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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.

CHESTNUT HILL AT PROVIDENCE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION. (ENTITY NO. E0596952007-3)

Respondent.

Case No. 2024-154



NEVADA COMMISSION FOR COMMON INTEREST COMMUNITIES AND CONDOMINIUM HOTELS

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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 Providence Community Chestnut Hill Association ("RESPONDENT" "RESPONDENT ASSOCIATION") 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 RESPONDENT pursuant to the provisions of NRS and NAC including, but not limited to NRS 116.785 and NRS 116.790.

JURISDICTION AND NOTICE

During all relevant times, RESPONDENT is a common-interest community located in Las Vegas, Nevada (Entity Number E0596952007-3) 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. RESPONDENT is a common-interest community located in Las Vegas, Nevada (Entity Number E0596952007-3) with 189 units. *CCIC001; 003*.
- 2. At all times relevant to the Complaint, RESPONDENT'S management company was Associa Nevada South. *CCIC001*; 003.
- 3. In January 2024, the Division discovered that RESPONDENT ASSOCIATION did not have at least three board members registered according to Respondent's Form 562 Annual Association Registration. *CCIC003-004*.
- 4. On or about February 16, 2024, the Division's Investigator, Ashley Thompson, issued a letter opening investigation to RESPONDENT ASSOCIATION'S Community Association Manager, Crystal Kaufman, and the RESPONDENT ASSOCIATION'S two current board members, Jonathan Rudd and Lisa Sweeney, via Certified Mail, to inquire regarding the Association's failure to have at least three board members per statute. *CCIC005-006*.
- 5. The opening investigation letter requested election documentation from 2022 through 2024 and an updated form 623 once the third board member was appointed, with documentation to be provided to the Division by March 18, 2024. *CCIC005-006*.
- 6. RESPONDENT ASSOCIATION, through its board member Lisa Sweeney, emailed a response dated March 18, 2024, indicating that they have attempted to recruit additional board members through their December 2023 community newsletter, and that the existing board members remained committed to transparency and recruiting additional board members. *CCIC007-008*.
- 7. On April 2, 2024, Board Member Sweeney confirmed to the Division that RESPONDENT ASSOCIATION remained without a third board member. *CCIC007*.

8. On April 16, 2024, the Division sent RESPONDENT ASSOCIATION'S Community Association Manager, Crystal Kaufman, and Board Members Sweeney and Rudd, a NRS 233B letter via certified mail notifying them that it obtained sufficient evidence to commence disciplinary action by filing a complaint as a result of its investigation. *CCIC0012-014*.

VIOLATIONS OF LAW

1. RESPONDENT violated NRS 116.31034(1) by failing to elect a minimum of three executive board members.

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 June 11-13, 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 on June 11 and 12, 2024 with videoconferencing to Department of Business & Industry, Division of Insurance, 1818 E. College Parkway, Suite 103, Carson City, Nevada 89706. The Commission meeting will be held at the Nevada State Business Center. 3300 W. Sahara Avenue, 4th Floor, Tahoe Room, Las Vegas, Nevada 89102 on June 13, 2024, with videoconferencing to Department of Business and 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 11-13, 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 4 day of May, 2024.

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