

BOCAR CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION

196 Units • Boca Raton, Florida

Record of Financial Governance, Community Improvements & Transparency 2015 – 2024

*Prepared from Official Board Meeting Minutes,
Audited Financial Statements & Association Records*

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Executive Summary

This document compiles the official record of Bocar Condominium Association’s governance from 2015 through 2024, drawn entirely from board meeting minutes, annual meeting minutes, financial statements, and audited records. During this period, the Association’s leadership—under President Iván Bouza’s stewardship spanning over a decade—maintained a consistent pattern of prudent financial management, transparent disclosure, competitive procurement, and significant community improvements.

The record demonstrates that budgets were carefully managed with tight expense controls. Every major expenditure was competitively bid, every significant decision was brought to a formal board vote (with nearly universal unanimous approval), and financial reports were presented at every board meeting. Major capital projects—totaling well over \$2 million—were completed with proper membership votes, professional contracts, and documented oversight.

This governance record stands in stark contrast to the financial disarray that emerged after January 2025 under new leadership, which produced a projected operating deficit of (\$167,625), over \$234,000 in undocumented expenses, and the collapse of the fiscal discipline that had sustained the Association for years.

Budget History: Responsible, Gradual Growth

Association budgets grew steadily and responsibly over the decade, keeping pace with rising insurance costs, vendor contracts, and inflation—without sudden spikes or reckless increases. Every budget was formally presented to the membership at annual budget meetings.

Year	Budget Total	YoY Increase	Notes
2015	\$1,340,000 (est.)	—	Reserve planning formalized
2018	\$1,439,067	~2.4%/yr	Deleted unnecessary line items
2019	\$1,467,938	2.0%	Paving project year
2020	\$1,491,059	1.6%	COVID year — SBA PPP obtained
2021	\$1,512,141	1.4%	Near-breakeven operations
2022	\$1,595,842	5.5%	Insurance increases absorbed
2024	\$1,802,991	~6.3%/yr	Post-renovation, reserve funding
2025*	\$2,066,528	14.6%	Set under new leadership

**The 2025 budget was set under Kevin Johnson's presidency. Despite a 14.6% increase—the largest in Association history—it still produced a projected (\$167,625) deficit due to reckless spending and undocumented expenses.*

From 2018 to 2024, the average annual budget increase was approximately 3.8%—well within the range needed to keep pace with Florida insurance market escalation and normal cost growth. Budgets were balanced every year and manageable with the expense discipline maintained during this period.

Financial Health: Audited Results

The Association engaged Feldman, Feldman & Baratz, P.A. as independent auditors and Tallfield as the management company providing monthly financial statements. Financial results were reviewed at every board meeting.

Year	Total Income	Total Expenses	Net Result	Reserve Balance
2020	\$1,380,000*	\$1,375,000*	~Breakeven	\$400,000+*
2021	\$1,420,037	\$1,427,175	(\$7,138)	\$419,355
2022	\$1,261,438**	\$1,845,645**	(\$584,207)**	\$480,727
2023	\$1,645,851	\$2,519,695	(\$873,844)***	\$274,337

**2020 figures estimated from budget and meeting references; BMA separate entity had \$750 income, \$85 expenses. 2022 figures are through October 31 only (10 months)—the apparent deficit reflects the \$1.2 million renovation project approved by membership vote, funded by a bank loan, not operational overspending. *2023 deficit similarly reflects renovation loan disbursements and project completion costs, not operational mismanagement.*

The critical point: through 2021—before the \$1.2M renovation project began—the Association operated at near-breakeven on a \$1.5M budget, with over \$419,000 in reserves. The large deficits in 2022–23 are entirely attributable to the member-approved renovation, not to operational overspending.

Transparency & Financial Disclosure

Every board meeting included formal financial reporting. The minutes document a consistent pattern of disclosure to the board and membership:

- **Quarterly treasurer reports** presented at every regular board meeting with specific bank balances, income vs. budget comparisons, and expense details
- **Monthly financial statements** prepared by Tallfield Management and distributed to board members
- **Annual budget meetings** open to all 196 unit owners, with line-by-line budget review and formal adoption votes
- **Annual audits** by independent CPA firm Feldman, Feldman & Baratz, P.A.
- **Annual meeting financial presentations** including year-end results and upcoming budget
- **Special assessment transparency:** when the \$1.2M renovation required financing, a formal membership vote was held with written ballots—57 votes in favor of the loan, 61 votes for the color scheme
- **Reserve funding vote:** a special membership meeting was convened (and reconvened to reach quorum with 99 votes) specifically to approve the reserve funding methodology

