

**NORTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE  
RALEIGH, NORTH CAROLINA**

**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
COUNTY OF WAKE**

**BEFORE THE COMMISSIONER  
OF INSURANCE**

**IN THE MATTER OF THE LICENSURE  
OF TYRANNIA M. ELLERBE  
LICENSE NO. 19663867**

**VOLUNTARY SETTLEMENT  
AGREEMENT**

**NOW COME**, Tyrannia M. Ellerbe (hereinafter "Ms. Ellerbe") and the North Carolina Department of Insurance Bail Bond Regulatory Division (hereinafter "BBRD"), and hereby voluntarily and knowingly enter into the following Voluntary Settlement Agreement (hereinafter "this Agreement").

**WHEREAS**, the BBRD has the authority and responsibility for the enforcement of the insurance laws of this State, and for regulating and licensing bail bondsmen; and

**WHEREAS**, Ms. Ellerbe holds an active license as a Surety Bail Bondsman issued by the BBRD; and

**WHEREAS**, Ms. Ellerbe was charged with "Aid and Abet Unlicensed Bondsman" on June 25, 2024 by Mr. Jordan Green, Special Prosecutor for Guilford County, NC. Ms. Ellerbe is from Richmond County near the South Carolina line. Ms. Ellerbe used the services of a licensed South Carolina Bondsman/Runner to help her arrest, transport and surrender an individual to law enforcement authorities in High Point, NC. Special Prosecutor Green offered Ms. Ellerbe a "Deferred Prosecution" in exchange for her completion of twenty (20) hours of community service which was accepted and issued on November 13, 2024 (Case No. 24CR342903). Mr. Green advised BBRD on December 30, 2024 that Ms. Ellerbe had completed the twenty (20) hours of community service and that the charge had been dismissed; and

**WHEREAS**, N.C. Gen. Stat. § 58-71-80(a)(5) provides that the Commissioner may deny, place on probation, suspend, revoke, or refuse to renew any license issued under this Article, in accordance with the provisions of Article 3A of Chapter 150B of the General Statutes, for fraudulent, coercive, or dishonest practices in the conduct of business or demonstrating incompetence, untrustworthiness, or financial irresponsibility in the conduct of business in this State or any other jurisdiction; and

**WHEREAS**, N.C. Gen. Stat. § 58-71-80(a) (14) provides that the Commissioner may deny, place on probation, suspend, revoke, or refuse to renew any license issued under this Article, in accordance with the provisions of Article 3A of Chapter 150B of the General Statutes, for knowingly aiding or abetting others to evade or violate the provisions of this Article; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. § 58-71-80(a) (7), the Commissioner may deny, suspend, revoke, or refuse to renew any license under Article 71 of Chapter 58 of the North Carolina General Statutes for failure to comply with or violation of the provisions of Article 71 of Chapter 58 of the North Carolina General Statutes or of any order, rule, or regulation of the Commissioner; and

**WHEREAS**, Ms. Ellerbe's violations of N.C. Gen. Stat. § 58-71-80(a) (5) and (a) (14) demonstrate a failure to comply with and/or violations of the provisions of Article 71 of Chapter 58 of the North Carolina General Statutes for which Ms. Ellerbe's surety bondsman license could be revoked, suspended, or not renewed; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. § 58-2-70(g), the Commissioner of Insurance and the BBRD have the express authority to negotiate a mutually acceptable agreement with any person as to the status of the person's license or certificate or as to any civil penalty or restitution; and

**WHEREAS**, in lieu of an administrative hearing on the matters stated herein, Ms. Ellerbe has agreed to settle, compromise, and resolve the matters referenced in this Agreement, and the BBRD has agreed not to pursue additional civil ramifications; including penalties, sanctions, remedies, or restitution based on these matters against Ms. Ellerbe; and

**WHEREAS**, this Agreement is civil in nature and does not preclude criminal prosecution that may result from investigations by the Department's Criminal Investigation Division for violations of criminal laws.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, in consideration of the promises and agreements set out herein, the BBRD and Ms. Ellerbe hereby agree to the following:

1. Immediately upon her signing of this document, Ms. Ellerbe shall pay a **civil penalty of \$1,500.00** to the North Carolina Department of Insurance. The form of payment shall be in a certified check, cashier's check, or money order. The check or money order for the payment of this civil penalty shall be payable to the "North Carolina Department of Insurance." Ms. Ellerbe shall send the civil penalty by certified mail, return receipt requested, to the N.C. Department of Insurance, Bail Bonds Regulatory Division, 106 Baker Road, Attn: Ms. Jennifer Bullins-Spivey, Archdale, NC 27263 simultaneously with the return of this Agreement, signed by Ms. Ellerbe. The civil penalty and the signed Agreement must be received by the BBRD no later than **March 07, 2025**. The civil penalty shall be subject to disbursement in accordance with the provisions of Article IX, Section 7 of the North Carolina Constitution for the benefit of the public schools; and
4. Ms. Ellerbe shall obey all laws and regulations applicable to all licenses issued to her; and
5. Ms. Ellerbe enters into this Agreement freely and voluntarily and with knowledge of her right to have an administrative hearing on this matter. Ms. Ellerbe understands that she may consult with an attorney prior to entering into this Agreement.
6. This Agreement does not in any way affect the BBRD's disciplinary power in any future follow-up examinations of Ms. Ellerbe, or in any other cases or complaints involving Ms. Ellerbe.
7. The parties to this Agreement agree that this Agreement shall have the full force and effect of an Order of the Commissioner. Ms. Ellerbe understands that N. C. Gen. Stat. § 58-71-80(a)(7) provides that a surety bondsman's license may be revoked for violating an

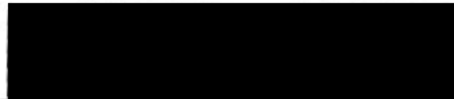
Order of the Commissioner.

8. This Voluntary Settlement Agreement, when finalized, will be a public record and is not confidential. Any and all licenses issued by the BBRD to the licensee shall reflect that Regulatory Action has been taken against the licensee following the execution of this Agreement. The BBRD is free to disclose the contents of this Agreement to third parties upon request or pursuant to any law or policy providing for such disclosure. The BBRD, upon request, will provide a copy of the voluntary settlement agreement to all companies that have appointed the licensee.
9. This Settlement Agreement shall become effective when signed by Ms. Ellerbe and the BBRD.

**N. C. Department of Insurance  
Bail Bond Regulatory Division**



By: Tyrannia M. Ellerbe  
License No. 19663867



By: Marty Sumner  
Senior Deputy Commissioner

Date: 3/27/25

Date: 4/8/2025