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BOND No. 2684147-HNB

### BOND OF NOTARY PUBLIC ALABAMA

STATE OF ALABAMA

Shelby COUNTY

EXP 2-12-2030

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS:

THAT WE, Karen Denise Pate of Shelby County  
as Principal and, Travelers Casualty and Surety Company of America, a US 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 12<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2026; 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 5 day of February, 2026.



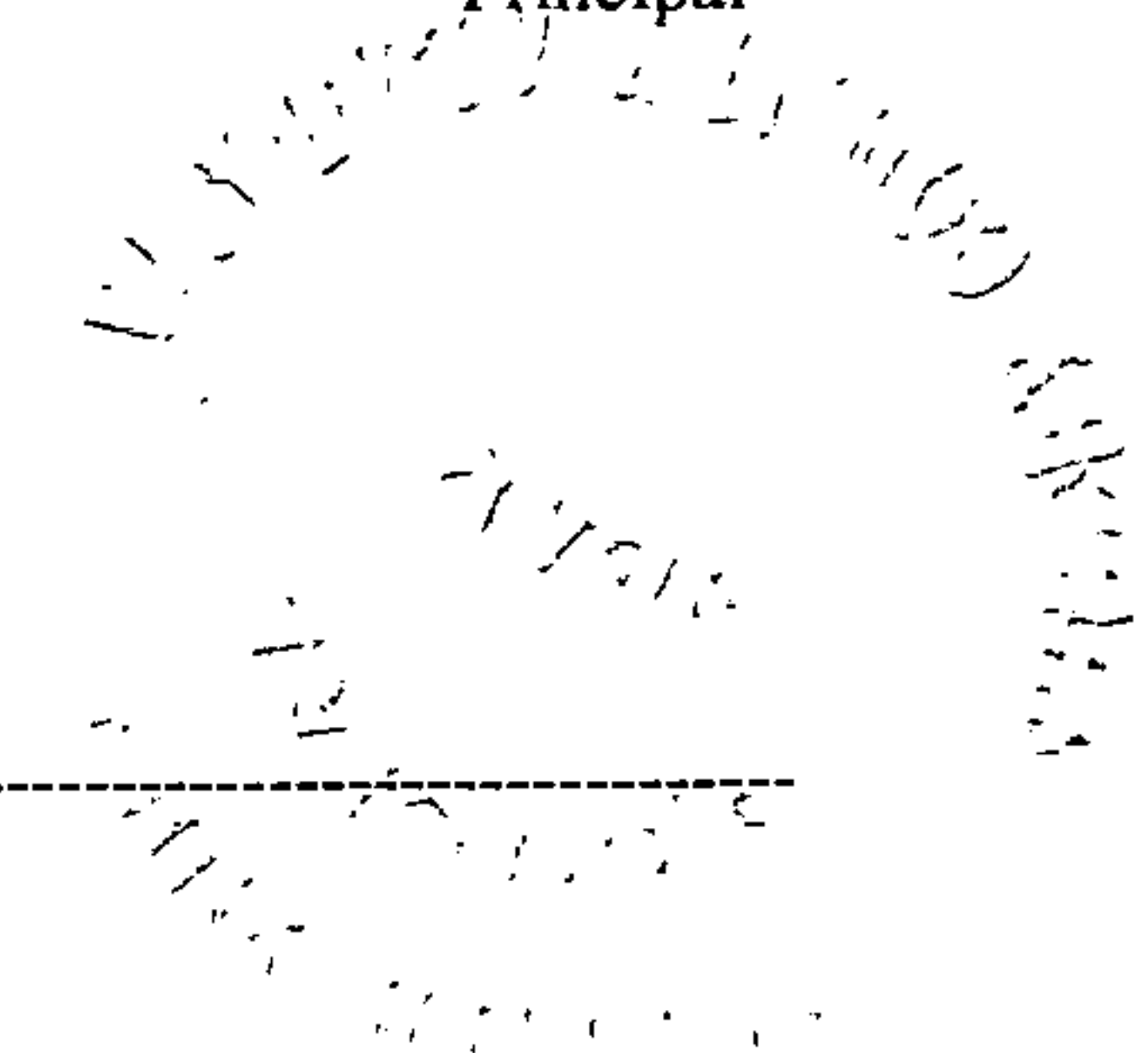
BY: Dennis Hinkelberg  
Attorney in Fact

