

Objection to Board Meeting

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▶ **Board of Directors**
Staffordshire Homeowners Association (SHOA)
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Dear fellow SHOA/SWS board members:

This letter constitutes my formal objection to the transaction of any business at the Board meeting scheduled for today, November 16, 2023, because it is not lawfully called.

I, Stephen Short declare that I am a voting member in good standing and also a duly-elected director of both corporations: Staffordshire Homeowners Association and Staffordshire Water System.

In order to fulfill my duties as a board member, I hereby inform the Board of Directors of Staffordshire Homeowners Association and Staffordshire Water System, I will attend the meeting scheduled for today, November 16, 2023, for the express purpose of objecting to the transaction of any business and for this one purpose, only. My presence at this meeting is not intended to add me to the quorum of board members. By my count, only three board members in addition to me are legitimate board members: Larry Cotton, Eric Jacobsen and Randy Reilly. William Hand and Don Begines are not legitimate board members for reasons detailed in my October 19, 2023 letter to the board. Apparently, a seventh board member was appointed by the board last month on October 19, the meeting for which I objected.

My reasons for objecting to the conduct of business at today's meeting are as follows:

1. The board still insists that Don Begines is a board member. He is not; Don resigned on August 1, 2023, effective August 2, 2023. His resignation was read before a group of about 60 Staffordshire community members on August 1, 2023. It matters not what the Board does or does not do; the resignation is irrevocable. Once delivered, a notice of resignation is irrevocable unless revocation is permitted by the board of directors. If anyone believes revocation was permitted by our Board of Directors, please cite where such permission was granted. I was a board member as of August 2, 2023, and I know of no such permission being granted by us.
2. Membership in SHOA and SWS of William Hand (and Iona Waller) is in serious doubt because 34622 Devonshire Drive was not legally platted into either Phase 1 or Phase 2 of the Staffordshire subdivision, as I

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outlined in last month's letter to the board. Due to the above very distinct possibility that our current SHOA/SWS president is not qualified to be a member of SHOA/SWS, he most certainly cannot act as a board of directors' member or board president (chairman).

3. If Carol Philips continues to represent herself as a board member of SHOA and SWS, I request she offer her reasons why she believes that she is a legitimate board member. I believe she is not a legitimate board member because she was illegitimately appointed to the board during a meeting that was not legally called.

I have sworn to follow the governing documents of SHOA and SWS, including State statutes (which we are continuing to violate and I have entered previous requests for SHOA and SWS to follow the law, for example two letters written by my attorney, Brian Cox, on my behalf, dated August 25, 2023. I cannot agree that the Staffordshire Homeowners Association can hold any lawful meeting if such a meeting is chaired by a non-member of SHOA/SWS.

As a legitimate board member who wishes to carry out his fiduciary duties, I will add to the above objections to this meeting another general objection, an objection to the continuing "stonewalling" from the current board to my attempts to carry out my duties as a board member. It started on August 2, 2023, when I became a board member at the same moment Eric Jacobsen became president of the board: the moment the resignation of Judy Kearkuff became effective (August 2, 2023). From August 2, 2023 until September 21, 2023, the members of the board at that time illegitimately "voted" me in as a board member, disregarding the fact that the membership, not the board elected me to serve on the board. Perhaps, I will detail the many instances of this obstruction at a later date; for now, suffice it to say, my ability to properly carry out my fiduciary duties as director have been denied by the present board, with the exception of our board secretary, Larry Cotton, who has tried to persuade the other two legitimate board members and William Hand and Don Begines to cooperate with me, but to no avail. Thank you, Larry.

Respectfully,



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