

BOND No. 108345835

**BOND OF NOTARY PUBLIC
ALABAMA**

STATE OF ALABAMA

SHELBY COUNTY



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KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS:

eng. 9/22/2029

THAT WE, Melissa N Hipp of 2432 Royal Lane, PELHAM, AL 35124
as Principal and, Travelers Casualty and Surety Company of America, a CT corporation,
as Surety, are held and firmly bound unto the State of Alabama in the sum of Fifty Thousand Dollars
(\$50,000.00), for the payment of which well and truly to be made and done, we bind ourselves, our heirs, executors,
administrators, and assigns, firmly by these presents, and we hereby waive our right to claim personal property exempt under the
laws of Alabama.

THE CONDITION OF THE ABOVE OBLIGATION IS SUCH, That whereas the above bound Principal was duly appointed to
the office of Notary Public for the State at Large on the 22 day of September, 2025; for the term of four
years in the State of Alabama.

NOW IF THE SAID Principal shall faithfully discharge all duties of said office during his/her continuance therein, then the
above obligation to be void, otherwise to remain in full force and effect.

Sealed with our seals, and dated this 22 day of September, 2025.

Travelers Casualty and Surety Company

Melissa N Hipp



BY: *Russell E Vance*

Russell E. Vance

Attorney in Fact

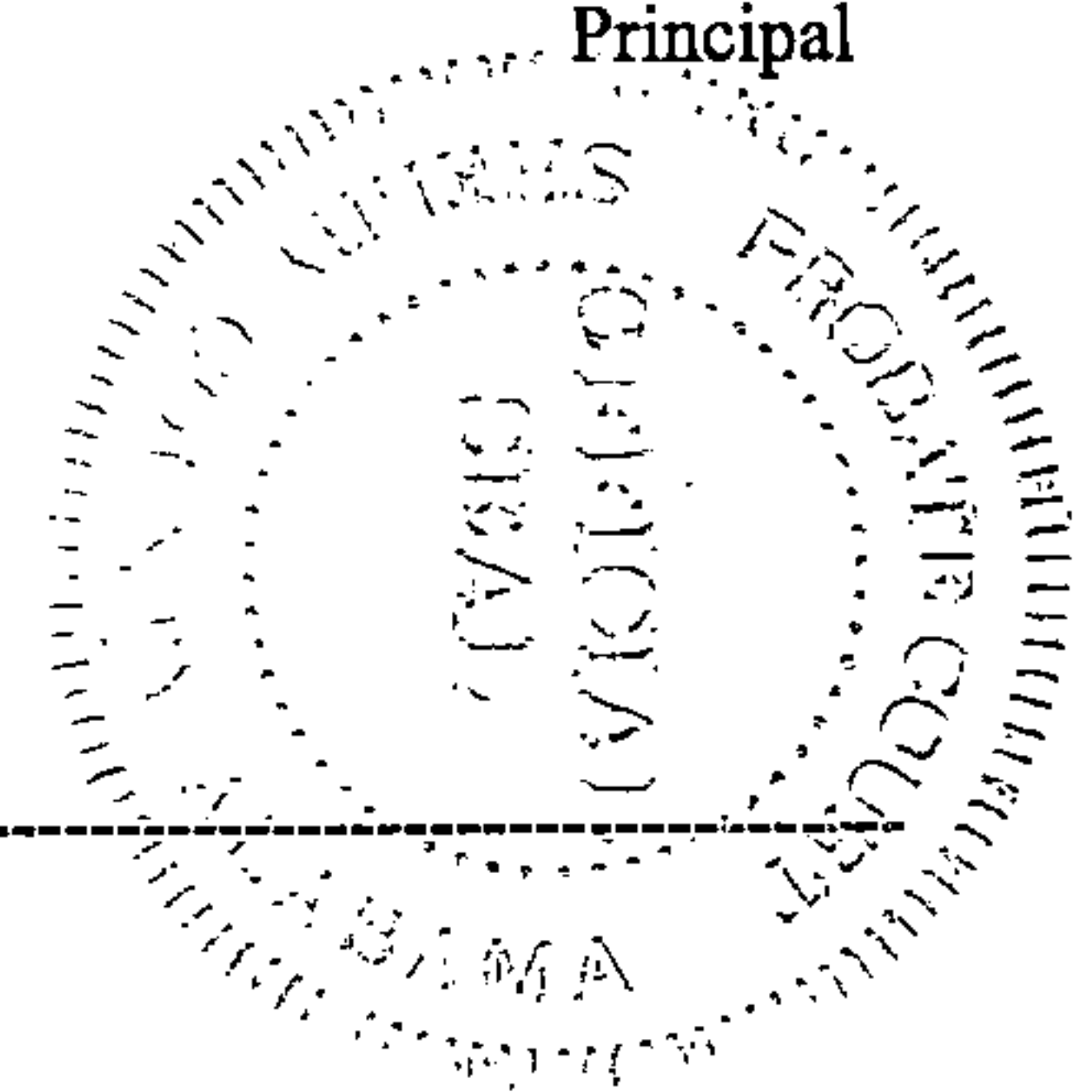
BY: *Melissa N Hipp*

Principal

Approved and ordered of Record this 22 day of September 2025.

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Judge of Probate Court