Karen Denise Pate

✓ BY: Karen Denise Pate  
Principal

Approved and ordered of Record this 12<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2026

Audrey C. Chance  
Judge of Probate Court



#### OATH OF OFFICE

STATE OF ALABAMA

Shelby COUNTY

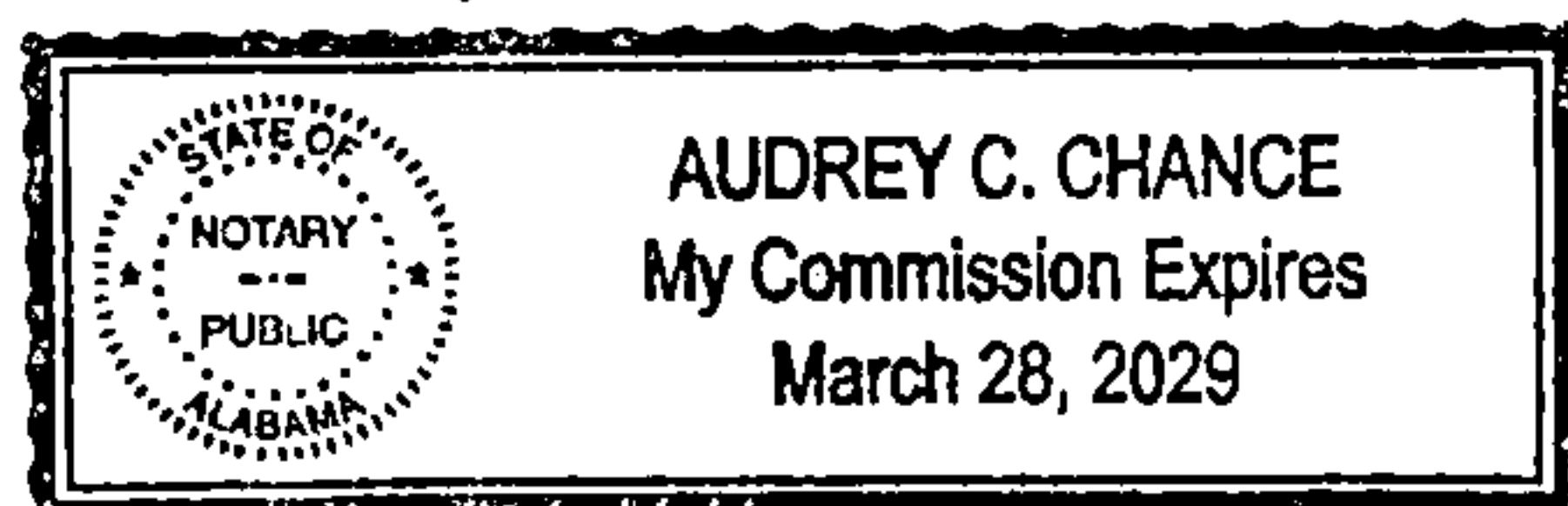
I, Karen Denise Pate do solemnly affirm/swear that I will support the Constitution of the United States  
and the Constitution of the State of Alabama, so long as I remain a citizen thereof; and that I will honestly and faithfully  
discharge the duties of the office upon which I am about to enter, to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

✓ Karen Denise Pate  
(Signature of Appointee)

Subscribed and sworn before me this 12<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2026

