Official Order of the Texas Commissioner of Insurance

Date: 10/19/2023

Subject Considered:

Mark William Ebert , Texas 78735

Default Order SOAH Docket No. 454-23-24675.C TDI Enforcement File No. 30335

General remarks and official action taken:

The subject of this default order is whether a general lines agent license with a life health qualification should be issued to Mark William Ebert (Respondent). Respondent did not respond to a Notice of Hearing filed by the Texas Department of Insurance or appear at the hearing on the merits. This order denies Respondent's license application.

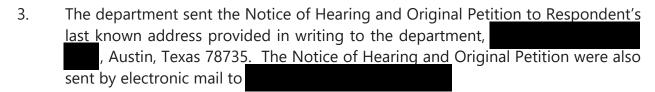
The following findings of fact and conclusions of law are adopted:

Findings of Fact

Failure to Respond to Notice of Hearing

- On August 1, 2023, the department filed a Notice of Hearing, attached as Exhibit
 A, and an Original Petition, attached as Exhibit B, with the State Office of
 Administrative Hearings.
- 2. The department's factual allegations set out in the attached Notice of Hearing and Original Petition are incorporated in this order as findings of fact.

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4. Respondent failed to file a written response to the Notice of Hearing within 20 days of the date the Notice of Hearing and Original Petition were mailed.

Failure to Appear at Hearing on the Merits

5. After receiving proper notice of the date, time and location of the hearing on the merits, Respondent failed to appear for the hearing on October 12, 2023, as shown in the record in SOAH Docket No. 454-23-24675.C.

Conclusions of Law

- 1. The commissioner has jurisdiction under Texas law, including Tex. Ins. Code §§ 82.051-82.055, 4001.002, 4001.102, 4001.105, 4005.101-4005.105, 4054.051 and 4101.051; Tex. Occ. Code §§ 53.021-53.023; 28 Tex. Admin. Code § 1.502; and Tex. Gov't Code §§ 2001.051-2001.178.
- 2. The commissioner has authority to dispose of this case informally under Tex. Gov'T CODE § 2001.056; Tex. Ins. CODE § 82.055; and 28 Tex. ADMIN. CODE §§ 1.47, 1.88, and 1.89.
- 3. The department provided proper notice of the hearing under TEX. GOV'T CODE §§ 2001.051, 2001.052, and 2001.054, and 28 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §§ 1.28, 1.88, 1.89, and 19.906.
- 4. Based on Respondent's failure to file a written response to the Notice of Hearing and failure to appear in person or by legal representative at the hearing, the department is entitled to disposition by default under 28 Tex. ADMIN. CODE §§ 1.88 and 1.89.
- 5. The department's factual and legal allegations set out in the attached Notice of Hearing and Original Petition are incorporated in this order and deemed admitted as true under 28 Tex. ADMIN. CODE § 1.89.

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Order

It is ordered that Mark William Ebert's application is denied. A copy of this order will be provided to law enforcement or other appropriate administrative agencies for further investigation as may be warranted.

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Cassie Brown

Commissioner of Insurance

Prepared and reviewed by:

Allison J. Anglin, Staff Attorney

Enforcement

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Affidavit

STATE OF TEXAS §

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COUNTY OF TRAVIS §

Before me, the undersigned authority, personally appeared Roxanne Rodriguez, who, being by me duly sworn, deposed as follows:

"My name is Roxanne Rodriguez and I am employed by the Texas Department of Insurance. I am of sound mind, capable of making this affidavit, and have personal knowledge of these facts which are true and correct.

I have reviewed TDI's records concerning Mark William Ebert. I have confirmed that:

- a. The last mailing address provided to the department in writing by Mark William Ebert is , Austin, Texas 78735.
- b. The file maintained by Enforcement contains a Notice of Hearing and Original Petition dated August 1, 2023, which were filed with the State Office of Administrative Hearings.
- c. On August 1, 2023, the Notice of Hearing and Original Petition addressed to Mark William Ebert were mailed first class and certified, return receipt requested, to his last known address and sent by electronic mail via eservice to

Copies of the first-class mail log and certified mail log maintained by Enforcement are attached as Exhibit C and Exhibit D, respectively."

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Roxanne Rodriguez	
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Affiant	

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SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED before me by means of an interactive two-way audio and video communication on $\frac{9/25/2023}{}$. This notarial act was an online notarization.