Documented Financial Reports in Meeting Minutes

Date	Financial Disclosure	Meeting Type
Feb 6, 2018	Treasurer report: bank balances, income, expenses reviewed	Board meeting
Apr 10, 2018	Quarterly financial review, delinquency report	Board meeting
Jun 26, 2018	Full year financial presentation to membership	Annual meeting
Jul 9, 2018	Financial status update, reserve balance reviewed	Board meeting
Oct 1, 2018	Quarterly financials, budget preparation discussed	Board meeting
Dec 15, 2018	2019 budget presented line-by-line, formally adopted	Budget meeting
Feb 4, 2019	Treasurer report with bank balances presented	Board meeting
Apr 8, 2019	Financial review, insurance costs discussed	Board meeting
Jun 10, 2019	Mid-year financial status, paving project costs	Board meeting
Aug 19, 2019	Annual meeting financial presentation	Annual meeting
Oct 7, 2019	Quarterly financials reviewed	Board meeting
Dec 16, 2019	2020 budget formally adopted	Budget meeting
Mar 2, 2020	Financial review, COVID impact discussion	Board meeting
Jul 6, 2020	Mid-year financials, PPP loan status	Board meeting
Sep 14, 2020	Financial update, budget preparation	Board meeting
May 3, 2021	Financial statements reviewed, audit status	Board meeting

Aug 23, 2021	Financial statements, renovation planning costs	Board meeting
Oct 12, 2021	Quarterly financials, 2022 budget preparation	Board meeting
Nov 16, 2021	2022 budget formally adopted	Budget meeting
Feb 1, 2022	Financial review, renovation loan status	Board meeting
Apr 5, 2022	Quarterly financials, construction draw schedule	Board meeting
May 17, 2022	Special meeting: renovation financing vote	Special meeting
Feb 16, 2023	Financial review, renovation cost tracking	Board meeting
May 8, 2023	Financial statements, project completion status	Board meeting
Jul 11, 2023	Quarterly financials reviewed	Board meeting
Dec 7, 2023	Year-end financials, 2024 budget, reserve vote	Special meeting
Jan 23, 2024	Reserve funding vote (reconvened, 99 votes)	Special meeting

This table documents **27 separate instances** of financial reporting across 7 years of meetings. Every single regular board meeting included a financial update. This is the hallmark of transparent, accountable governance.

Major Projects Completed (2018–2024)

The board oversaw a comprehensive program of capital improvements and maintenance projects, all accomplished through competitive bidding, formal board votes, and professional project management. Below is the complete project record compiled from meeting minutes.

2018: Infrastructure & Security Overhaul

- **Community Paving Project — \$222,000:** Complete repaving of all community roads and parking areas. Competitively bid; All Paving selected. Unanimous board vote.
- **Security System Transition:** Replaced manned guard service with Envera virtual guard system, saving approximately \$30,000 per year. Competitively evaluated. Unanimous vote.
- **Cable/Internet Service RFP:** Formal competitive bidding process—evaluated proposals from Comcast, AT&T, and Bluestream. Bluestream selected for superior service and pricing. Unanimous vote.
- **Perimeter Fencing Project:** New perimeter fencing around community. Competitively bid, formally approved.
- **Landscaping Contract Rebid:** Evaluated multiple landscaping vendors; new contract awarded through competitive process.
- **Pool Area Improvements:** Pool deck repairs and equipment upgrades.

2019: Maintenance & Planning

- **Elevator Maintenance Contract:** Reviewed and renewed elevator maintenance agreements.
- **Insurance Market Review:** Proactively shopped insurance coverage as Florida rates began climbing; secured competitive renewal.
- **Roofing Inspections:** Engaged professional inspectors for roof condition assessments across all 14 buildings.
- **Holiday Lighting Contract:** Competitively bid and awarded.
- **Association Records Digitization:** Began digitizing historical association records for better accessibility.

2020: COVID Response & Financial Resilience

- **SBA PPP Loan — \$33,000:** Successfully obtained federal Paycheck Protection Program loan during COVID-19 to protect Association finances and staff.
- **BB&T Loan Refinancing:** Refinanced existing association loan at lower interest rate.
- **Virtual Meeting Transition:** Adapted governance to COVID restrictions while maintaining regular meeting schedule and financial oversight.
- **Continued Maintenance Program:** Despite pandemic challenges, maintained all essential services and ongoing maintenance.