Audrey C. Chance  
Notary Public

My Commission expires 3/28/29





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

**POWER OF ATTORNEY**

**KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS:** That Travelers Casualty and Surety Company of America, Travelers Casualty and Surety Company, and St. Paul Fire and Marine Insurance Company are corporations duly organized under the laws of the State of Connecticut (herein collectively called the "Companies"), and that the Companies do hereby make, constitute and appoint **Derrick Huckleberry** of **ORLANDO, Florida**, their true and lawful Attorney(s)-in-Fact to sign, execute, seal and acknowledge any and all bonds, recognizances, conditional undertakings and other writings obligatory in the nature thereof on behalf of the Companies in their business of guaranteeing the fidelity of persons, guaranteeing the performance of contracts and executing or guaranteeing bonds and undertakings required or permitted in any actions or proceedings allowed by law.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, the Companies have caused this instrument to be signed, and their corporate seals to be hereto affixed, this **21st** day of **April, 2021**.



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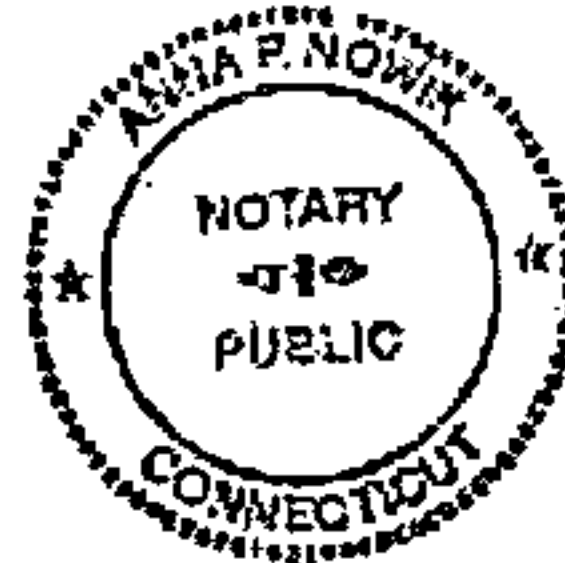
City of Hartford ss.

By:   
Robert L. Raney, Senior Vice President

On this the **21st** day of **April, 2021**, before me personally appeared **Robert L. Raney**, 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 **5** day of **February**, **2026**

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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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## Probate Court of Shelby County, Alabama

Post Office Box 825 • Columbiana, Alabama 35051

website: [www.shelbyal.com/285/Probate-Court](http://www.shelbyal.com/285/Probate-Court)

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 Karen Denise Pate as Notary Public for the State at Large for the term beginning on 2/12/2026 and ending on 2/12/2030.



*Allison S. Boyd*

ALLISON S. BOYD  
JUDGE OF PROBATE

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State of Alabama	<b>APPLICATION FOR NOTARY PUBLIC COMMISSION</b> (MUST BE A RESIDENT OF COUNTY WHERE APPLICATION IS MADE)	In the Probate Court of  County
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\$10.00\* APPLICATION FEE IS DUE AT THE TIME APPLICATION IS SUBMITTED

Date: 2/6/26

- Name: Karen Denise Pate  
(Print your name as it appears on driver's license, non-driver ID, or other current valid photo ID)
- Home Address: 6145 Highway 47 Apt/Suite #: \_\_\_\_\_
- City/State/Zip: Shelby, AL 35143 County of Residence Shelby
- Mailing Address (If Different): \_\_\_\_\_
- Date Of Birth: 11/03/78 Email Address KarenPate1978@gmail.com
- Phone Numbers: Work \_\_\_\_\_ Home 205-902-3310
- Have you ever been convicted of a felony or crime of moral turpitude? \_\_\_ YES  NO (If YES, Please Provide Details On Page 2)
- Are you currently a debtor in a bankruptcy proceeding? \_\_\_ YES  NO
- Are you currently under an order adjudicating you incapacitated? \_\_\_ YES  NO
- Are you currently or have you ever been a commissioned notary public in Alabama?  
 YES (County Shelby Expiration Date: 2-28-25) \_\_\_ NO
- Karen Denise Pate  
(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: Karen Denise Pate

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

<b>RECEIVED</b>
<b>FEB 06 2026</b>
Allison S. Boyd Judge of Probate 1.13.23