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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 & INDUSTRY, STATE OF NEVADA,

Petitioner,

VS.

REGENCY VILLAGE OWNER'S ASSOCIATION INC., RALPH GLOVER, KARI CRAMER, and YOLANDA MCANNALY. (Entity Number C2520-1970)

Respondents.

Case No. 2023-713

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NEVADA COMMISSION FOR COMMON INTEREST COMMUNITIES AND CONDOMINIUM HOTELS

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") on Tuesday, December 3, 2024. (the "Hearing") Respondent Regency Village Owner's Association Inc. ("RESPONDENT ASSOCIATION") and association board members Ralph Glover, Kari Cramer, and Yolanda McAnnaly, ("RESPONDENT BOARD MEMBERS") appeared by and through their attorney, Steven Loizzi, Esq. Phil W. Su, Senior Deputy Attorney General, appeared on behalf of the Real Estate Division of the Department of Business and Industry, State of Nevada (the "Division").

The parties agreed to stipulate as to the facts and legal violations as set forth in the Complaint. Attorney Su further noted that RESPONDENT ASSOCIATION has provided the Division with proof of its adoption of the draft reserve study and has provided proof of adoption of a petty cash resolution. Attorney Loizzi agreed with the substance of the Division's representations.

FINDINGS OF FACT

Based on a preponderance of the evidence in the record and the documents admitted at the Hearing, the Commission hereby finds that the following factual allegations were proven:

- 1. RESPONDENT ASSOCIATION is a common-interest community located in Las Vegas, Nevada (Entity Number C2520-1970) with 297 units. CCIC0017-0025.
- 2. At all times relevant to the Complaint, the Respondent's management company was The Management Trust, and managed by provisional community managers Barbara Hargiss and Crystal Kaufman. *CCIC0004*; 0017.
- 3. At all relevant times, the RESPONDENT ASSOCIATION was governed by RESPONDENT BOARD MEMBERS Ralph Glover, Kari Cramer, and Yolanda McAnnaly. 1 CCIC0004; 0017-0025.
- 4. The Office of the Ombudsman for Owners in Common-Interest Communities and Condominium Hotels ("Ombudsman") initiated an audit ("Initial Audit") of RESPONDENT ASSOCIATION in May of 2023, completing the audit on August 24, 2023. CCIC0001–CCIC0016.
- 5. The Audit noted that the RESPONDENTS had initial non-compliance issues including delinquent reserve study, delinquent reserve study form 609, and sole-signed checks. *CCIC 0005; 0007*.
- 6. The Audit further found that the RESPONDENTS did not have proper policies and procedures for use of petty cash. *CCIC 0008-0010*.
- 7. The Audit further found that the RESPONDENTS allowed unit owners and family members of unit-owners to be employed or to contract with the Association to provide services, and that some of those services required a license which the contractors did not have. *CCIC 0009-0010*.
- 8. The Audit further found that the RESPONDENTS failed to accurately account in meeting minutes for specific details and board decisions including, but not

¹ Former Board Member Nancy Tresch was a board member during the Audit and the investigation, but by March 2024 was no longer a member of the Board.

limited to, approvals for bids on association projects and petty cash and debit card transactions. CCIC 0010-0011.