OATH OF OFFICE

STATE OF ALABAMA

SHELBY COUNTY

I, Melissa N Hipp do solemnly affirm/swear that I will support the Constitution of the United States
and the Constitution of the State of Alabama, so long as I remain a citizen thereof; and that I will honestly and faithfully
discharge the duties of the office upon which I am about to enter, to the best of my ability, so help me God.

Melissa N Hipp

(Signature of Appointee)

Subscribed and sworn before me this 11 day of September 2025.

Joan Licari Alfano

Notary Public

My Commission expires 4-18-2026





Travelers Casualty and Surety Company of America
Travelers Casualty and Surety Company
St. Paul Fire and Marine Insurance Company
Farmington Casualty Company

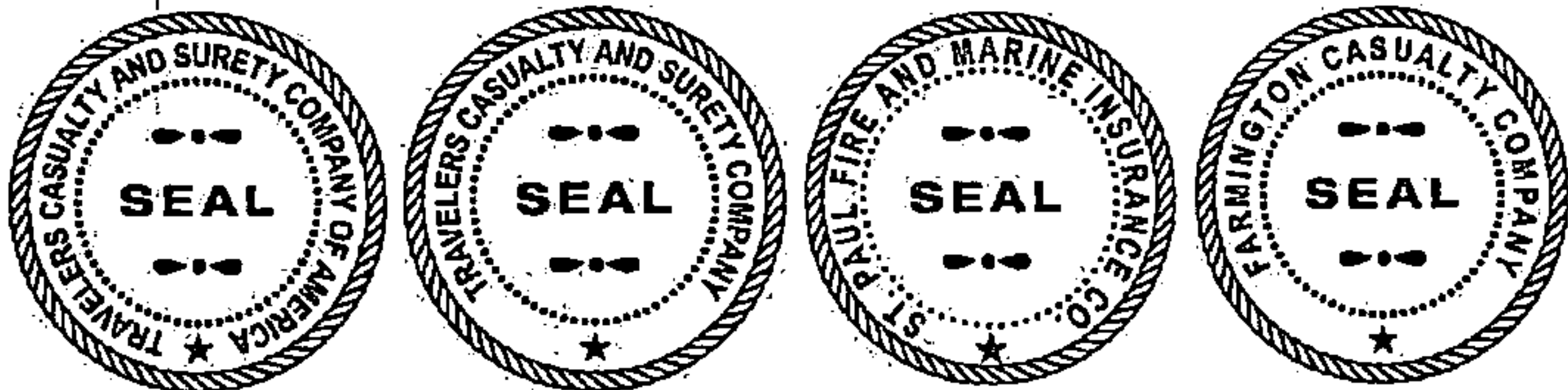
POWER OF ATTORNEY

Travelers Casualty and Surety Company of America, Travelers Casualty and Surety Company, St. Paul Fire and Marine Insurance Company, and Farmington Casualty Company are corporations duly organized under the laws of the State of Connecticut (herein collectively called the "Companies"), and the Companies do hereby make, constitute and appoint **Russell E. Vance** of **Hartford, CT** their true and lawful Attorney(s)-in-Fact to sign, execute, seal and acknowledge the following bond or undertaking, and any riders thereto:

Surety Bond No.: 108345835

Principal: Melissa N Hipp

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Companies have caused this instrument to be signed, and their corporate seals to be hereto affixed, this **16th** day of **February, 2024**.



