



executed this 12<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2025.

Pulte Homes of Texas, LP

PRINCIPAL



A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Gregory S. Rives', is written over a horizontal line.

**BY:** Gregory S. Rives, Assistant Treasurer

Notary Attached

## NOTARY ACKNOWLEDGEMENT


**STATE OF GEORGIA)**

**) ss.**

**COUNTY OF BARTOW)**

This record was acknowledged before me on June 12<sup>th</sup>, 2025  
Gregory S. Rives as Assistant Treasurer of Pulte Homes of Texas, LP, who  
provided to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence to be the person who appeared  
before me and is personally known to me.

WITNESS my hand official seal.

  
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Signature of Notary Public



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Jennifer Gardea  
Notary Public State of Georgia

My Commission Expires: April 3, 2029

## POWER OF ATTORNEY APPOINTING INDIVIDUAL ATTORNEY-IN-FACT

**Know All Men By These Presents**, That The Continental Insurance Company, a Pennsylvania insurance company, is a duly organized and existing insurance company having its principal office in the City of Chicago, and State of Illinois, and that it does by virtue of the signature and seal herein affixed hereby make, constitute and appoint **Kelly A. Gardner**, Individually of Downers Grove, IL, its true and lawful Attorney(s)-in-Fact with full power and authority hereby conferred to sign, seal and execute for and on its behalf bonds, undertakings and other obligatory instruments of similar nature

- In Unlimited Amounts -

**Surety Bond No:** 30238262  
**Principal:** Pulte Homes of Texas, L.P.  
**Obligee:** County Judge of Fort Bend County, Texas

and to bind them thereby as fully and to the same extent as if such instruments were signed by a duly authorized officer of the insurance company and all the acts of said Attorney, pursuant to the authority hereby given is hereby ratified and confirmed.

This Power of Attorney is made and executed pursuant to and by authority of the Authorizing By-Laws and Resolutions printed at the bottom of this page, duly adopted, as indicated, by the Board of Directors of the insurance company.

**In Witness Whereof**, The Continental Insurance Company has caused these presents to be signed by its Vice President and its corporate seal to be hereto affixed on this 9th day of January, 2024.



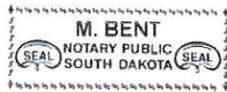
The Continental Insurance Company

Larry Kasten

Vice President

State of South Dakota, County of Minnehaha, ss:

On this 9th day of January, 2024, before me personally came Larry Kasten to me known, who, being by me duly sworn, did depose and say: that he resides in the City of Sioux Falls, State of South Dakota; that he is a Vice President of The Continental Insurance Company, a Pennsylvania insurance company, described in and which executed the above instrument; that he knows the seal of said insurance company; that the seal affixed to the said instrument is such corporate seal; that it was so affixed pursuant to authority given by the Board of Directors of said insurance company and that he signed his name thereto pursuant to like authority, and acknowledges same to be the act and deed of said insurance company.



My Commission Expires March 2, 2026

M. Bent

Notary Public

### CERTIFICATE

I, D. Johnson, Assistant Secretary of The Continental Insurance Company, a Pennsylvania insurance company, do hereby certify that the Power of Attorney herein above set forth is still in force, and further certify that the By-Law and Resolutions of the Board of Directors of the insurance company printed below this certificate are still in force. In testimony whereof I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed the seal of the said insurance company this 12th day of June, 2025.



The Continental Insurance Company

D. Johnson

Assistant Secretary

### Authorizing By-Laws and Resolutions

ADOPTED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE CONTINENTAL INSURANCE COMPANY:

This Power of Attorney is made and executed pursuant to and by authority of the following resolution duly adopted by the Board of Directors of the Company at a meeting held on May 10, 1995.

"RESOLVED: That any Senior or Group Vice President may authorize an officer to sign specific documents, agreements and instruments on behalf of the Company provided that the name of such authorized officer and a description of the documents, agreements or instruments that such officer may sign will be provided in writing by the Senior or Group Vice President to the Secretary of the Company prior to such execution becoming effective.

This Power of Attorney is signed by Larry Kasten, Vice President, who has been authorized pursuant to the above resolution to execute power of attorneys on behalf of The Continental Insurance Company.

This Power of Attorney is signed and sealed by facsimile under and by the authority of the following Resolution adopted by the Board of Directors of the Company by unanimous written consent dated the 25th day of April, 2012.

"Whereas, the bylaws of the Company or specific resolution of the Board of Directors has authorized various officers (the "Authorized Officers") to execute various policies, bonds, undertakings and other obligatory instruments of like nature; and

Whereas, from time to time, the signature of the Authorized Officers, in addition to being provided in original, hard copy format, may be provided via facsimile or otherwise in an electronic format (collectively, "Electronic Signatures"). Now therefore be it resolved: that the Electronic Signature of any Authorized Officer shall be valid and binding on the Company."

This Power of Attorney may be signed by digital signature and sealed by a digital or otherwise electronic-formatted corporate seal under and by the authority of the following Resolution adopted by the Board of Directors of the Company by unanimous written consent dated the 27th day of April, 2022:

"RESOLVED: That it is in the best interest of the Company to periodically ratify and confirm any corporate documents signed by digital signatures and to ratify and confirm the use of a digital or otherwise electronic-formatted corporate seal, each to be considered the act and deed of the Company."

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