- 9. On September 7, 2023, the Ombudsman referred the Initial Audit to the Division's compliance division for further investigation. *CCIC0001*; 0012.
- 10. On October 20, 2023, the Division issued a Request for Information (RFI) letter via certified mail to the RESPONDENT ASSOCIATION'S CAM, Crystal Kaufman, with cc: to Board Members Ralph Glover, Kari Cramer, Yolanda McAnnaly, and Nancy Tresch, requesting response within ten (10) business days of the letter. CCIC0024-0026.
 - 11. The Request for Information letter alleged:
 - #1, the Association did not perform the required quinquennial Reserve Study after its last one performed in December 2017, and failed to submit the required Reserve Study Summary (Form 609) since January 2018;
 - #2, the Board failed to establish policies and procedures for petty cash;
 - #3, the Board used its petty cash fund to hire unit owners and/or family members of unit owners to perform services that require a license (e.g. pool services and landscaping);
 - #4, the Board took votes on items in Executive Session that need to be voted on in an open meeting, or which were otherwise not permitted under statute and meeting minutes failed to include sufficient specific details of board actions, and
 - #5, the Board allowed approximately fifty (50) checks to be signed by a single board member, Nancy Tresch, from January 1, 2022, through March 30, 2023.
- 12. Between October 26, 2023, and October 30, 2023, the Division received responses from RESPONDENT BOARD MEMBERS Ralph Glover, Nancy Tresch, and Kari Cramer, and from then-Board Member Nancy Tresch. *CCIC00034-0116*.
- 13. Codi McDermott, Provisional CAM, was assigned to the RESPONDENT ASSOCIATION in October 2023 and requested several extensions of time to respond. The CAM ultimately never provided a response to the RFI on behalf of the RESPONDENT ASSOCIATION. CCIC0117-0121.

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On February 1, 2024, the Division notified RESPONDENTS in writing that 14. it would pursue disciplinary action in a hearing before the Commission for potential violations of NRS 116. CCIC0122-0124.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

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

- RESPONDENTS violated NRS 116.3103 pursuant to NRS 116.31152 by 1. failing to timely perform its required quinquennial Reserve Study.
- RESPONDENTS violated NRS 116.3103 pursuant to NRS 116.31152 by 2. failing to timely submit a Reserve Study Form (Form 609) to the Division.
- NRS RESPONDENTS violated NRS 116.3115(2)(b) pursuant 3. 116.31152(1)(b)(c) by failing to exercise ordinary and reasonable care by allowing its Reserve balance to be depleted from a level of 92% in 2016 to 16% funded as of 1/1/23 and 5% funded as of 1/1/24.
- RESPONDENTS violated NRS 116.3115 pursuant to NRS 116.31151 by 4. failing to adequately prepare a budget to meet the association's operating expenses and to adequately fund the Reserve account.
- RESPONDENTS violated NRS 116.3103 pursuant to NRS 116.3115(2)(b) by 5. failing to exercise ordinary and reasonable care in allowing excessive Due-to obligations from its Reserve fund to its operating account to deplete the Reserve fund to extremely low levels.
- RESPONDENTS violated NRS 116.3103 pursuant to NAC 116.405(8)(i) by 6. failing to exercise ordinary and reasonable care by allowing unmonitored and unapproved acquiring and usage of gift cards by board members using board funds.

ORDER

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

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- 1. RESPONDENT ASSOCIATION shall pay to the Division a total amount of SEVEN THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED SEVENTY ONE DOLLARS and 92/100 cents (\$7,271.92) ("Amount Due"), within sixty (60) days of entry of Order. This total amount reflects no administrative fine amounts for committing the above-stated violation of law, but the costs of the investigation, the attorney's fees, and the hearing;
- 2. If payment is not actually received by the Division on or before its due date, it shall be construed as a default by RESPONDENT ASSOCIATION. In the event of default, the unpaid balance of the administrative fine and costs, together with any attorney's fees and costs that may have been assessed, shall be due in full to the Division within ten (10) calendar days of the date of default, and the Division may obtain a judgment for the amount owed, including collection fees and costs;
- 3. Any RESPONDENT BOARD MEMBERS currently serving at the time of the effective date of this Order is required to take six (6) hours of NRED board member unit training and/or Community Association Manager Continuing Education, with at least three (3) hours of instruction in board finances and/or reserve study, with proof of completion to be submitted to the Division, within six (6) months of the effective date of this Order.
- 4. RESPONDENT ASSOCIATION is on notice that if it violates any order by the Commission, the Commission may impose an administrative fine of not more than \$1,000 for each violation; and

| 1 | 5. The Commission retains jurisdiction for correcting any errors that may have | |
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