



Texas



# Western Surety Company

## OFFICIAL BOND AND OATH

THE STATE OF TEXAS  
County of Fort Bend } ss

KNOW ALL PERSONS BY THESE PRESENTS:

BOND No. [REDACTED]

That we, Jacqueline Thornton, as Principal, and  
WESTERN SURETY COMPANY, a corporation duly licensed to do business in the State of Texas, as Surety, are held  
and bound unto <sup>1</sup>Governor of the State of TX and/or Successor, his successors in office,  
in the sum of <sup>2</sup>One Hundred Thousand and 00/100 DOLLARS (\$100,000.00),  
for the payment of which we hereby bind ourselves and our heirs, executors and administrators, jointly and severally, by  
these presents.

Dated this 3rd day of January, 2025.

THE CONDITION OF THE ABOVE OBLIGATION IS SUCH, That whereas, the above bounden Principal was on  
the 5th day of November, 2024, duly Appointed  
(Elected—Appointed)  
to the office of Tax Assessor-Collector in and for <sup>3</sup>Fort Bend County, State of Texas, for  
a term of 4 years commencing on the 1st day of January, 2025.

NOW THEREFORE, if the said Principal shall well and faithfully perform and discharge all the duties required of  
him by law as the aforesaid officer, and shall <sup>4</sup>  
faithfully perform the duties of office

then this obligation to be void, otherwise to remain in full force and effect.

PROVIDED, HOWEVER, that regardless of the number of years this bond may remain in force and the number of  
claims which may be made against this bond, the liability of the Surety shall not be cumulative and the aggregate  
liability of the Surety for any and all claims, suits, or actions under this bond shall not exceed the amount stated above.  
Any revision of the bond amount shall not be cumulative.

PROVIDED, FURTHER, that this bond may be cancelled by the Surety by sending written notice to the party to  
whom this bond is payable stating that, not less than thirty (30) days thereafter, the Surety's liability hereunder shall  
terminate as to subsequent acts of the Principal.

Principal

WESTERN SURETY COMPANY

By

Larry Kasten, Vice President

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF PRINCIPAL

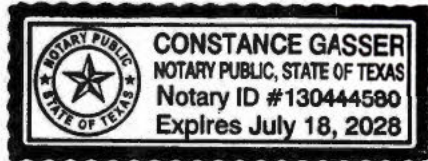
THE STATE OF TEXAS

County of Fort Bend } ss

Before me, Constance Gasser on this day, personally appeared Jacqueline Thornton, known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument and acknowledged to me that he executed the same for the purposes and consideration therein expressed.

Given under my hand and seal of office at 1317 Eugene Hermann Cir Richmond, Texas, this 7<sup>TH</sup> day of January, 2025.

SEAL



Constance Gasser  
Fort Bend County, Texas

OATH OF OFFICE  
(COUNTY COMMISSIONERS and COUNTY JUDGE)

I, \_\_\_\_\_, do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will faithfully execute the duties of the office of \_\_\_\_\_, of the State of Texas, and will to the best of my ability preserve, protect, and defend the Constitution and laws of the United States and of this State; and I furthermore solemnly swear (or affirm) that I have not directly nor indirectly paid, offered, or promised to pay, contributed, nor promised to contribute any money, or valuable thing, or promised any public office or employment, as a reward for the giving or withholding a vote at the election at which I was elected; and I furthermore solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will not be, directly or indirectly, interested in any contract with or claim against the County, except such contracts or claims as are expressly authorized by law and except such warrants as may issue to me as fees of office. So help me God.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Sworn to and subscribed before me at \_\_\_\_\_, Texas, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_

SEAL

\_\_\_\_\_ County, Texas

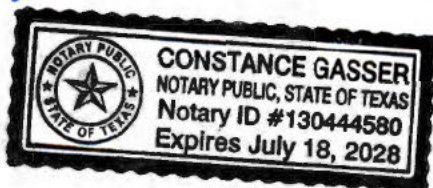
OATH OF OFFICE  
(General)

I, Jacqueline Thornton do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will faithfully execute the duties of the office of Fort Bend County Tax Office, of the State of Texas, and will to the best of my ability preserve, protect, and defend the Constitution and laws of the United States and of this State; and I furthermore solemnly swear (or affirm) that I have not directly nor indirectly paid, offered, or promised to pay, contributed, nor promised to contribute any money, or valuable thing, or promised any public office or employment, as a reward for the giving or withholding a vote at the election at which I was elected. So help me God.

