

Old Republic Surety Company  
PO Box 1635  
Milwaukee, WI 53201-1635

# CONTINUATION CERTIFICATE

BOND NUMBER	BOND DESCRIPTION	BOND AMOUNT	EFFECTIVE DATE	EXPIRATION DATE
LPO2109322	County Commissioner	3,000.00	01/01/2023	12/31/2026

## PRINCIPAL

EDUARDO CANTU  
2912 S. JACKSON

MCALLEN, TX 78503

## OBLIGEE

HIDALGO COUNTY TREASURER  
2810 S. BUSINESS  
HWY. 281  
EDINBURG, TX 78539

## ORIGINAL FOR BOND RENEWAL

THIS BOND CONTINUES IN FORCE TO THE ABOVE EXPIRATION DATE CONDITIONED AND PROVIDED THAT THE LOSSES OR RECOVERIES ON IT AND ANY AND ALL ENDORSEMENTS SHALL NEVER EXCEED THE PENALTY SET FORTH IN THE BOND AND WHETHER THE LOSSES OR RECOVERIES ARE WITHIN THE FIRST AND/OR SUBSEQUENT OR WITHIN ANY EXTENSION OR RENEWAL PERIOD, PRESENT, PAST OR FUTURE. ALL OTHER TERMS AND CONDITIONS REMAIN UNCHANGED.

SIGNED AND DATED THIS 6th DAY OF December 2022

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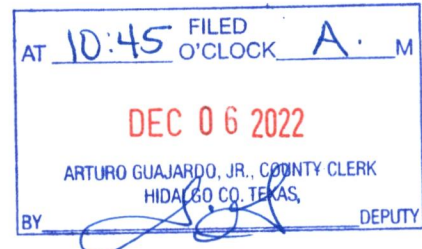
MONTALVO INSURANCE AGENCY INC  
PO BOX 2

WESLACO, TX 78599  
956-968-5521

Old Republic Surety Company

SURETY

By Elise Faust  
ATTORNEY-IN-FACT



DEC 06 2022

ARTURO GUAJARDO, JR. COUNTY CLERK HIDALGO CO. TEXAS DEPUTY

OATH OF OFFICE

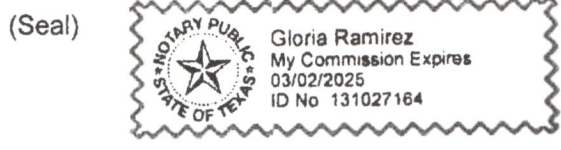
(COUNTY COMMISSIONERS AND COUNTY JUDGE)

I, Eduardo Cantu, do solemnly swear (or affirm), that I will faithfully execute the duties of the office of Hidalgo County Commissioner #2 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 [Signature]

Sworn to and subscribed before me, at Hidalgo County, Texas, this 6th day of December, 2022.



[Signature] Notary Public Hidalgo County, Texas

OATH OF OFFICE

(GENERAL)

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. So help me God.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Sworn to and subscribed before me, at \_\_\_\_\_, Texas, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_\_.

(Seal) \_\_\_\_\_ Notary Public \_\_\_\_\_ County, Texas

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

The foregoing bond of \_\_\_\_\_ as \_\_\_\_\_ in and for \_\_\_\_\_ County and State of Texas, this day approved in open Commissioner's Court.

ATTEST: Date: \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_\_. Clerk \_\_\_\_\_ County Judge, \_\_\_\_\_ County Court \_\_\_\_\_ County, Texas

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

I, \_\_\_\_\_, County Clerk, in and for said County, do hereby certify that the foregoing Bond dated the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_, with its certificates of authentication, was filed for record in my office the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_, at \_\_\_\_\_ o'clock \_\_\_\_M., and duly recorded the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_, 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



# OLD REPUBLIC SURETY COMPANY

FILED  
 AT 10:45 O'CLOCK A.M.  
 DEC 06 2022  
 ARTURO GUAJARDO, JR., COUNTY CLERK  
 HIDALGO CO. TEXAS  
 BY \_\_\_\_\_ POWER OF ATTORNEY

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS: That OLD REPUBLIC SURETY COMPANY, a Wisconsin stock insurance corporation, does make, constitute and appoint: **Elise Faust of Brookfield, WI**

its true and lawful Attorney(s)-in-Fact, with full power and authority, not exceeding \$10,000,000, for and on behalf of the company as surety, to execute and deliver and affix the seal of the company thereto (if a seal is required), bonds, undertakings, recognizances or other written obligations in the nature thereof, (other than bail bonds, bank depository bonds, mortgage deficiency bonds, mortgage guaranty bonds, guarantees of installment paper and note guaranty bonds, self-insurance workers compensation bonds guaranteeing payment of benefits, asbestos abatement contract bonds, waste management bonds, hazardous waste remediation bonds or black lung bonds), as follows: Effective Date: 01/01/2023

Bond Number: LPO2109322 Bond Amount: Three Thousand Dollars \$ 3,000.00

Principal Name: EDUARDO CANTU  
 Obligee Name: HIDALGO COUNTY TREASURER, Texas

and to bind OLD REPUBLIC SURETY COMPANY thereby, and all of the acts of said Attorneys-in-Fact, pursuant to these presents, are ratified and confirmed. This appointment is made under and by authority of the board of directors at a special meeting held on February 18, 1982.