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State of Connecticut

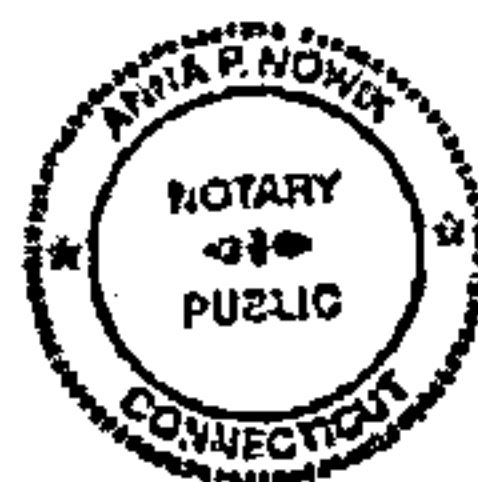
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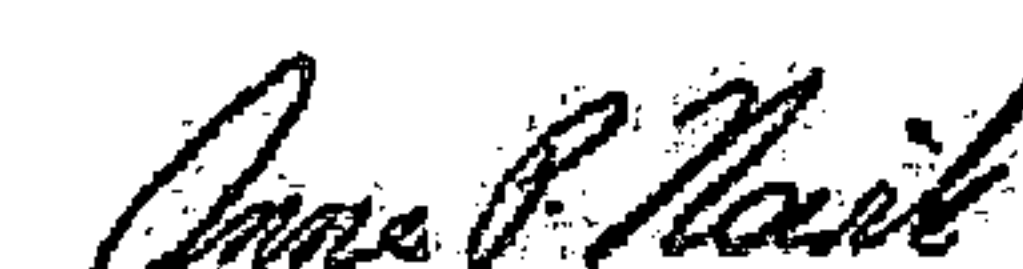
By: 
Bryce Grissom, Senior Vice President

On this the **16th** day of **February, 2024**, before me personally appeared **Bryce Grissom**, who acknowledged himself to be the Senior Vice President of each of the Companies, and that he, as such, being authorized so to do, executed the foregoing instrument for the purposes therein contained by signing on behalf of said Companies by himself as a duly authorized officer.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and official seal.

My Commission expires the **30th** day of **June, 2026**




Anna P. Nowik, Notary Public

This Power of Attorney is granted under and by the authority of the following resolutions adopted by the Boards of Directors of each of the Companies, which resolutions are now in full force and effect, reading as follows:

RESOLVED, that the Chairman, the President, any Vice Chairman, any Executive Vice President, any Senior Vice President, any Vice President, any Second Vice President, the Treasurer, any Assistant Treasurer, the Corporate Secretary or any Assistant Secretary may appoint Attorneys-in-Fact and Agents to act for and on behalf of the Company and may give such appointee such authority as his or her certificate of authority may prescribe to sign with the Company's name and seal with the Company's seal bonds, recognizances, contracts of indemnity, and other writings obligatory in the nature of a bond, recognizance, or conditional undertaking, and any of said officers or the Board of Directors at any time may remove any such appointee and revoke the power given him or her; and it is

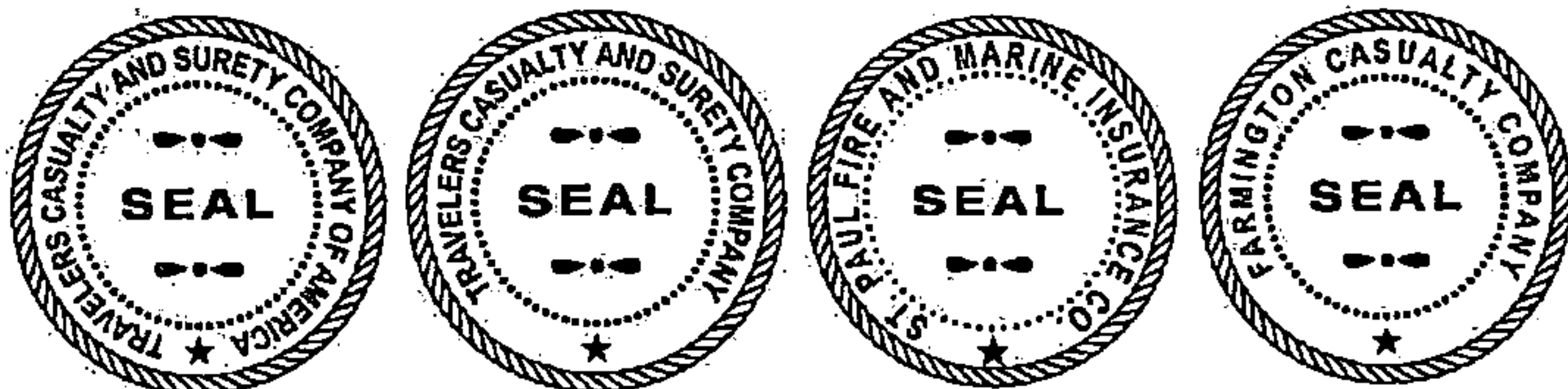
FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Chairman, the President, any Vice Chairman, any Executive Vice President, any Senior Vice President or any Vice President may delegate all or any part of the foregoing authority to one or more officers or employees of this Company, provided that each such delegation is in writing and a copy thereof is filed in the office of the Secretary; and it is