Signed Jacqueline Thornton

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Fort Bend County, Texas

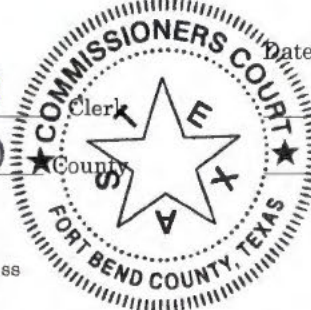


THE STATE OF TEXAS }  
County of Fort Bend } ss

The foregoing bond of Jacqueline Thornton as  
Chief Deputy TAX A/C in and for Fort Bend County and State of Texas, this day  
approved in open Commissioner's Court.

ATTEST:

[Signature]  
County Court Fort Bend



Date 1/14/2025  
[Signature] County Judge,  
Fort Bend County, Texas

THE STATE OF TEXAS }  
County of \_\_\_\_\_ } ss

I, \_\_\_\_\_, County Clerk, in and for said County, do hereby certify  
that the foregoing Bond dated the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, with its certificates of  
authentication, was filed for record in my office the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, at  
\_\_\_\_\_ o'clock \_\_\_\_ M., and duly recorded the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, at  
\_\_\_\_\_ o'clock \_\_\_\_ M., in the Records of Official Bonds of said County in Volume \_\_\_\_\_, on page  
\_\_\_\_\_.

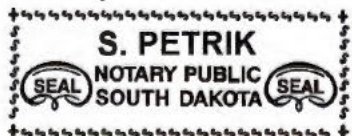
WITNESS my hand and the seal of the County Court of said County, at office in \_\_\_\_\_,  
Texas, the day and year last above written.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Clerk  
By \_\_\_\_\_ Deputy County Court \_\_\_\_\_ County

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF SURETY  
(Corporate Officer)

STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA }  
County of Minnehaha } ss

Before me, a Notary Public, in and for said County and State on this 3rd day of January,  
2025, personally appeared Larry Kasten to me known to be the identical  
person who subscribed the name of WESTERN SURETY COMPANY, Surety, to the foregoing instrument as the  
aforesaid officer and acknowledged to me that he executed the same as his free and voluntary act and deed, and as the  
free and voluntary act and deed of such corporation for the uses and purposes therein set forth.



[Signature]  
Notary Public

My Commission Expires August 11, 2028

# Western Surety Company

## POWER OF ATTORNEY

### KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS:

That WESTERN SURETY COMPANY, a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of South Dakota, and authorized and licensed to do business in the States of Alabama, Alaska, Arizona, Arkansas, California, Colorado, Connecticut, Delaware, District of Columbia, Florida, Georgia, Hawaii, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, North Carolina, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, Vermont, Virginia, Washington, West Virginia, Wisconsin, Wyoming, and the United States of America, does hereby make, constitute and appoint

Larry Kasten of Sioux Falls,  
State of South Dakota, its regularly elected Vice President,  
as Attorney-in-Fact, with full power and authority hereby conferred upon him to sign, execute, acknowledge and deliver for and on its behalf as Surety and as its act and deed, the following bond:

One Tax Assessor-Collector County of Fort Bend

bond with bond number [REDACTED]

for Jacqueline Thornton

as Principal in the penalty amount not to exceed: \$ 100,000.00

Western Surety Company further certifies that the following is a true and exact copy of Section 7 of the by-laws of Western Surety Company duly adopted and now in force, to-wit:

Section 7. All bonds, policies, undertakings, Powers of Attorney, or other obligations of the corporation shall be executed in the corporate name of the Company by the President, Secretary, any Assistant Secretary, Treasurer, or any Vice President, or by such other officers as the Board of Directors may authorize. The President, any Vice President, Secretary, any Assistant Secretary, or the Treasurer may appoint Attorneys-in-Fact or agents who shall have authority to issue bonds, policies, or undertakings in the name of the Company. The corporate seal is not necessary for the validity of any bonds, policies, undertakings, Powers of Attorney or other obligations of the corporation. The signature of any such officer and the corporate seal may be printed by facsimile.

This Power of Attorney may be signed by digital signature and sealed by a digital or otherwise electronic-formatted corporate seal under and by the authority of the following Resolution adopted by the Board of Directors of the Company by unanimous written consent dated the 27th day of April, 2022:

"RESOLVED: That it is in the best interest of the Company to periodically ratify and confirm any corporate documents signed by digital signatures and to ratify and confirm the use of a digital or otherwise electronic-formatted corporate seal, each to be considered the act and deed of the Company."

In Witness Whereof, the said WESTERN SURETY COMPANY has caused these presents to be executed by its  
Vice President with the corporate seal affixed this 3rd day of January,  
2025.

ATTEST

L. Bauder

L. Bauder, Assistant Secretary

WESTERN SURETY COMPANY

Larry Kasten

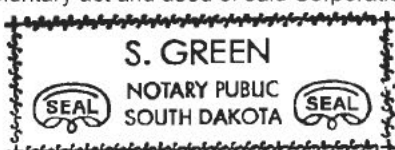
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STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA } ss  
COUNTY OF MINNEHAHA }



On this 3rd day of January, 2025, before me, a Notary Public, personally appeared  
Larry Kasten and L. Bauder

who, being by me duly sworn, acknowledged that they signed the above Power of Attorney as Vice President  
and Assistant Secretary, respectively, of the said WESTERN SURETY COMPANY, and acknowledged said instrument to be the  
voluntary act and deed of said Corporation.



My Commission Expires February 12, 2027

S. Green

Notary Public

To validate bond authenticity, go to [www.cnasurety.com](http://www.cnasurety.com) > Owner/Obligee Services > Validate Bond Coverage.





# Western Surety Company

## RIDER

It is hereby mutually agreed and understood by and between the principal and Western Surety Company, that instead of as originally written:

The description has been changed to read:  
Tax Assessor-Collector Chief Deputy

No further changes other than above.

Nothing herein contained shall be held to vary, alter, waive or extend any of the terms, limits or conditions of the Bond, except as hereinabove set forth.

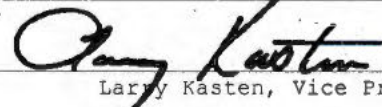
This Rider becomes effective on the 6th day of January, 2025, at twelve and one minute o'clock a.m., standard time.

Attached to and forming part of Bond No. [REDACTED]  
issued by WESTERN SURETY COMPANY of Sioux Falls, South Dakota,  
to Jacqueline Thornton

Signed this 6th day of January, 2025.

WESTERN SURETY COMPANY

By



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ATTEST

L. Bauder  
L. Bauder, Assistant Secretary

WESTERN SURETY COMPANY

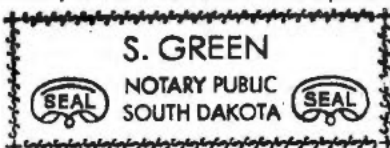
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My Commission Expires February 12, 2027

Notary Public

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RETURNED AT COUNTER TO:

FORT BEND COUNTY CLERK / OPR SUPERVISOR



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OFFICIAL PUBLIC RECORDS

*Laura Richard*

Laura Richard, County Clerk

Fort Bend County Texas

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