

**STATE OF FLORIDA
DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL REGULATION
DIVISION OF FLORIDA CONDOMINIUMS, TIMESHARES AND MOBILE HOMES**

IN RE: PETITION FOR ARBITRATION– HOA RECALL DISPUTE

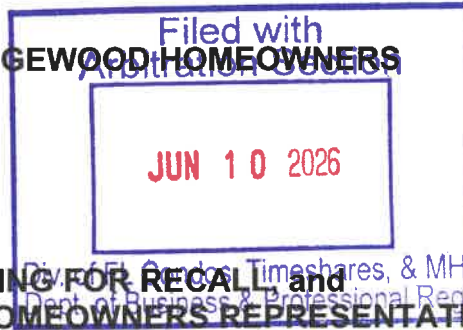
**THE FOREST AT RIDGEWOOD HOMEOWNERS
ASSOCIATION, INC.,**

Petitioner,

v.

**HOMEOWNERS VOTING FOR RECALL and
LARRY BASSETT, HOMEOWNERS REPRESENTATIVE,**

Respondents.



Case No. 2026-02-9833

ORDER ON PENDING MOTIONS

On April 27, 2026, Petitioner, The Forest At Ridgewood Homeowners Association, Inc. (Association) filed a petition for binding arbitration of a recall dispute naming Homeowners Voting for Recall and Larry Bassett, Homeowners Representative as Respondent. On May 5, 2026, an order requiring answer was filed. On May 28, 2026, Respondents by Larry Bassett filed their answer and motion for summary order not on the proper form.

On June 1, 2026, the Association filed a motion to strike answer and deem allegations in petition admitted and motion to strike affirmative defenses. On June 4, 2026, the Association filed a motion to strike Respondents' exhibit submission. On June 8, 2026, the Association filed a motion to dismiss/strike untimely answer and deem all allegations of the petition for recall admitted. On June 9, 2026, Respondent Larry Bassett filed an answer on the proper form but it still is not in compliance with Rule 61B-80, Florida Administrative Code.

Respondent Larry Bassett is representing Respondents pro se without the assistance of an attorney or a qualified representative and does not appear to be sufficiently knowledgeable about Chapter 720, Florida Statutes or Rules 61B-80 and 81, Florida Administrative Code. It is therefore,

ORDERED AND ADJUDGED that the Association's motions are all denied in order to decide this case on the merits. It is further,

ORDERED AND ADJUDGED that within fifteen (15) days from receipt of this order, Respondents shall file an attorney's notice of appearance, or an application for a qualified representative in full compliance with Rule 61B-80.107, Florida Administrative Code, full copy of Rule attached, demonstrating his or her familiarity of Chapter 720 and Rules 61B-80 and 81, Florida Administrative Code. It is further,

ORDERED AND ADJUDGED that Respondents' attorney or qualified representative shall thereafter file an amended answer on the proper form – DBPR Form HOA 6000-9 in compliance with the requirements of Rule 61B-80.111, Florida Administrative Code. It is further,

ORDERED AND ADJUDGED that within ten (10) days from receipt of the amended answer, the Association may file a response to it. Thereafter, the parties shall agree upon three dates for a hearing for case management and notify the arbitrator's assistant.

DONE AND ORDERED this 10th day of June, 2026, at Tallahassee, Leon County, Florida.



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