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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.

QUADRO HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION, JONATHAN HAMRICK, ELENA LUNGU, RICHARD GREISENAUER, LINDA NEWPORT, and GENEVA MARCUS,

Respondents.

Case No. 2023-580



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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 Quadro Homeowners' Association ("RESPONDENT ASSOCIATION") and association board members Jonathan Hamrick, Elena Lungu, Richard Greisenauer, Linda Newport, and Geneva Marcus ("RESPONDENT BOARD MEMBERS") 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 of the Nevada Revised Statutes ("NRS") and Chapter 116 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 RESPONDENTS pursuant to the provisions of NRS and NAC including, but not limited to NRS 116.785 and NRS 116.790.

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JURISDICTION AND NOTICE

During all relevant times, RESPONDENT ASSOCIATION is a common-interest community located in Las Vegas, Nevada (Entity Number C3523-1997) and is, therefore, subject to the provisions of Chapter 116 of each the Nevada Revised Statutes ("NRS") and the Nevada Administrative Code ("NAC") (hereinafter collectively referred to as "NRS 116") and are subject to the jurisdiction of the Division, and the Commission for Common-Interest Communities pursuant to the provisions of NRS 116.750.

FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS

- 1. On July 18, 2023, the Division received two (2) related intervention affidavits (IA) from COMPLAINANT Ishana Vargas, supervising community association manager with Integrity Based Management LLC. CIC0001-0004.
- 2. At all times relevant to the Complaint, Integrity Based Management LLC and COMPLAINANT were originally the retained community association manager for RESPONDENT ASSOCIATION. CIC0022.
- 3. The IA generally alleged that RESPONDENT BOARD MEMBER GRIESENAUER, along with RESPONDENT BOARD MEMBERS MARCUS, LUNGU, and NEWPORT, held a non-noticed board meeting during which time GRIESENAUER made a motion to not file his own insurance claim for damages to his home and to have the Association pay him for damages to his unit and for accommodations while repairs were being performed. CIC0022.
- 4. The other named board members were present at the non-noticed board meeting and voted in favor of the motion. CIC0022.
- 5. On June 28, 2023, COMPLAINANT sent letters to the RESPONDENT BOARD MEMBERS outlining the potential violations that may have occurred, in advance of filing an IA with the Division. CIC0048-0061.
- 6. On August 15, 2023, Division Investigator Christina Pitch sent an initial letter constituting notice of investigation and request for information to RESPONDENT ASSOCIATION, by certified mailing to their community association manager, Sharyce

Harper of Integrity Based Management LLC. CIC0062-0064.

- 7. The initial request for information letter made four allegations, asserting that an illegal board meeting occurred on June 13, 2023 without proper notice; that RESPONDENT BOARD MEMBER GRIESENAUER stood to gain financially from a vote to have the association pay for repairs to his home; that the other RESPONDENT BOARD MEMBERS improperly allowed the vote to occur to GRIESENAUER'S benefit; and that the other RESPONDENT BOARD MEMBERS improperly allowed GRIESENAUER to continue to serve as a board member when he stood to gain financially from the matter before the executive board. CIC0062-0063.
- 8. On August 24, 2023, Investigator Pitch sent a second request for information letter to RESPONDENTS, reiterating the requests from the previous letter. CIC0065-0067.
- 9. On August 23, 2023, the Division received emailed response from RESPONDENT BOARD MEMBER Hamrick, enclosing email records from the emergency meeting, correspondence about retaining legal counsel, and letters sent to the board regarding the meetings and attempted payouts to RESPONDENT BOARD MEMBER GREISENAUER. CIC0091-0150.
- 10. That same day, the Division also received a response purportedly from the RESPONDENT BOARD MEMBERS, collectively. CIC0151-0167.
- 11. On August 24, 2023, BOARD MEMBER GRIESENAUER filed his own statement of fact and form 514A intervention affidavit against Integrity Based Management LLC and Sharyce Harper and COMPLAINANT Ishana Vargas, alleging retaliation and harassment. CIC0168-183.
- 12. The August 24, 2023, statement of fact, in relevant part to this Complaint, included a letter from BOARD MEMBER GRIESENAUER'S own counsel indicating that he is solely responsible for repairing damages to his own unit and needed to allow the Association access to his home to identify repair issues. CIC0180-0183.
 - 13. On September 6, 2023, Investigator Pitch sent a third request for

information letter to RESPONDENTS, requesting information regarding payments GRIESENAUER may have made to repair water damage in 2023; a copy of the CC&Rs; and an explanation of each payment the Board approved for the benefit of GRIESENAUER, with citation to the section of the CC&Rs supporting the Association's responsibility for that damage. CIC0068-0070.

- 14. On September 14, 2023, Investigator Pitch sent a fourth request for information letter to RESPONDENTS, reiterating from the third letter. CIC0071-0072.
- 15. On September 18, 2023, Mandy Edelman from Sierra Community Management emailed a response to the Division, enclosing the requested documents from the most recent request. CIC0073-0090.
- 16. On December 14, 2023, the Division sent, via Certified Mail, NRS 233b letter notifying the RESPONDENTS that it would pursue disciplinary action in a hearing before the Commission for potential violations of NRS 116. CIC0184-0185.

VIOLATIONS OF LAW

- 1. RESPONDENTS willfully and knowingly violated NRS 116.31083 and NRS 116.3103 pursuant to NAC 116.405 when the executive board held one or more meetings, on June 6, 2023, and June 13, 2023, that were not properly noticed according to statutory requirements.
- 2. RESPONDENT BOARD MEMBER GREISENAUER willfully and knowingly violated 116.3103 pursuant to NAC 116.405(2) by acting for reasons of self-interest and gain, when he made a motion for an executive board vote to pay him out of Association funds for repairs to his unit and relocation expenses, for which he would have personally benefitted.
- 3. RESPONDENTS willfully and knowingly violated NRS 116.3103 through NAC 116.405(3) by committing an act which amounts to incompetence, negligence, and/or gross negligence when they unanimously voted in favor of paying BOARD MEMBER GREISENAUER out of Association funds for his sole and primary benefit and allowed those funds to actually be used for that purpose.

DISCIPLINE AUTHORIZED

Pursuant to the provisions of NRS 116.615; NRS 116.755; NRS 116.785; and NRS 116.790 the Commission has discretion to take any or all of the following actions:

- 1. Issue an order directing Respondent to take affirmative action to correct any conditions resulting from the violation.
- 2. Impose an administrative fine of up to \$1,000 for each violation by Respondent.
- 3. Order the Respondent to pay the costs of the proceedings incurred by the Division, including, without limitation, the cost of the investigation and reasonable attorney's fees.
- 4. Approve application to a court of competent jurisdiction for the appointment of a receiver for the Respondent.

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 of the Nevada Revised Statutes and Chapter 116 of the Nevada Administrative Code.

THE HEARING WILL TAKE PLACE at the Commission meeting(s) scheduled for September 10-12, 2024, 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 September 10-12, 2024. 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' testimony and/or evidence. Other important rights and obligations, including your obligation to answer the complaint, you have are listed in NRS Chapter 116 and NAC Chapter 116, including without limitation, NRS 116.770 through 116.780, and NAC 116.500 through NAC 116.635 and NRS Chapter 233B.

Note that under NAC 116.575, 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 position, and a list of witnesses RESPONDENT intend 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 the provisions of NRS 116, and to determine what administrative penalty is to be assessed against RESPONDENT.

DATED this $\frac{1}{2}$ day of August, 2024.

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