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Notary Public State of Texas

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Petitioner

v. OF A

MARK WILLIAM EBERT,

Respondent

BEFORE THE STATE OFFICE

EXHIBIT

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ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS

NOTICE OF HEARING

The Texas Department of Insurance seeks to deny your license application. This Notice of Hearing and the Original Petition, which is attached and incorporated for all purposes, states the allegations against you and the relief sought by the department.

A public hearing will be held before an Administrative Law Judge on **Thursday, October 12, 2023, at 9:00 a.m.** The hearing will take place via videoconference using a videoconference platform controlled by the State Office of Administrative Hearings, unless otherwise ordered to proceed in another manner by the Administrative Law Judge.

The hearing shall be conducted under Tex. Gov'T Code, ch. 2001 and 1 Tex. Admin. Code, ch. 155. Unless otherwise directed by the Administrative Law Judge, the hearing shall continue from day to day in the offices of the State Office of Administrative Hearings until concluded. You have the right to appear at this hearing and to be represented by an attorney.

Parties that are not represented by an attorney may obtain information regarding contested case hearings on the public website of the State Office of Administrative Hearings at www.soah.texas.gov, or in printed format upon request to SOAH.

YOU MUST FILE A WRITTEN RESPONSE TO THE NOTICE OF HEARING WITH THE STATE OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS WITHIN 20 DAYS OF THE DATE THE NOTICE OF HEARING WAS MAILED. FAILURE TO FILE A WRITTEN RESPONSE BY THIS DEADLINE SHALL ENTITLE TDI TO SEEK DISPOSITION BY DEFAULT UNDER 1 Tex. Admin. Code § 155.501 AND 28 Tex. Admin. Code §§ 1.88 AND 1.89.

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IF YOU FILE A WRITTEN RESPONSE BUT THEN FAIL TO APPEAR ON THE DAY AND TIME SET FOR HEARING, WITHOUT FURTHER NOTICE TO YOU, THE COMMISSIONER OF INSURANCE CAN ISSUE AN ORDER IN WHICH THE ALLEGATIONS IN THE NOTICE OF HEARING ARE DEEMED ADMITTED AS TRUE AND THE RELIEF SOUGHT IN THE NOTICE OF HEARING, INCLUDING DENIAL OF YOUR LICENSE APPLICATION, IS GRANTED BY DEFAULT.

In accord with 28 Tex. ADMIN. CODE § 1.90(e) and 1 Tex. ADMIN. CODE §§ 155.101 and 155.103, you should send copies of your written response to:

- (1) (by mail, fax, or electronically)
 Docketing Division
 State Office of Administrative Hearings
 300 West 15th Street, Room 504
 P.O. Box 13025
 Austin, Texas 78711-3025
 (512) 322-2061 (Fax);
 www.soah.texas.gov
- (2) (by mail, fax, or email)
 Chief Clerk
 Texas Department of Insurance
 P.O. Box 12030, MC GC-CCO
 Austin, Texas 78711-2030
 (512) 490-1064 (Fax)
 chiefclerk@tdi.texas.gov; and
- (3) (by mail, fax, or email)
 Allison J. Anglin, Staff Attorney
 Texas Department of Insurance
 Enforcement, MC ENF

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> P.O. Box 12030 Austin, Texas 78711-2030 (512) 490-1020 (Fax) Allison.Anglin@tdi.texas.gov

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A request to receive SOAH-issued documents by email does <u>not</u> change the procedures you must follow to file documents or exhibits with SOAH. Instructions on how to file documents and exhibits are on SOAH's website. SOAH's website also includes guidance for representing yourself.

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If you have any questions, please contact me at the address or telephone number shown below.

Respectfully Submitted,

Allison J. Anglin

State Bar No. 24096016

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ATTORNEY FOR THE PETITIONER TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE

Enclosure: Original Petition

cc: Leah Gillum, Deputy Commissioner, Fraud and Enforcement Division, MC ENF Ginger Loeffler, Litigation Director, Enforcement, MC ENF Administrative Review, MC CO-AAL

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, Allison J. Anglin, certify that a true and correct copy of the *Notice of Hearing and the Original Petition* were sent by regular, first-class mail and by certified mail, return receipt requested, and e-service on this 1st day of August, 2023 to:

Mark William Ebert

Austin, Texas 78735 Respondent Pro Se Via Email:

Via CM/RRR: 9214890194038324595932

Allison Anglin

Allison J. Anglin

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Petitioner		EXHIBIT
v.	OF	В
MARK WILLIAM EBERT,	ADMINISTRATIVE HEARI	NGS
Respondent		

ORIGINAL PETITION

The Texas Department of Insurance seeks to deny Mark William Ebert's license application. In support of this petition, the department makes the following allegations upon information and belief:

Jurisdiction

The Commissioner of Insurance has jurisdiction over this matter under Tex. INS. CODE §§ 82.051-82.055, 4001.002, 4005.101, 4005.102, and 4054.051; 28 Tex. ADMIN CODE § 1.502; Tex. Occ. Code §§ 53.021-53.023; and Tex. Gov't Code §§ 2001.051-2001.178.

Factual Allegations

License Application

- 1. On April 5, 2022, Mark William Ebert (Ebert), submitted an application to the department for a general lines agent license with a life health qualification.
- Ebert applied for this license while still on parole, which is set to expire on November 17, 2023. The details of his criminal sentence are explained in the Criminal History section below.
- The department proposed to deny Ebert's license application on June 30, 2022, based on his criminal history. Ebert appealed that decision and made a written request for a hearing.

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Criminal History

- 1. On March 22, 2005, Ebert pleaded guilty to the felony offense of Aggravated Kidnapping Release Victim Safeplace in Cause Number D-1-DC-03-500507 in the 167th District Court of Travis County, Texas. He was sentenced to 20 years confinement.
- 2. On March 22, 2005, Ebert pleaded guilty to the felony offense of Violation of Protective Order with Two or More Previous Convictions in Cause Number D-1-DC-03-500508 in the 167th District Court in Travis County, Texas. He was sentenced to 10 years confinement to be served consecutively with his prior sentence.
- 3. On March 23, 2005, Ebert pleaded guilty to the misdemeanor offense of Violation of Protective Order-Possession of a Firearm in Cause Number C-1-CR-03-649355 in County Court of Law Number Four of Travis County, Texas. He was sentenced to one year confinement to be served consecutively with his prior sentences.
- 4. On April 28, 2005, Ebert's sentence for the felonies, Aggravated Kidnapping Release Victim Safeplace, and Violation of Protective Order with Two or More Previous Convictions, commenced. On July 16, 2020, Ebert was released on parole with the special condition of Super-Intensive Supervision Program (SISP), which includes electronic monitoring. Ebert's parole is set to expire on November 17, 2023.

Legal Allegations

- 1. Ebert committed acts for which a license may be denied pursuant to Tex. Ins. Code § 4005.101, as contemplated by Tex. Ins. Code § 4005.102.
- 2. Ebert has been convicted of a felony, in violation of Tex. INS. CODE § 4005.101(b)(8).
- 3. Ebert committed offenses that the department considers to be of such a serious nature that they are of prime importance in determining fitness for licensure, as contemplated by 28 Tex. ADMIN. CODE § 1.502(e)(3), (e)(4)(H), (e)(4)(I), and Tex. Occ. CODE §§ 53.021-53.023.

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- 4. Department guidelines, 28 Tex. ADMIN. CODE § 1.502(c)-(e), emphasize that the department:
 - a. considers it very important that applicants be honest, trustworthy, and reliable;
 - b. may refuse to issue an original license if the department determines that the applicant has committed a felony or misdemeanor that directly relates to the duties and responsibilities of the licensed occupation;
 - c. considers a felony offense involving moral turpitude to be of such a serious nature that it is of prime importance when determining fitness for licensure as contemplated in 28 Tex. ADMIN. CODE § 1.502(e)(3); and
 - d. considers the felony offenses of aggravated kidnapping and violation of a protective order to be of such a serious nature that it is of prime importance when determining fitness for licensure as contemplated in 28 Tex. ADMIN. CODE § 1.502(e)(4)(H) and (e)(4)(I).
- 5. Ebert has committed felony and misdemeanor offenses that directly relate to the duties and responsibilities of the licensed occupation, as contemplated in 28 Tex. Admin. Code § 1.502(d) and (f).

Relief Sought

If one or more of the above allegations is found to be true, the department asks the Administrative Law Judge to enter a Proposal for Decision recommending that the Commissioner of Insurance issue an order:

- 1. denying Ebert's license application; and
- 2. imposing any other just and appropriate relief to which the department may be entitled to by law, including any combination of the above actions.

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Respectfully Submitted,

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