



Texas



# Western Surety Company

## OFFICIAL BOND AND OATH

THE STATE OF TEXAS

County of Burnet } ss

KNOW ALL PERSONS BY THESE PRESENTS:

BOND No. 73821971

That we, Stephanie Cooper, 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 County of Burnet, his successors in office,

in the sum of Ten Thousand and 00/100 DOLLARS (\$10,000.00),  
 for the payment of which we hereby bind ourselves and our heirs, executors and administrators, jointly and severally, by  
 these presents.

Dated this 2nd day of July, 2026.

THE CONDITION OF THE ABOVE OBLIGATION IS SUCH, That whereas, the above bounden Principal was on  
 the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, duly elected or appointed  
 to the office of Elections Administrator in and for Burnet County, State of Texas, for  
 a term of indefinite years commencing on the 6th day of July, 2026.

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>

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.

Stephanie Cooper Principal  
 WESTERN SURETY COMPANY  
 By Larry Kasten  
 Larry Kasten, Vice President

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF PRINCIPAL

THE STATE OF TEXAS

County of Burnet } ss

Before me, Vicinta Stafford on this day, personally appeared Stephanie Cooper, 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 Burnet, Texas, this 10th day of July, 2026.

SEAL



[Signature]  
Burnet 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

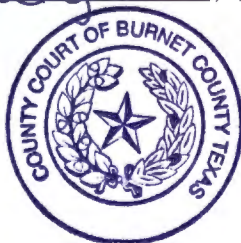
OATH OF OFFICE  
(General)

I, Stephanie Cooper, do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will faithfully execute the duties of the office of Election Administrator, 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 [Signature]

Sworn to and subscribed before me at Burnet, Texas, this 10th day of July, 2026.

SEAL



[Signature]  
Burnet County, Texas

THE STATE OF TEXAS

County of Burnet } ss

The foregoing bond of Stephanie Cooper as  
Elections Administrator in and for Burnet County and State of Texas, this day  
approved in open Commissioner's Court.

ATTEST:

[Signature] Clerk  
County Court Burnet County

Date July 7th, 2026  
[Signature] County Judge,  
Burnet 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

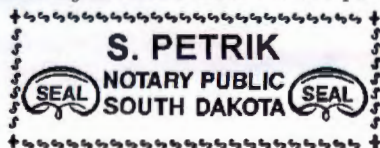
By \_\_\_\_\_ Deputy

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 2nd day of July,  
2026, 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.



My Commission Expires August 11, 2028

[Signature]  
Notary Public

# 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 Elections Administrator County of Burnet

bond with bond number 73821971

for Stephanie Cooper

as Principal in the penalty amount not to exceed: \$ 10,000.00

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 2nd day of July, 2026.

ATTEST

A. Vixen

L. Bauder, Assistant Secretary

WESTERN SURETY COMPANY

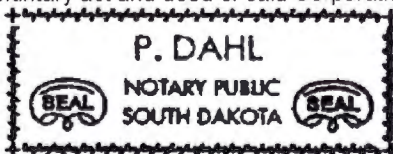
Larry Kasten

Larry Kasten, Vice President

STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA }  
COUNTY OF MINNEHAHA } ss

On this 2nd day of July, 2026, 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 June 18, 2031

P. Dahl

Notary Public

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

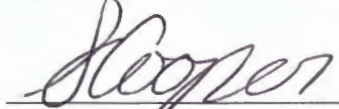


# STATEMENT OF ELECTED/APPOINTED OFFICER

(PURSUANT TO TEX. CONST. ART. XVI, §1(B), AMENDED 2001)

I, STEPHANIE COOPER, DO SOLEMNLY SWEAR (OR AFFIRM), THAT I HAVE NOT DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY PAID, OFFERED, PROMISED TO PAY, CONTRIBUTED, OR PROMISED TO CONTRIBUTE ANY MONEY OR THING OF VALUE, OR PROMISED ANY PUBLIC OFFICE OR EMPLOYMENT FOR THE GIVING OR WITHHOLDING OF A VOTE AT THE ELECTION AT WHICH I WAS ELECTED OR AS A REWARD TO SECURE MY APPOINTMENT OR CONFIRMATION, WHICHEVER THE CASE MAY BE, SO HELP ME GOD.

UNDER PENALTIES OF PERJURY, I DECLARE THAT I HAVE READ THE FOREGOING STATEMENT AND THAT THE FACTS STATED THEREIN ARE TRUE.



OFFICER'S SIGNATURE

7/6/2026

DATE

ELECTION ADMINISTRATOR

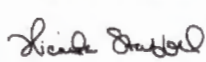
POSITION TO WHICH ELECTED/APPOINTED

BURNET

CITY AND/OR COUNTY

**FILED AND RECORDED**  
OFFICIAL PUBLIC RECORDS 202607100

BOND Fee: \$0.00  
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Vicinta Stafford, County Clerk  
Burnet County, Texas

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Prescribed by Secretary of State  
 Article XVI, Section 1, Texas Constitution  
 Sections 1.016, Texas Election Code  
 9/2023

### CONSTITUTIONAL OATH FOR PRESIDING JUDGE, ALTERNATE JUDGE, AND EARLY VOTING CLERK

Prior to entering service as an election judge, alternate judge, or early voting clerk, individuals must complete the statement of officer and take the constitutional oath. The Statement of Officer must be completed prior to taking the constitutional oath of office.

#### STATEMENT OF OFFICER

I, Stephanie Cooper do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I have not directly or indirectly paid, offered, promised to pay, contributed or promised to contribute any money or thing of value, or promised any public office or employment for the giving or withholding of a vote at the election at which I was elected or as a reward to secure my appointment or confirmation, whichever case may be, so help me God.

Title of Position to Which Appointed: Burnet County Election Administrator Early Voting Clerk

#### Execution

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have read the foregoing statement and the facts stated therein are true.

Date:

7/6/2024

Signature of Officer

Stephanie Cooper

#### CONSTITUTIONAL OATH OF OFFICE

IN THE NAME AND BY THE AUTHORITY OF THE STATE OF TEXAS,

I, Stephanie Cooper do solemnly swear (or affirm), that I will faithfully execute the duties of the office of Burnet County Election Administrator Early Voting Clerk 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, so help me God.

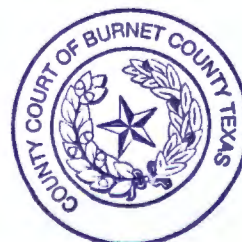
Stephanie Cooper

Signature of Election Judge/Alternate Judge/Early Voting Clerk

Vicinta Stafford

Signature of Officer Administering Oath

Vicinta Stafford, Burnet County Clerk



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*Vicinta Stafford*



Vicinta Stafford, County Clerk  
Burnet County, Texas