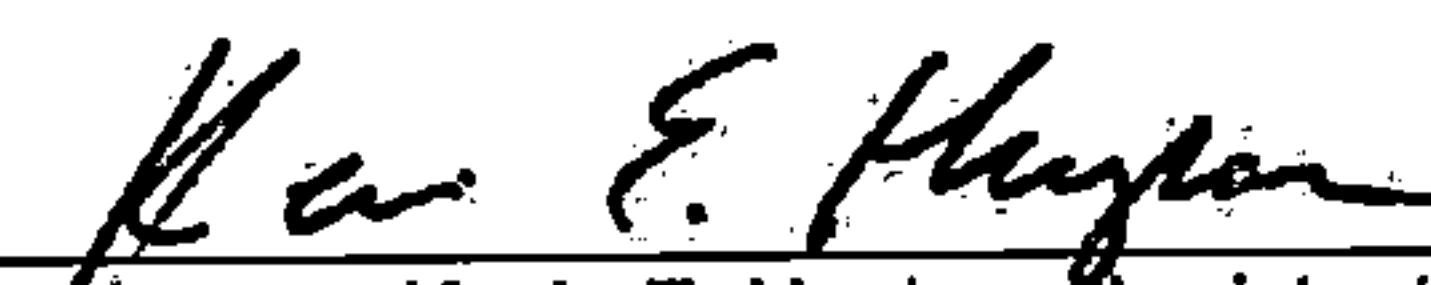
FURTHER RESOLVED, that any bond, recognizance, contract of indemnity, or writing obligatory in the nature of a bond, recognizance, or conditional undertaking shall be valid and binding upon the Company when (a) signed by the President, any Vice Chairman, any Executive Vice President, any Senior Vice President or any Vice President, any Second Vice President, the Treasurer, any Assistant Treasurer, the Corporate Secretary or any Assistant Secretary and duly attested and sealed with the Company's seal by a Secretary or Assistant Secretary; or (b) duly executed (under seal, if required) by one or more Attorneys-in-Fact and Agents pursuant to the power prescribed in his or her certificate or their certificates of authority or by one or more Company officers pursuant to a written delegation of authority; and it is

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the signature of each of the following officers: President, any Executive Vice President, any Senior Vice President, any Vice President, any Assistant Vice President, any Secretary, any Assistant Secretary, and the seal of the Company may be affixed by facsimile to any Power of Attorney or to any certificate relating thereto appointing Resident Vice Presidents, Resident Assistant Secretaries or Attorneys-in-Fact for purposes only of executing and attesting bonds and undertakings and other writings obligatory in the nature thereof, and any such Power of Attorney or certificate bearing such facsimile signature or facsimile seal shall be valid and binding upon the Company and any such power so executed and certified by such facsimile signature and facsimile seal shall be valid and binding on the Company in the future with respect to any bond or understanding to which it is attached.

I, **Kevin E. Hughes**, the undersigned, Assistant Secretary of each of the Companies, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true and correct copy of the Power of Attorney executed by said Companies, which remains in full force and effect.

Dated this 09 day of September, 2025.




