1 2	BEFORE THE COMMISSION FOR COMMON-INTEREST COMMUNITIES AND CONDOMINIUM HOTELS STATE OF NEVADA	
3 4	Sharath Chandra, Administrator, Real Estate Division, Department of Business & Industry, State of Nevada,	
5	Petitioner,	Case No. 2022-507
6	vs.	FILED
7 8	Michael Steven Skahill,	MAY 1 2 2023 NEVADA COMMISSION FOR
9	Respondent.	COMMON INTEREST COMMUNITIES AND CONDOMINIUM HOTELS
10	COMPLAINT FOR DISCIPLINARY	

## COMPLAINT FOR DISCIPLINARY ACTION AND NOTICE OF HEARING

The Real Estate Division of the Department of Business and Industry, State of Nevada (the "Division"), by and through its counsel, Aaron D. Ford, Attorney General of the State of Nevada, and Phil W. Su, Senior Deputy Attorney General, hereby notifies Michael Steven Skahill ("Skahill" and/or "RESPONDENT") of an administrative hearing before the Commission for Common-Interest Communities and Condominium Hotels, State of Nevada, which is to be held pursuant to Chapters 233B and Chapters 116 and 116A of the Nevada Revised Statutes ("NRS") and Chapter 116 and 116A of the Nevada Administrative Code ("NAC"). The purpose of the hearing is to consider the allegations stated below and to determine if an administrative penalty will be imposed on the RESPONDENT pursuant to the provisions of NRS and NAC including, but not limited to, NAC 116A.360.

### JURISDICTION AND NOTICE

During all relevant times mentioned in this complaint, RESPONDENT held an active supervising community manager certificate from the Division (CAM.0007489-SUPR) and is, therefore, subject to the jurisdiction of the Division and the provisions of NRS Chapters 116 and 116A and NAC Chapters 116 and 116A.

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1	FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS		
2	1. At all times relevant herein, RESPONDENT held a supervisory community		
3	manager certificate from the Division (CAM.0007489-SUPR). [NRED 0001]		
4	2. At all times relevant herein, the RESPONDENT was employed with AMS		
5	Management Group, Inc. [NRED 0001]		
6	3. At all times relevant herein, the RESPONDENT was the community		
7	manager for El Parque Homeowners Association ("the Association"). [NRED 0001; 0008		
8	0009;]		
9	4. This complaint was initiated based on the RESPONDENT's failure to provide		
10	the financial records of the Association upon request by the Division in a July 26, 2022		
11	notice of investigation letter. [NRED 0002-0004]		
12	5. The request for these documents was made by the Division in connection with		
13	an allegation that RESPONDENT allowed the signature of a former board member, Louis		
14	James Gex, to be applied to an association check months after Gex sold his unit in the		
15	Association. [NRED 0002-0003]		
16	6. The Division also requested Association records from January 2019 through		
17	the date of the July 26, 2022, letter. [NRED 0002-0004]		
18	7. RESPONDENT did not provide a response to the July 2022 letter.		
19	8. The Division sent a follow-up letter to RESPONDENT dated August 29, 2022,		
20	reiterating its requests pursuant to its investigation. [NRED 0005-0007]		
21	9. RESPONDENT did not provide a response to the August 2022 letter.		
22	10. In reviewing the Annual Association Registration #562 form documents filed		
23	by RESPONDENT on behalf of the Association, it came to the attention of the Division		
24	that a signature purporting to be that of former board member Louis James Gex was		
25	affixed to Association check #4586 dated 4/28/21. [NRED 0008-0010]		
26	11. A grant, bargain and sale deed recorded with the Clark County recorder's		
27	office indicates that board member Gex sold his unit in the Association on or about		
28	10/15/20. [NRED 0025-0028]		
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12. In addition, Mr. Gex's signature for check #4586 dated 4/28/21, reflected a visibly different style of handwriting compared to Gex's signature on checks submitted to the Division for check #4205 dated 4/11/2018; check #4331 dated 4/15/2019, and check #4457 dated 4/15/2020). [NRED 0010; 0023; 0020; 0014].

13. The signature for the counter-signing board member for the 2021 check
#4586, Sandie Medina, also reflected a visibly different style of handwriting compared to
Medina's signature on the 2020 check #4457. [NRED 0010; 0014]

14. A review of the 4/15/19 Annual Association Registration #562 form reflects that Nancy Owens was no longer a board member on 4/15/19, yet her signature appears on the 2019 check #4331 paid for that year. [NRED 0015-0020].

15. Moreover, the signatures for counter-signing board member Nancy Owens in 2019 check #4331 also reflected a visibly different style of handwriting compared to Owens' signature on Association checks that she signed in 2017 (check #4038) and 2016 (check #3857). [NRED 0020; 0024]

16. Also, Owens' signatures on other checks to the Division from the Association (#4038 and #3857 – See IR 2033-507 9.29.22 Addendum in W: drive) and from Clark County Recorder's Office records do not appear to reflect the same signature as on check #4331.

17. On or about November 2, 2022, the Division properly notified RESPONDENT it intended to file a complaint against him for disciplinary action before the Commission.