This Power of Attorney is signed and sealed by facsimile under and by the authority of the following resolutions adopted by the board of directors of the OLD REPUBLIC SURETY COMPANY on February 18, 1982.

RESOLVED that the president, any vice president or assistant vice president, in conjunction with the secretary or any assistant secretary, may appoint attorneys-in-fact or agents with authority as defined or limited in the instrument evidencing the appointment in each case, for and on behalf of the company to execute and deliver and affix the seal of the company to bonds, undertakings, recognizances, and suretyship obligations of all kinds; and said officers may remove any such attorney-in-fact or agent and revoke any Power of Attorney previously granted to such person.

RESOLVED FURTHER that any bond, undertaking, recognizance, or suretyship obligation shall be valid and binding upon the Company

- (i) when signed by the president, any vice president or assistant vice president, and attested and sealed (if a seal be required) by any secretary or assistant secretary; or
- (ii) when signed by the president, any vice president or assistant vice president, secretary or assistant secretary, and countersigned and sealed (if a seal be required) by a duly authorized attorney-in-fact or agent; or
- (iii) when duly executed and sealed (if a seal be required) by one or more attorneys-in-fact or agents pursuant to and within the limits of the authority evidenced by the Power of Attorney issued by the company to such person or persons.

RESOLVED FURTHER that the signature of any authorized officer and the seal of the company may be affixed by facsimile to any Power of Attorney or certification thereof authorizing the execution and delivery of any bond, undertaking, recognizance, or other suretyship obligations of the company; and such signature and seal when so used shall have the same force and effect as though manually affixed.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, OLD REPUBLIC SURETY COMPANY has caused these presents to be signed by its proper officer, and its corporate seal to be affixed this 3rd day of October, 2022

*Karen J. Haffner*  
 Assistant Secretary



OLD REPUBLIC SURETY COMPANY

*Alan Pavlic*  
 President

STATE OF WISCONSIN, COUNTY OF WAUKESHA - SS

On this 3rd day of October, 2022, personally came before me, Alan Pavlic and Karen J. Haffner, to me known to be the individuals and officers of the OLD REPUBLIC SURETY COMPANY who executed the above instrument, and they each acknowledged the execution of the same, and being by me duly sworn, did severally depose and say: that they are the said officers of the corporation aforesaid, and that the seal affixed to the above instrument is the seal of the corporation, and that said corporate seal and their signatures as such officers were duly affixed and subscribed to the said instrument by the authority of the board of directors of said corporation.



*Kathryn R. Pearson*  
 Notary Public

My Commission Expires: 09/28/2026

(Expiration of notary's commission does not invalidate this instrument)

CERTIFICATE

I, the undersigned, assistant secretary of the OLD REPUBLIC SURETY COMPANY, a Wisconsin corporation, CERTIFY that the foregoing and attached Power of Attorney remains in full force and has not been revoked; and furthermore, that the Resolutions of the board of directors set forth in the Power of Attorney, are now in force.

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Signed and sealed at the City of Brookfield, WI this 3rd day of October, 2022

*Karen J. Haffner*  
 Assistant Secretary

Vernon's Texas Statutes and Codes Annotated  
Local Government Code (Refs & Annos)  
Title 3. Organization of County Government  
Subtitle B. Commissioners Court and County Officers  
Chapter 81. Commissioners Court (Refs & Annos)  
Subchapter A. Organization and Procedure

V.T.C.A., Local Government Code § 81.002

§ 81.002. Oath, Bond

Currentness

(a) Before undertaking the duties of the county judge or a county commissioner, a person must take the official oath and swear in writing that the person will not be interested, directly or indirectly, in a contract with or claim against the county except:

- (1) a contract or claim expressly authorized by law; or
- (2) a warrant issued to the judge or commissioner as a fee of office.

(b) A commissioner must execute a bond, payable to the county treasurer, in the amount of \$3,000. The bond must be approved by the county judge and must be conditioned on the faithful performance of the commissioner's official duties. The bond must also be conditioned that the commissioner:

- (1) will reimburse the county for all county funds illegally paid to the commissioner; and
- (2) will not vote or consent to make a payment of county funds except for a lawful purpose.

(c) Subject to the provisions of Chapter 171, the county judge or a county commissioner may serve as a member of the governing body of or as an officer or director of an entity that does business with the county, excluding a publicly traded corporation or a subsidiary, affiliate, or subdivision of a publicly traded corporation.

