# Official Order of the Texas Commissioner of Insurance

Date: 8/7/2023

# **Subject Considered:**

Kristina Boone

Katy, TX 77449

Default Order SOAH Docket No. 454-23-22455 TDI Enforcement File No. 31447

#### General remarks and official action taken:

The subject of this default order is whether a general lines property and casualty agent license should be issued to Kristina Boone (Respondent). Respondent did not respond to a Notice of Hearing filed by the Texas Department of Insurance. 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

- 1. On June 30, 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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- 3. The department sent the Notice of Hearing and Original Petition to Respondent's last known address provided in writing to the department, Katy, TX 77449.
- 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.

### **Conclusions of Law**

- 1. The commissioner has jurisdiction under Texas law, including Tex. Ins. Code §§ 82.051-82.055, 4001.002, 4001.102, 4005.102, 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, 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, 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 Kristina Boone'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:

/s/Erik Huhn

Erik Huhn, 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 Kristina Boone. I have confirmed that:

- a. The last mailing address provided to the department in writing by Kristina Boone is Katy, TX 77449.
- b. The file maintained by Enforcement contains a Notice of Hearing and Original Petition dated June 30, 2023, which were filed with the State Office of Administrative Hearings.
- c. On June 30, 2023, the Notice of Hearing and Original Petition addressed to Kristina Boone were mailed first-class and certified, return receipt requested, to her last known address.

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  $\frac{7/20/2023}{}$ . This notarial act was an online notarization.

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TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE,	BEFORE THE STATE OFFICE
Petitioner	
v.	OF
KRISTINA BOONE,	ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS
Respondent	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 **November 14, 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 FAIL TO FILE A WRITTEN RESPONSE, THE SCHEDULED HEARING CAN BE CANCELED AND 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.

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)
  Erik Huhn, 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) Erik.Huhn@tdi.texas.gov

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

Respectfully Submitted,

# /s/Erik Huhn

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ATTORNEY FOR THE PETITIONER
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Enclosure: Original Petition

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

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#### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I, Erik Huhn, 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, on this 30<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2023 to:

Kristina Boone Katy, TX 77449 Respondent Pro Se

Via CM/RRR: 9214 8901 9403 8321 1113 64

/s/Erik Huhn

Erik Huhn

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#### **ORIGINAL PETITION**

The Texas Department of Insurance (TDI) seeks to deny Kristina Boone's license application. In support of this petition, TDI 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, 4051.051; Tex. Occ. Code §§ 53.021-53.023; 28 Tex. Admin. Code § 1.502; and Tex. Gov't Code §§ 2001.051-2001.178.

#### **Factual Allegations**

# **License Application**

- 1. On June 6, 2022, Boone applied for a general lines property and casualty agent license.
- 2. When asked if she had ever been convicted of a felony, had a judgment withheld or deferred, or are you currently charged with committing a felony, Boone answered "No."
- 3. On November 15, 2022, TDI sent a proposed summary denial letter to Boone denying her application based on her criminal history. On February 10, 2023, TDI acknowledged receipt of Boone's request for a hearing on the denial.

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## **Criminal History**

Case No. 1201145 – Engaging in Organized Criminal Activity

- 4. On September 10, 2009, Boone pleaded guilty to Engaging in Organized Criminal Activity, a first degree felony, in the 184<sup>th</sup> District Court of Harris County, Texas. The court placed Boone on deferred adjudication community supervision for 10 years and ordered her to pay \$18,479 in restitution.
- 5. On September 10, 2019, Boone was unsatisfactorily discharged from community supervision.

Case No. 153906701010 – Assault-Bodily Injury

6. On March 31, 2017, while on community supervision for the above offense, Boone was convicted of Assault-Bodily Injury, a class A misdemeanor, in the 184<sup>th</sup> District Court of Harris County. The court sentenced Boone to 30 days in county jail.

Cause No. 248212 - Theft Property >=\$100<\$750

- 7. On October 7, 2021, Boone pleaded guilty of Theft of Property >=\$100<\$750, a class B misdemeanor, in the County Court at Law No. 2 of Brazoria County. The court placed Boone on deferred adjudication community supervision for a period of 12 months, fined her \$300, and ordered her to complete 40 hours of community service.
- 8. On October 11, 2022, Boone was discharged from community supervision.

# **Legal Allegations**

- 1. Pursuant to Tex. Occ. Code § 53.021(d)(1)(B)(i) and (d)(2)(A)-(B), TDI may consider Case No. 1201145 and Cause No. 248212 to be convictions.
- 2. TDI may deny Boone's license application because she has been convicted of an offense that directly relates to the duties and responsibilities of the licensed occupation, as contemplated by Tex. Occ. Code § 53.021(a)(1) and 28 Tex. Admin. Code § 1.502(d).

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- 3. TDI may deny Boone's license application because she has committed an offense of such serious nature that it is of prime importance in determining fitness of licensure, as contemplated by 28 Tex. ADMIN. CODE § 1.502(e)(4)(F).
- 4. TDI may deny Boone's license application because she intentionally made a material misstatement on her license application, as contemplated by Tex. Ins. Code § 4005.102(b)(2).
- 5. TDI may deny Boone's license application because she attempted to obtain a license by fraud or misrepresentation, as contemplated by Tex. INS. CODE § 4005.102(b)(3).
- 6. The factors listed in 28 Tex. ADMIN. CODE § 1.502(h) do not outweigh the serious nature of Boone's criminal history, as 28 Tex. ADMIN. CODE § 1.502(f) contemplates.

## **Relief Sought**

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

- 1. denying Kristina Boone's license application, and
- 2. granting any other just and appropriate relief to which TDI may be entitled to by law.

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Respectfully Submitted,

# /s/Erik Huhn

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