Kevin E. Hughes, Assistant Secretary

To verify the authenticity of this Power of Attorney, please call us at 1-800-421-3880.
Please refer to the above-named Attorney(s)-in-Fact and the details of the bond to which this Power of Attorney is attached.

Allison S. Boyd
Judge of Probate

Kimberly A. Melton
Chief Clerk



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Below you will find your Commission as a Notary Public. Please detach the commission card and keep it in a secure place. If your commission is being renewed this card will replace any previously issued commission card. Note that your commission card indicates the term of your current commission and it is important that you begin the renewal process in advance of the expiration of your commission to ensure there is no break in service.

The office of Notary Public is a serious and responsible public office and should not be taken lightly. Abuse of the office or irresponsibility in the performance of notarial duties can result in grave consequences. If a Notary Public has doubts about the propriety of any action, he or she should seek competent professional advice before he or she acts.

A Notary Public is a public officer whose function it is:

1. To administer oaths; and
2. To attend and certify, by his signature and official seal, certain classes of documents, in order to give them credit and authenticity; and
3. To take acknowledgments of deeds and other conveyances and certify the same; and
4. To perform certain official acts, chiefly in commercial matters, such as the protesting of notes and bills, the notice of foreign drafts, and marine protests in cases of damage.

You will need to obtain your notarial seal prior to performing any official acts. It is required that your notarial seal reflect your name as stated in the below commission card.

NOTARY PUBLIC COMMISSION

In the name of the State of Alabama and pursuant to the authority granted me as Judge of Probate for Shelby County, I hereby Commission Melissa N Hipp as Notary Public for the State at Large for the term beginning on 09/22/2025 and ending on 09/22/2029.



Allison S. Boyd

ALLISON S. BOYD
JUDGE OF PROBATE

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State of Alabama	APPLICATION FOR NOTARY PUBLIC COMMISSION (MUST BE A RESIDENT OF COUNTY WHERE APPLICATION IS MADE)	In the Probate Court of Shelby County	Wilson S. Boyd Judge of Probate
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\$10.00* APPLICATION FEE IS DUE AT THE TIME APPLICATION IS SUBMITTED

Date: 8/18/2025

1. Name: Melissa Nicholas Hipp
(Print your name as it appears on driver's license, non-driver ID, or other current valid photo ID)
2. Home Address: 2432 Royal Lane Apt/Suite #: _____
3. City/State/Zip: Pelham, AL 35124 County of Residence Shelby
4. Mailing Address (If Different): _____
5. Date Of Birth: 01/17/1977 Email Address mhipp@vhal.org
6. Phone Numbers: Work 205.978.0152 Home 205.704.0030
7. Have you ever been convicted of a felony or crime of moral turpitude? ☐ YES ☒ NO (If YES, Please Provide Details On Page 2)
8. Are you currently a debtor in a bankruptcy proceeding? ☐ YES ☒ NO
9. Are you currently under an order adjudicating you incapacitated? ☐ YES ☒ NO
10. Are you currently or have you ever been a commissioned notary public in Alabama?
☒ YES (County Shelby Expiration Date: 9/25/2025) ☐ NO
11. Melissa N. Hipp
(Print Your Name Exactly As It Is To Appear On Notary Commission)

BY SIGNING BELOW I CERTIFY THAT ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED HEREIN (PAGES ONE AND TWO) IS TRUE AND CORRECT AND THAT I AM ABLE AND WILLING TO COMPLETE THE MANDATORY TRAINING FOR NOTARY PUBLICS (UNLESS EXEMPT BY LAW) WITHIN 30 DAYS OF THE DATE OF THIS APPLICATION. I FURTHER ACKNOWLEDGE THAT I UNDERSTAND THAT THE \$10.00* APPLICATION FEE IS NON-REFUNDABLE AND TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE (I.E. TIME DEADLINES ARE STRICTLY ENFORCED.)

ALL STATEMENTS CONTAINED IN THIS APPLICATION ARE MADE UNDER THE FEAR OF THE PENALTY OF PERJURY. THE CRIME OF PERJURY IS PUNISHABLE BY FINE AND/OR IMPRISONMENT.

Signature: Melissa N. Hipp

This should be your usual signature and match the name printed on Line 11.
THIS SHOULD BE THE SIGNATURE YOU USE WHEN NOTARIZING A DOCUMENT

* \$10.00 Application Fee PLUS any applicable county fees