## Credits

Acts 1987, 70th Leg., ch. 149, § 1, eff. Sept. 1, 1987. Amended by Acts 1989, 71st Leg., ch. 475, § 1, eff. Aug. 28, 1989; Acts 1999, 76th Leg., ch. 62, § 13.02, eff. Sept. 1, 1999.

## Editors' Notes

### REVISOR'S NOTE

#### 2021 Main Volume

(1) The source law requires a county judge and a county commissioner to swear that he will not be interested in a contract with or a claim against “the county in which he resides.” “The county in which he resides” is another way of referring to the county in which the county officer holds office, since [Article XVI, Section 14, of the Texas Constitution](#) requires county officers to reside within their counties. The revised law omits the reference to “the county in which he resides” and, instead, simply refers to “the county” because “the county” as used in the revised law obviously means the county in which the county officer holds office.

(2) Because all payments are either voluntary or otherwise, the revised law dealing with a commissioner's bond omits reference to this distinction.

## Notes of Decisions (29)

V. T. C. A., Local Government Code § 81.002, TX LOCAL GOVT § 81.002

Current through the end of the 2021 Regular and Called Sessions of the 87th Legislature.

Vernon's Texas Statutes and Codes Annotated  
Constitution of the State of Texas 1876 (Refs & Annos)  
Article XVI. General Provisions

Vernon's Ann.Texas Const. Art. 16, § 1

§ 1. Official Oath

Effective: November 26, 2001

Currentness

Sec. 1. (a) All elected and appointed officers, before they enter upon the duties of their offices, shall take the following Oath or Affirmation:

“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, so help me God.”

(b) All elected or appointed officers, before taking the Oath or Affirmation of office prescribed by this section and entering upon the duties of office, shall subscribe to the following statement:

“I, \_\_\_\_\_, 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.”

(c) Members of the Legislature, the Secretary of State, and all other elected and appointed state officers shall file the signed statement required by Subsection (b) of this section with the Secretary of State before taking the Oath or Affirmation of office prescribed by Subsection (a) of this section. All other officers shall retain the signed statement required by Subsection (b) of this section with the official records of the office.

**Credits**

Amended Nov. 8, 1938; Nov. 6, 1956; Nov. 7, 1989; Nov. 6, 2001, eff. Nov. 26, 2001.

## Editors' Notes

### INTERPRETIVE COMMENTARY

#### 2018 Main Volume

This section provides that members of the legislature and all state officials before taking office must subscribe to an oath of office exacting their support of the state and federal constitutions. It also provides that these officials must further swear that in their election they abstained from bribery of voters either directly or indirectly by offering or promising money or any valuable consideration for votes.

The oath of office first appeared in the [Constitution of 1845 \(Art. 7, § 1\)](#), and contained a statement that the official had never participated in a duel. Dueling had been considered in need of some legislative curbing which it was thought that the oath supplied. While dueling was generally accepted, it was felt that holders of public office should be above dueling for the practice of challenging to a duel tended to interfere with candor of speech in legislative gatherings. In all succeeding constitutions, including the present constitution, this declaration on dueling appeared. The impossibility for a duelist to hold office in the state did much to render the “code of honor” an extinct custom, and this portion of the oath of office became outworn and useless and was thus abandoned in 1938 when the present oath of office was adopted.

The clause requiring a denial of bribery first appeared in the present constitution and was the direct outcome of the official corruption which had reached alarming proportions during the reconstruction period. It has been seriously questioned whether such a provision in an oath of office is of much effect, for it has been pointed out that men who bribe will have little hesitancy about falsification.

There was a time when oaths embarrassed falsehood. They may still be of some use in courts, when the judge can caution witnesses, and the perils of perjury can be emphasized. But taken upon entering office, oaths now accomplish little else than to lend dignity to the entrance upon public service and to honorable men bring home the seriousness of their responsibilities.

#### [Notes of Decisions \(66\)](#)

Vernon's Ann. Texas Const. Art. 16, § 1, TX CONST Art. 16, § 1  
Current through the end of the 2021 Regular and Called Sessions of the 87th Legislature.



# OLD REPUBLIC SURETY COMPANY

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November 30, 2022

RECEIVED DEC 05 2022

EDUARDO CANTU  
2912 S. JACKSON  
MCALLEN, TX 78503

Re: LPO2109322      \$3,000 COUNTY COMMISSIONER  
EDUARDO CANTU  
HIDALGO COUNTY TREAS  
Agency: 89-5610 MONTALVO INSURANCE AGENCY INC

Dear Principal:

Enclosed is your Continuation Certificate(s) to renew your bond.

Please forward to the obligee listed on the Certificate for your renewal.  
Do not return the Certificate to Old Republic Surety.

Be sure to retain a copy for your records.

Please contact your agent if you have any questions regarding your bond.  
We thank you for your business.

Sincerely,

OLD REPUBLIC SURETY COMPANY  
Agency Services Department  
encl.

