and Brad Jenkins have agreed to serve a four year term on the Bail Bond Oversight Board beginning July 1, 2009.
- **Adoption of Minutes of Previous Meeting**
Mike made a motion to approve the minutes, Clayton seconded it and the vote was unanimous.
- **Applications / Mickey Braun**
 - **AAA Advantage Bail Bonds**
 - Kevin Hepworth, a representative of AAA was present. Roche Surety & Casualty Co., Inc. is backing them. Roche's bail bond forms have not been approved. AAA Advantage cannot do business until they are approved. Board members expressed concern that the name was too similar to AAA Bail Bond and Advantage Bail Bond, plus it could be confusing to the consumer. Kevin said the name was similar to their moving company called Advantage Movers.
 - Kevin offered an alternative name, "Awesome Bail Bonds." The Board approved the alternative.
 - Mike made a **motion** to deny AAA Advantage Bail Bonds because it was too similar to another bail bond agency. Megan seconded it and the vote was unanimous.
 - Mike made a **motion** to approve Awesome Bail Bonds conditional upon their refileing their application and Roche filing their forms; Megan seconded it and the vote was unanimous

- **All Utah Bail Bonds, LLC**
 - The application was in order. Question #1 on the application has a “Yes” answer. It’s name is very similar to Utah Bail Bonds. Their forms were submitted but not approved.
 - Gordon said he was opposed to the name because of its similarity to the other agency. Both agencies are backed by International Fidelity.
 - Perri noted that application shows it as an individual and not an agency.
 - Mike made a **motion** to disapprove the application because the name could be confused with another agency, Clayton seconded it and the vote was unanimous.
 - Perri reminded them that these motions were recommendations to the Commissioner who would make the final decision.

- **Old Business**
 - **Jail Processing fees / Dominic**
 - Some jails are charging a processing fee. Wayne said that to pass charges onto consumer the bond form would have to disclose the charge. Tracy said that R590-196 states that doc prep fees are not to exceed \$20. The danger with raising it is that everyone will charge at the high end.
 - The disclosure form could state that the fee is whatever the actual expense fee is. The rule will need to be changed before this fee can be passed along to the consumer. It was suggested that the rule allow agencies to use their current supply of bond forms by adding an addendum.
 - The department will amend the rule, give it to the Board to review and approved at the next meeting, then send it to rulemaking.
 - Mike made a **motion** to move to the Executive Session, Clayton seconded it and the vote was unanimous.

Executive Session at 12:45 (Closed to the Public)

General Session (Open to the Public)

- **Adjourned:** Mike made a **motion** to adjourn at 1:05pm.

2009 Meetings

Copper Room, East Building

Jul 15	Aug 19
Sep 16	Oct 21
Nov 18	Dec 16