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Re: March 25 Meeting Minutes - Objection

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Tue, Apr 15, 2025 at 8:31 AM

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For the sake of accuracy and transparency, I want to make clear that I have no objection to my own behavior or statements being reflected in the minutes — so long as they are truthfully and objectively recorded. I welcome a complete record of the meeting, including my participation, as long as it does not omit or distort the actions and words of others.

Request for Action

I respectfully request that:

- The March 25, 2025 minutes be amended to accurately reflect:

- My full remarks and rationale during the Vice President nomination discussion,
- The defamatory and physical conduct by Elizabeth Palen during the meeting,
- That any WhatsApp quotes be shown in full, or omitted entirely if not part of the meeting proceedings,
- And that the tone of the minutes be revised to remove editorial language or personal interpretations.
- This objection letter be attached to the official minutes of March 25, 2025 and included in the association's records.
- The board acknowledge that minutes should be prepared by a neutral party, particularly when a sitting member's behavior is in question.

Maintaining truthful, objective minutes is a legal and fiduciary obligation under Florida Statute §718.111(12) and §718.112, as well as a foundational expectation of ethical board governance. I ask the board to take corrective action to preserve the association's integrity and to demonstrate its commitment to transparency and fairness for all members.

V/R

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On Monday, April 14, 2025, 4:00 PM, Elizabeth P <elizabeth.palen@hotmail.com> wrote:

Dear Board Members,

Please take a moment to review the meeting minutes from our March 25, 2025 meeting. Let me know if you have any questions or suggested revisions.

Best,

Elizabeth

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Tue, Apr 15, 2025 at 2:08 PM

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Subject: Supplemental Evidence Submission – Internal Board Conflict & Retaliatory Conduct (March 25, 2025 Board Meeting)

Dear State Authorities and Investigative Counsel,

This email is being sent as a supplemental submission to my previously filed complaints with the Florida DBPR, the Florida Bar, and other relevant oversight bodies.

Attached and forwarded below for your official records are two internal email communications between Omega Villas Board Members **Elizabeth Palen (Vice President)** and **Kaelani Brown (Director)**, relating to the March 25, 2025 Board Meeting and its aftermath.

These communications are being provided for the following reasons:

1. Evidence of Internal Retaliation and Intimidation Tactics:

- Vice President Elizabeth Palen's email includes inflammatory and arguably defamatory personal attacks, improper character references, and a public declaration to **refuse communication** with another Board Member (Kaelani Brown), which may constitute obstruction of lawful Board governance.
- Her statements include implications of legal threats and emotionally charged rhetoric that **target dissenting Board Members** who have raised objections to the meeting minutes and other governance practices.

2. Formal Response by Director Brown Emphasizing Statutory Violations:

- Director Kaelani Brown's response clearly outlines her objection to the **omission of material facts** from the official minutes of the March 25, 2025 meeting.
- She cites **Florida Statute §718.111(12)** and the Board's fiduciary duties, calling for lawful and accurate documentation in accordance with the Condominium Act.

3. Pattern of Suppression of Whistleblower Conduct:

- This exchange fits a broader and **well-documented pattern of retaliation**, collusion, and procedural manipulation by certain Board Officers.
- As previously submitted, these behaviors may constitute elements of **RICO predicate activity** under Florida law, particularly when used to silence internal dissent and suppress access to information and records.

4. Request for State Oversight and Records Preservation:

- I respectfully request that these emails be treated as evidence in your ongoing legal and regulatory review, and be added to the record in connection with **Complaint #2024038286** and the broader RICO-related allegations.
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Board Member & Whistleblower

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Request for Action

I respectfully request that:

- The March 25, 2025 minutes be amended to accurately reflect:
 - My full remarks and rationale during the Vice President nomination discussion,
 - The defamatory and physical conduct by Elizabeth Palen during the meeting,
 - That any WhatsApp quotes be shown in full, or omitted entirely if not part of the meeting proceedings,
 - And that the tone of the minutes be revised to remove editorial language or personal interpretations.

- This objection letter be attached to the official minutes of March 25, 2025 and included in the association's records.
- The board acknowledge that minutes should be prepared by a neutral party, particularly when a sitting member's behavior is in question.

Maintaining truthful, objective minutes is a legal and fiduciary obligation under Florida Statute §718.111(12) and §718.112, as well as a foundational expectation of ethical board governance. I ask the board to take corrective action to preserve the association's integrity and to demonstrate its commitment to transparency and fairness for all members.

V/R

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On Monday, April 14, 2025, 4:00 PM, Elizabeth P <elizabeth.palen@hotmail.com> wrote:

Dear Board Members,

Please take a moment to review the meeting minutes from our March 25, 2025 meeting. Let me know if you have any questions or suggested revisions.

Best,

Elizabeth

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