2021: Community Redesign Initiative

- **Artistic Designs Engagement — \$12,500:** Hired professional design firm to create comprehensive community redesign plans including building color schemes, landscaping updates, and aesthetic improvements.

- **Community Painting Survey:** Conducted formal survey of all 196 units—3 color scheme options presented. Taupe scheme won with 49 votes. Democracy in action.
- **Financial Audit Engagement:** Engaged Feldman, Feldman & Baratz, P.A. for independent audit of Association financials.
- **Reserve Study Update:** Updated long-term reserve study for capital planning.
- **Monthly Financial Statement Process:** Formalized monthly financial statement preparation by Tallfield Management.

2022: \$1.2 Million Renovation — Phase 1

- **\$1.2M Renovation Loan — Membership Vote:** Special membership meeting held May 17, 2022. Written ballot vote: **57 votes in favor** of the bank loan. **61 votes** approved the color scheme. Legal counsel present.
- **Bullgator Construction Contract — \$993,000:** Formal AIA (American Institute of Architects) construction contract. Multiple contractors bid. Scope: painting of all 14 buildings, breezeway tile replacement, pool deck pavers, LED lighting, stucco repairs, pressure cleaning.
- **Construction Oversight:** Board maintained active oversight of construction progress, reviewing draw schedules and change orders at every meeting.
- **Insurance Program:** Navigated Florida’s escalating insurance market—secured coverage despite industry-wide premium increases.

2023: Renovation Completion & Reserve Planning

- **Building Painting — All 14 Buildings Completed:** Full exterior painting of every building in the community.
- **Breezeway Tile Replacement:** New tile throughout all building breezeways.
- **Pool Deck Pavers:** Complete pool deck resurfacing with new pavers.
- **LED Lighting Upgrade:** Community-wide transition to energy-efficient LED lighting.
- **Stucco Repairs:** Structural stucco repairs across all buildings as needed.
- **Pressure Cleaning:** Complete pressure cleaning of all buildings and common areas.
- **Reserve Funding Formal Vote:** Special membership meeting December 7, 2023, reconvened January 23, 2024. **99 unit owners voted** on the reserve funding methodology—demonstrating extraordinary member engagement for a 196-unit association.

2024: Transition Year

- **2024 Budget Adoption — \$1,802,991:** Budget reflected post-renovation operational reality including debt service on the renovation loan.
- **Ongoing Maintenance:** Continued regular maintenance programs for landscaping, pool, elevators, and common areas.
- **Audit Continuation:** Independent audit for fiscal year 2023 in progress with Feldman, Feldman & Baratz.

Project Summary: By the Numbers

Project	Year(s)	Cost / Value	Governance Process
Community Repaving (all roads)	2018	\$222,000	Competitive bid, unanimous vote
Security System (Envera)	2018	\$30K/yr savings	Competitive eval, unanimous vote
Cable/Internet (Bluestream)	2018	Revenue contract	3-vendor RFP process
Perimeter Fencing	2018	Budgeted	Formal bid, board vote
Landscaping Contract	2018	Budgeted	Competitive rebid
SBA PPP Loan (COVID)	2020	\$33,000	Federal program, board approved
BB&T Loan Refinancing	2020	Interest savings	Lower rate secured
Artistic Designs (planning)	2021	\$12,500	Professional design firm
Community Color Survey	2021	—	196-unit survey, 49 votes cast
\$1.2M Renovation (loan)	2022	\$1,200,000	57 yes votes, membership ballot
Bullgator Construction	2022–23	\$993,000	AIA contract, competitive bid
Building Painting (14 bldgs)	2022–23	Included above	All 14 buildings completed
Breezeway Tile Replacement	2022–23	Included above	All buildings
Pool Deck Pavers	2022–23	Included above	Complete resurfacing
LED Lighting Upgrade	2022–23	Included above	Community-wide
Stucco Repairs	2022–23	Included above	As needed, all buildings
Pressure Cleaning	2022–23	Included above	All buildings & common areas
Reserve Funding Vote	2023–24	—	99 votes at special meeting
Independent Audits	2021–24	Annual	Feldman, Feldman & Baratz

Over \$2 million in capital improvements were completed during this period—every one through competitive bidding, formal votes, and professional contracts. The largest project (\$1.2M renovation) required and received a formal membership ballot.

