



State of Florida Secretary of State - Division of Elections  
500 South Bronough St, RM 316  
Tallahassee, FL 32399

**RIDER**

Attached to and forming part of Bond # 21BSBIY0587 ,  
on behalf of Steven F Hickox  
of c/o Board of County Commissioners, DeSoto County, 201 E Oak Street, Suite 201, Arcadia, FL 34266  
in favor of State of Florida Secretary of State - Division of Elections  
and in the amount of Two Thousand (\$2,000.00) Dollars.

It is understood and agreed that effective November 20, 2024  
The bond term expiration date shall be changed  
from 11/20/26  
to 11/20/28

All other conditions and terms remain as originally written.

*Signed, Sealed, and Dated* \_\_\_\_\_ February, 26th \_\_\_\_\_, 2026

Hartford Fire Insurance Company  
By: Jessica Ciccone  
Jessica Ciccone, Attorney-in-Fact



# POWER OF ATTORNEY

Direct Inquiries, Bond Authenticity  
and Claims to:  
**THE HARTFORD**  
BOND, T-14  
One Hartford Plaza  
Hartford, Connecticut 06155  
[Bond.Claims@thehartford.com](mailto:Bond.Claims@thehartford.com)  
call: 888-266-3488 or fax: 860-757-5835

KNOW ALL PERSONS BY THESE PRESENTS THAT:

Agency Name: ACENTRIA INSURANCE  
Agency Code: 21-220003

- Hartford Fire Insurance Company**, a corporation duly organized under the laws of the State of Connecticut
- Hartford Casualty Insurance Company**, a corporation duly organized under the laws of the State of Indiana
- Hartford Accident and Indemnity Company**, a corporation duly organized under the laws of the State of Connecticut
- Hartford Insurance Company of the Midwest**, a corporation duly organized under the laws of the State of Indiana

having their home office in Hartford, Connecticut (hereinafter collectively referred to as the "Companies") do hereby make, constitute and appoint Jessica Ciccone of Lake Mary, Florida, its true and lawful Attorney-in-Fact, to sign its name as surety(ies) only as delineated above by, and to execute, seal and acknowledge the following bond, undertaking, contract or written instrument:

Bond No. 21BSBIY0587

Naming Steven F Hickox as Principal,

and State of Florida Secretary of State - Division of Elections as Obligee,

in the amount of See Bond Form(s) on behalf of Company in its business of guaranteeing the fidelity of persons, guaranteeing the performance of contracts and executing or guaranteeing bonds and undertakings required or permitted in any actions or proceedings allowed by law.

**In Witness Whereof**, and as authorized by a Resolution of the Board of Directors of the Companies on May 23, 2016 the Companies have caused these presents to be signed by its Assistant Vice President and its corporate seals to be hereto affixed, duly attested by its Assistant Secretary. Further, pursuant to Resolution of the Board of Directors of the Companies, the Companies hereby unambiguously affirm that they are and will be bound by any mechanically applied signatures applied to this Power of Attorney.



*Phyllis A. Clark*

Phyllis A. Clark, Assistant Secretary

*Joelle L. LaPierre*

Joelle L. LaPierre, Assistant Vice President

STATE OF FLORIDA

COUNTY OF SEMINOLE

ss. Lake Mary

On this 1st day of March, 2024, before me personally came Joelle L. LaPierre, to me known, who being by me duly sworn, did depose and say: that (s)he resides in Seminole County, State of Florida; that (s)he is the Assistant Vice President of the Companies, the corporations described in and which executed the above instrument; that (s)he knows the seals of the said corporations; that the seals affixed to the said instrument are such corporate seals; that they were so affixed by authority of the Boards of Directors of said corporations and that (s)he signed his/her name thereto by like authority.



*Mariluz Arce*

Mariluz Arce  
My Commission HH 287363  
Expires July 13, 2026

I, the undersigned, Assistant Vice President of the Companies, DO HEREBY CERTIFY that the above and foregoing is a true and correct copy of the Power of Attorney executed by said Companies, which is still in full force effective as of February 26, 2026.

Signed and sealed in Lake Mary, Florida.



*Keith D. Dozois*

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By:     *L. Vargor*     \_\_\_\_\_, Attorney-in-Fact



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