# VIOLATIONS OF LAW

1. RESPONDENT violated NRS 116A.630(1)(b) pursuant to NRS 116.31153 by failing to exercise ordinary and reasonable care in the performance of his duties when RESPONDENT allowed the signature of a non-unit owner to be used on an Association check to withdraw funds from the operating account.

2. RESPONDENT violated NRS 116A.630(6)(a) pursuant to NAC 116A.355 (3)(b) by failing to ensure that the financial transactions of the Association are current, accurate, and properly documented when he allowed visibly inconsistent signatures to be

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- a. for both board member signers in check #4586 for the Association's 2021 Annual Association Registration payment, and
- b. for both board member signers in check #4331 for the Association's 2019 Annual Association Registration payment.

3. RESPONDENT violated NRS 116A.630(9) pursuant to NAC 116A.355 (2)(a)(3) and 2(f) when he failed to make the financial records for the Association available for inspection by the Division in accordance with applicable laws and regulations.

4. RESPONDENT violated NRS 116A.640(2)(a) by impeding and interfering with an investigation by the Division by failing to comply with the Division's requests to provide the Association's records and by failing to respond to the Division regarding its request for the records.

# **DISCIPLINE AUTHORIZED**

Pursuant to the provisions of NAC 116A.360 the Commission has discretion to impose discipline as it deems appropriate, including, but not limited to one or more of the following actions:

Revoke or suspend the certificate;
 Refuse to renew or reinstate the certificate;
 Place the community manager on probation;
 Issue a reprimand or censure to the community manager;

5. Impose a fine of not more than \$5,000 for each violation of a statute or
regulation;

6. Require the community manager to pay restitution;

24 7. Require the community manager to pay the costs of the investigation and
25 hearing;

26 8. Require the community manager to obtain additional education relating to
27 the management of common-interest communities; and

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9. Take such other disciplinary action as the Commission deems appropriate.

The Commission may order one or any combination of the discipline described above.

#### NOTICE OF HEARING

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE, that a disciplinary hearing has been set to consider this Administrative Complaint against the above-named RESPONDENT in accordance with Chapters 233B and 116 and 116A of the Nevada Revised Statutes and Chapter 116 and 116A of the Nevada Administrative Code.

THE HEARING WILL TAKE PLACE at the Commission meeting(s) scheduled for June 13 – June 15, 2023, beginning at approximately 9:00 a.m. each day, or until such time as the Commission concludes its business. The Commission meeting will be held at the Nevada State Business Center, 3300 W. Sahara Avenue, 4th Floor, Nevada Room, Las Vegas, Nevada 89102 with videoconferencing to Department of Business & Industry, Division of Insurance, 1818 E. College Parkway, Suite 103, Carson City, Nevada 89706.

STACKED CALENDAR: Your hearing is one of several hearings that may be scheduled at the same time as part of a regular meeting of the Commission that is expected to take place on June 13- June 15 2023. Thus, your hearing may be continued until later in the day or from day to day. It is your responsibility to be present when your case is called. If you are not present when your hearing is called, a default may be entered against you and the Commission may decide the case as if all allegations in the complaint were true. If you need to negotiate a more specific time for your hearing in advance because of coordination with an out of state witness or the like, please call Maria Gallo, Commission Coordinator, at (702) 486-4074.

YOUR RIGHTS AT THE HEARING: Except as mentioned below, the hearing is an open meeting under Nevada's open meeting law and may be attended by the public. After the evidence and arguments, the commission may conduct a closed meeting to discuss your alleged misconduct or professional competence. You are entitled to a copy of the transcript of the open and closed portions of the meeting, although you must pay for the transcription. As a RESPONDENT, you are specifically informed that you have the right to appear and be heard in your defense, either personally or through your counsel of choice. At the hearing, the Division has the burden of proving the allegations in the complaint and will call witnesses and present evidence against you. You have the right to respond and to present relevant evidence and argument on all issues involved. You have the right to call and examine witnesses, introduce exhibits, and cross-examine opposing witnesses on any matter relevant to the issues involved.

You have the right to request that the Commission issue subpoenas to compel witnesses to testify and/or evidence to be offered on your behalf. In making this request, you may be required to demonstrate the relevance of the witness's testimony and/or evidence. Other important rights and obligations, including your obligation to answer the complaint, are listed in NAC 116A.560 through NAC 116A.655, NRS Chapter 233B, and NRS Chapters 116 and 116A and NAC 116 and 116A.

Note that under NAC 116A.585, not less than five (5) working days before a hearing, **RESPONDENT** must provide to the Division a copy of all reasonably available documents that are reasonably anticipated to be used to support his or her position, and a list of witnesses **RESPONDENT** intends to call at the time of the hearing. Failure to provide any document or to list a witness may result in the document or witness being excluded from RESPONDENT'S defense. The purpose of the hearing is to determine if the RESPONDENT has violated any of the provisions of NRS and NAC Chapters 116 and

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1	116A, and to determine what administrative penalty is to be assessed against	
2	RESPONDENT, if any, pursuant to NAC 116A.360.	
3	DATED this 🛄 day of May, 2023.	
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5	DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS &	
6	INDUSTRY, STATE OF NEVADA	
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