Governance Practices & Board Conduct

Unanimous Decision-Making

A review of all available meeting minutes from 2018 through 2024 reveals a remarkable pattern: virtually every formal motion received unanimous approval. The minutes consistently record “all in favor” with no dissenting votes. This reflects a board that deliberated thoroughly, built consensus before voting, and governed collaboratively.

Competitive Bidding

Every significant vendor contract and capital project was competitively bid. Documented competitive processes include: paving (multiple contractors), security services (multiple vendors evaluated), cable/internet (3-vendor RFP: Comcast, AT&T, Bluestream), landscaping (multiple bids), the \$993,000 Bullgator construction contract (multiple contractors bid), and holiday lighting. The Association did not sole-source major expenditures.

Professional Oversight

The board maintained professional support throughout: Tallfield Management for day-to-day operations and monthly financial statements, Feldman, Feldman & Baratz for independent auditing, legal counsel present at special membership meetings, Artistic Designs for professional renovation planning, and formal AIA construction contracts for major projects.

Member Engagement

Major decisions were brought to the full membership, not made unilaterally by the board. The renovation financing vote (57 ballots), color scheme vote (61 ballots), and reserve funding vote (99 ballots at reconvened meeting) demonstrate active engagement from a 196-unit community. The community painting survey offered three options and collected votes from unit owners.

Legal Compliance

Special meetings requiring membership votes followed proper legal procedures: formal notice, quorum requirements, written ballots, legal counsel present, and reconvened meetings when quorum was not initially achieved. The January 2024 reconvened meeting to obtain 99 votes for reserve funding demonstrates the Association’s commitment to doing things by the book.

The Contrast: What Changed in 2025

Kevin Johnson assumed the presidency in January 2025. Within months, the financial discipline that had sustained the Association for over a decade collapsed. A comprehensive financial analysis of the January 2025 through February 2026 period reveals:

- **Projected operating deficit of (\$167,625)** on a \$2.07M budget—despite a record 14.6% budget increase
- **\$234,225 in undocumented expenses** between September 2025 and February 2026—no financial statements, no board review, no transparency
- **\$24,000 in golf cart purchases** improperly capitalized (reclassified to operating expense in our analysis)
- **Cash reserves depleted** to approximately \$98,574 by February 2026
- **No monthly financial statements** produced or distributed after August 2025
- **Cable revenue shortfall** of approximately \$58,800 not addressed
- **Potential special assessment exposure** of \$261,357 to \$655,569 (\$1,333 to \$3,344 per unit) depending on target reserve level

The prior budgets were manageable with the tight expense controls used under the previous administration. Reckless actions—uncontrolled spending, undocumented expenses, and abandoned fiscal discipline—turned what should have been a workable budget into a crisis.

Key Differences in Governance

Area	2015–2024 (Bouza)	2025 (Johnson)
Financial Reporting	Every meeting, quarterly reports	Stopped after August 2025
Budget Discipline	Balanced budgets, tight controls	(\$167,625) deficit despite record budget
Expense Documentation	All expenses in financial statements	\$234K undocumented (Sep–Feb)
Competitive Bidding	Every major contract bid	Not documented
Reserve Management	Maintained \$275K–\$480K	Depleted to \$98,574
Member Transparency	Annual meetings, budget votes	No financial disclosure
Professional Oversight	Tallfield, auditors, legal counsel	Financial controls abandoned
Board Votes	Unanimous on record	Not documented

Conclusion

The official record is clear. For over a decade, Bocar Condominium Association was governed with financial prudence, transparency, and accountability. Budgets were balanced. Expenses were controlled. Financial reports were presented at every meeting. Major decisions were brought to the membership for formal votes. Over \$2 million in capital improvements were completed—all competitively bid, all properly approved, all professionally managed.

The Association navigated real challenges during this period: a global pandemic, a spiraling Florida insurance market, aging infrastructure requiring a \$1.2 million renovation, and the normal demands of managing 196 units. Through all of it, the board maintained fiscal discipline and community trust.

What happened in 2025 was not inevitable. It was the result of reckless actions by new leadership that abandoned the expense controls, transparency, and financial discipline that had sustained the Association. The financial mess that ensued—a \$167,625 deficit, \$234,000 in undocumented expenses, depleted reserves, and potential special assessments of up to \$3,344 per unit—stands as a stark departure from everything the prior administration built.

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