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BEFORE THE COMMISSION FOR COMMON-INTEREST COMMUNITIES AND CONDOMINIUM HOTELS STATE OF NEVADA

SHARATH CHANDRA, Administrator, REAL ESTATE DIVISION, DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY, STATE OF NEVADA,

Petitioner.

DIANA D. STEGEMAN, (CAM.0009065),

Respondent.

Case No. 2022-756



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FINDINGS OF FACT, CONCLUSIONS OF LAW AND ORDER

This matter came on for hearing before the Commission for Common-Interest Communities and Condominium Hotels, State of Nevada (the "Commission") during a regular agenda set on a three-day stack beginning at 9:00 am on September 26, 2023 (the "Hearing."). Diana D Stegeman ("RESPONDENT") did not appear in person, through counsel, or otherwise. Christal P. Keegan, Deputy Attorney General with the Nevada Attorney General's Office, appeared on behalf of the Real Estate Division of the Department of Business and Industry, State of Nevada (the "Division").

Mrs. Keegan advised the Commission that RESPONDENT was aware of her attendance at the hearing, and that her hearing was scheduled for the June 13-15, 2023 hearings, but the RESPONDENT requested a continuance, which the Commission granted. The Division sent the RESPONDENT Meeting Re-Notices no later than 30 days prior to the September 26-28, 2023 hearings. The RESPONDENT never filed an Answer as part of the record in the proceedings and did not ask for a second continuance.

Therefore, the Commission, having considered the evidence introduced by the Division and being fully advised, enters the following Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and Order. Under Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS) and Nevada Administrative Code 111

(NAC) Chapter 116A, the Commission has legal jurisdiction and authority over this matter.

FINDINGS OF FACT

Based on a preponderance of the evidence in the record and the documents admitted at the Hearing, the Commission voted, with one abstention, to find the following factual allegations were proven:

- 1. RESPONDENT holds a community manager certificate from the Division (CAM.0009065), said license being in "active" status at the time of filing this complaint.
- 2. Starting October 1, 2022, RESPONDENT'S company Heritage Management Group, LLC.'s contract would terminate with The Gables Condominium Owners Association, Inc. ("Association") and transfer to the new management company, Prime Management, LLC ("Succeeding Management Company"). CICC024 CICC025.
- 3. Prior to the transfer, on or about September 15, 2022, the Succeeding Management Company requested RESPONDENT provide the Association's records no later than October 1, 2022. CICC024 CICC025.
- 4. On or about October 10, 2022, counsel for the Succeeding Management Company sent a final demand letter to RESPONDENT requesting the Association's records. CICC021 CICC022.
- 5. As of October 19, 2022, RESPONDENT had not provided the Association's records to the Succeeding Management Company. *CICC043 CICC047*.
- 6. On October 31, 2022, the Division received an Intervention Affidavit against RESPONDENT by the Succeeding Management Company. *CICC001-CICC020*.
- 7. The Intervention Affidavit alleged RESPONDENT failed to turn over the entirety of the Association's records within the 30 days as set forth in NRS 116A.620(6). *CICC003*.
- 8. On or about November 16, 2022, the Division sent its first Request for Information to the RESPONDENT with a deadline of December 2, 2022. CICC029 - CICC034.

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- 9. On the deadline date, RESPONDENT acknowledged receipt of the letter but did not provide a response to the Request for Information. CICC035 - CICC036.
- On or about December 23, 2022, the Division sent its second Request for 10. Information to the RESPONDENT with a deadline of January 10, 2023. CICC038 - CICC042.
- On December 27, 2022, RESPONDENT transmitted her response to the 11. Division but did not provide any documentation. CICC053.
- 12. As of January 24, 2023, the Division still had not received any documentation. CICC059 - CICC060.
- On January 27, 2023, RESPONDENT appeared at the Division in person and 13. dropped off emails from October of 2022. CICC043 - CICC047.
- The emails demonstrated that RESPONDENT had not provided the documents requested by the Succeeding Management Company. CICC043 - CICC047.
- 15. As of January 31, 2023, RESPONDENT had not provided all items initially requested by the Succeeding Management Company. CICC067 - CICC070.
- 16. On or about February 16, 2023, the Division sent RESPONDENT a Compliance Demand Letter requiring proof of compliance by March 3, 2023 that the documents requested by the Succeeding Management Company were provided. CICC048 - CICC051.
- As of March 17, 2023, RESPONDENT failed to comply with the Compliance 17. Demand Letter. CICC061 - CICC063.
- 18. As a result of RESPONDENT'S inadequate responsiveness to the Division and the Succeeding Management Company, now comes herewith.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Based on the foregoing factual findings and the preponderance of the evidence, the Commission voted, with one abstention, that the following violations of law occurred:

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- RESPONDENT violated NRS 116A.620(6) for failing to provide records or proof thereof that within 30 days of termination such transfer of records occurred to the succeeding community manager.
- 20. RESPONDENT violated NRS 116A.630(1)(b) for failing to exercise ordinary and reasonable care in the performance of her duties by not transferring the Association record's timely or completely to the succeeding community manager.
- 21. RESPONDENT violated NRS 116A.630(2)(a) by failing to comply with state laws and regulations when she failed to provide the Division and/or the succeeding community manager with the requested documents.
- 22. RESPONDENT violated NRS 116A.630(9) by failing to make the financial records of the Association for years 2020, 2021, and 2022 available for inspection by the Division.
- 23. RESPONDENT violated NRS 116A.630(10) when she failed to cooperate with the Division in resolving the complaints filed against her.
- RESPONDENT violated NRS 116A.640(2)(a) for impeding the Division's 24. investigation by failing to comply with requests to provide documents.
- 25. RESPONDENT violated NAC 116A.355(2)(f) when she failed to cooperate with the Division's requests for a response and production of documents.
- 26. RESPONDENT violated NAC 116A.355(1)(a)(1) and (3) by engaging in unprofessional conduct when she failed to provide the Association's records to the succeeding management company impacting the association's ability to file tax returns and incur additional expenses to recreate records.

ORDER

The Commission, being fully apprised in the premises and good cause appearing, ORDERS as follows:

- RESPONDENT'S certificate (CAM.0009065) is immediately revoked; 1.
- 2. RESPONDENT shall pay a fine of \$2,500 per violation (8 violations) for a total administrative fine amount of \$20,000;