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by Members and Directors during normal business hours at the principal office of the Association. The Association shall retain these minutes for a period of not less than seven (7) years.

4.7 Waiver of Notice. Any Director may waive notice of a meeting before, at or after the meeting, and such waiver shall be deemed equivalent to the giving of notice.

4.8 Quorum. A quorum at meetings of the Board shall consist of the Directors entitled to cast a majority of the votes of the entire Board. The acts of the Board approved by a majority of the votes present at a meeting at which a quorum is present shall constitute the acts of the Board of Directors, except as may be specifically otherwise provided in the Articles or these By-Laws. If any meeting of the Board cannot be held because a quorum is not present, or because the greater percentage of attendance may be required as set forth in the Articles or these By-Laws, the Directors who are present may adjourn the meeting from time to time until a quorum, or the required percentage of attendance, if greater than a quorum is present. At any adjourned meeting, any business which might have been transacted at the meeting as originally called may be transacted without further notice.

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4.9 Action Without a Meeting. To the extent, now or from time to time hereinafter permitted by the laws of Florida, the Board may take any action which they might take at a meeting of the Board without a meeting; provided, that a record of all such actions so taken, signed by each Director, shall be filed and retained in the minute book of the Association.

4.10 Removal. Directors may be removed from office with or without cause by the vote or written agreement of a majority of all Members, provided, however, that only the Developer can remove a member of the Board who was appointed by the Developer.

4.11 Presiding Officer. The presiding officer of meetings of the Board shall be the Chairman of the Board, if such officer has been elected, or, if not, the President of the Association. In the absence of the presiding officer, the Directors present shall designate one of their number to preside.

4.12 Powers and Duties. All of the powers and duties of the Association shall be exercised by the Board, including those existing under the laws of Florida, the Articles and these By-Laws. Such powers and duties shall be exercised in accordance with the Articles and these By-Laws, and shall include, without limitation, the right, power and authority to:

(a) Make and establish reasonable rules and regulations governing the use of the Property or the Common Areas, as such terms will be defined herein and in the Declaration.

MARKUP #1 · CONFLICTS WITH MANDATORY STATE STATUTE

BOARD & COUNSEL REVIEW

Sec. 4.9 (p. 7): Governing document purports to authorize the Board of Directors to take official Board action outside of a noticed meeting by written consent signed by the directors, conflicting with the open-meeting sunshine mandate of Fla. Stat. § 720.303(2)(a)-(b).

Statutory / Legal Reference: Fla. Stat. § 720.303(2)(a)-(b)

Statutory Comparison: While general nonprofit corporations under Fla. Stat. § 617.0821 may act by unanimous written consent unless prohibited, Fla. Stat. § 720.303(2)(a)-(b) overrides general corporate law for Florida community associations by requiring that all Board meetings be open to all members with at least 48 hours' posted notice and owner right to speak on all agenda items. Taking formal Board action by written consent in the absence of a noticed meeting deprives owners of their statutory right to attend and speak prior to Board votes.

CURRENT WORDING IN DOCUMENT:

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SAMPLE DISCUSSION WORDING (FOR HOA ATTORNEY REVIEW):

Notwithstanding Fla. Stat. § 617.0821, pursuant to Fla. Stat. § 720.303(2)(a)-(b), all official actions and votes of the Board of Directors (other than emergency actions authorized by statute) shall be taken only at a duly noticed meeting of the Board open to all Members at which Members have the right to attend and speak on designated agenda items.