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PUBLIC OFFICIAL BOND
State Form 66947 (11-15)
Approved by State Board of Accounts, 2016
INDIANA DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE

GINA PIMENTEL
RECORDER
STATE OF INDIANA
LAKE COUNTY
RECORDED AS PRESENTED

2024-030188

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Bond number 72508832

Margaret Katona, as Principal, and
WESTERN SURETY COMPANY, as Surety, as well as all heirs, executors, and
administrators of the Principal and Surety, are bound, jointly and severally, to the State of Indiana, in the
amount of \$ 300,000.00, if subparagraph (b) is violated. In all other respects, the following
conditions apply to this Public Official Bond.

- a) The Principal is duly elected, commissioned, appointed, or employed as auditor
for county of Lake in the State of Indiana.
- b) The Principal shall faithfully perform and fulfill his or her duties of the position named in subparagraph
(a); including compliance with IC 5-11 and paying over on demand to the persons entitled or authorized
to receive the same, all moneys that may come into his or her hands during the term of this Public
Official Bond.
- c) The term of this Public Official Bond is for a one (1) year term beginning on the 1st day of
January, 2025 and ending on the 31st day of December, 2025.
- d) This Public Official Bond cannot be continued, extended, or renewed as provided by IC 5-4-1-18(m).
- e) This Public Official Bond complies with IC 5-4-1-18, and any conflict between this bond and the
Indiana Code shall be resolved in favor of the statutory provisions.
- f) The Legislature may change, modify, or repeal any relevant law now in force and exact any and all laws
during the existence of this Public Official Bond, but this Public Official Bond will remain in full force and
effect, except for that which was directly altered by the change in law.



J. Oltmanns
J. Bander
Attorney In Fact

Margaret Katona
By Larry Keiser, Vice President

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF LAKE

Accepted and approved this 16th day of

October 2024 APPROVED DENIED

[Signature] APPROVED DENIED

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DATE: 10-16-2024

Handwritten initials/signature

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State of Indiana, Lake County, ss:

Personally appeared before me, _____ in and for said County and State aforesaid, _____ who being sworn, upon his or her oath says: "I will support the Constitution of the United States and of the State of Indiana, and I will faithfully, honestly, and impartially fulfill the duties of the office of _____ to the best of my skill and ability."

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 26th day of September, 2024

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand affixed the seal of said _____ at _____ this the day and year above written.

I, _____ of the _____ do certify the above to be a true and correct copy of the official oath of _____ in and for said County as the same is endorsed on his or her commission.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said _____, at _____, this _____ day of _____, A.D. _____

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF PRINCIPAL

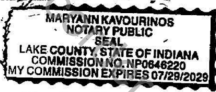
State of Indiana, Lake County, ss:

Personally appeared before me, Margaret Katoras

Principal upon the bond appearing on the reverse side hereof and acknowledges the execution of said bond This 26th day of September, 2024

July 29 2029
Expiration date of commission, (if Notary Public) (month, day, year)

Theresa Kourinos
Notary Public



ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF SURETY

South Dakota
State of Indiana, Minnehaha County, ss:

Comes now WESTERN SURETY COMPANY by Larry Kasten, Vice President its agent, surety upon the bond appearing on the reverse side hereof and acknowledges the execution of said bond this 17th day of September, 2024 and confirms compliance with IC 5-4-1-18(i)

August 11, 2028
Expiration date of commission, (if Notary Public) (month, day, year)

J. Petrik
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 Auditor County of Lake

bond with bond number 72508832

for Margaret Katona
as Principal in the penalty amount not to exceed: \$ 300,000.00

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, 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 17th day of September,
2024.

ATTEST

L. Bauder
L. Bauder, Assistant Secretary

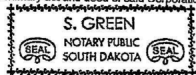


WESTERN SURETY COMPANY
Larry Kasten
Larry Kasten, Vice President

STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA }
COUNTY OF MINNEHAHA } ss

On this 17th day of September, 2024, 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.



S. Green
Notary Public

My Commission Expires February 12, 2027
To validate bond authenticity, go to www.wasurety.com > Owner/Obligee Services > Validate Bond Coverage.

