

Bail Bond Oversight Board 2026 Report

Prepared and submitted by the Bail Bond Oversight Board pursuant to Utah Code 67-1-2.5(5)

1. The Purpose of the Bail Bond Oversight Board

The Bail Bond Oversight Board (BBOB) serves as the primary regulatory and advisory liaison between the Utah Insurance Department (UID) and the bail bond industry. Under Utah Code 31A-35-202, the board's primary responsibilities include:

- **Advising the UID:** Providing formal recommendations to the commissioner regarding matters affecting the bail bond industry; administrative rules for the bail bond business, including licensee qualifications, fees, aggregate bond limits, and definitions of unprofessional conduct.
- **Reviewing License Applications & Reinstatements:** Screening new agency applications and recommending actions to the commissioner regarding the granting, suspension, or revocation of licenses. Per statute, the board must provide specific concurrence for any license reinstatement.
- **Ensuring Compliance:** Investigating allegations of unprofessional conduct by producers or agencies and providing the results and recommended sanctions to the commissioner.

2. Actions Taken by the Bail Bond Oversight Board Between August 1, 2024 and July 31, 2026

The BBOB meets quarterly to discharge its statutory obligations. In October 2024, the board transitioned to a primarily electronic meeting format via Google Meet to improve administrative efficiency, while maintaining the capacity for in-person sessions as necessary for functions such as swearing in new members.

Below is a list of voting actions taken during BBOB meetings between August 2024 and July 2026. The list does not include common administrative actions such as approving minutes, reviewing UID reports, or electing leadership.

The BBOB took the following actions during its meetings:

- **September 2024** (Special Meeting)
 - Conducted an executive session to review allegations of unprofessional conduct; BBOB recommended an "alternative penalty" despite UID's recommendation to revoke the producer's license.
- **October 2024**
 - None

- **January 2025**
 - None
- **April 2025**
 - Conducted an executive session regarding a bail bond producer in federal custody on a felony conviction; BBOB recommended revocation of the producer's license consistent with UID's recommendation.
- **July 2025**
 - None
- **October 2025**
 - Conducted a formal vote to concur with the UID on the reinstatement of Pappas Bail Bonds' license after the agency failed to submit by the renewal deadline.
- **January 2026**
 - None
- **April 2026**
 - None
- **July 2026**
 - None

4. Recommendation on Statutory, Rule, or Other Changes to Improve Effectiveness

None

5. Should the Bail Bond Oversight Board Continue to Exist?

A few years ago, the bail bond industry successfully persuaded legislators to oppose a proposal by the Governor's Office to discontinue the Bail Bond Oversight Board. In evaluating the issue again this year, the Department suggests that the Director of Boards and Commissions consider the Board's record of activity as set forth above.