

Western Surety Company

POWER OF ATTORNEY - CERTIFIED COPY

Bond No. 72606641

Know All Men By These Presents, that WESTERN SURETY COMPANY, a corporation duly organized and existing under the laws of the State of South Dakota, and having its principal office in Sioux Falls, South Dakota (the "Company"), does by these presents make, constitute and appoint Lynne I Methot

its true and lawful attorney(s)-in-fact, with full power and authority hereby conferred, to execute, acknowledge and deliver for and on its behalf as Surety, bonds for:

Principal: The Carpet Warehouse, Inc dba Allied Flooring and Paint

Obligee: Commonwealth of Massachusetts - DCAMM

Amount: \$500,000.00

and to bind the Company thereby as fully and to the same extent as if such bonds were signed by the Vice President, sealed with the corporate seal of the Company and duly attested by its Secretary, hereby ratifying and confirming all that the said attorney(s)-in-fact may do within the above stated limitations. Said appointment is made under and by authority of the following bylaw of Western Surety Company which remains in full force and effect.

"Section 7. All bonds, policies, undertakings, Powers of Attorney or other obligations of the corporation shall be executed in the corporate name of the Company by the President, Secretary, any Assistant Secretary, Treasurer, or any Vice President or by such other officers as the Board of Directors may authorize. The President, any Vice President, Secretary, any Assistant Secretary, or the Treasurer may appoint Attorneys in Fact or agents who shall have authority to issue bonds, policies, or undertakings in the name of the Company. The corporate seal is not necessary for the validity of any bonds, policies, undertakings, Powers of Attorney or other obligations of the corporation. The signature of any such officer and the corporate seal may be printed by facsimile."

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."

If Bond No. 72606641 is not issued on or before midnight of March 6th, 2024, all authority conferred in this Power of Attorney shall expire and terminate.

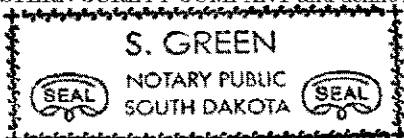
It Witness Whereof, Western Surety Company has caused these presents to be signed by its Vice President, Larry Kasten, and its corporate seal to be affixed this 8th day of December, 2023.

STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA }
COUNTY OF MINNEHAHA } ss

WESTERN SURETY COMPANY

Larry Kasten
Larry Kasten, Vice President

On this 8th day of December, in the year 2023, before me, a notary public, personally appeared Larry Kasten, who being to me duly sworn, acknowledged that he signed the above Power of Attorney as the aforesaid officer of WESTERN SURETY COMPANY and acknowledged said instrument to be the voluntary act and deed of said corporation.



My Commission Expires February 12, 2027

S. Green
Notary Public - South Dakota

I the undersigned officer of Western Surety Company, a stock corporation of the State of South Dakota, do hereby certify that the attached Power of Attorney is in full force and effect and is irrevocable, and furthermore, that Section 7 of the bylaws of the Company as set forth in the Power of Attorney is now in force.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and seal of Western Surety Company this 8th day of December, 2023.

WESTERN SURETY COMPANY

Larry Kasten
Larry Kasten, Vice President

To validate bond authenticity, go to www.cnasurety.com > Owner/Obligee Services > Validate Bond Coverage.

December 8, 2023

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Executive Office for Admin & Finance
Division of Capital Asset Management
One Ashburton Place, 15th Floor
Boston, MA 02108

Re: File #72606641 - The Carpet Warehouse, Inc dba Allied Flooring and Paint
\$0.00 - Letter of Bondability
Company Code: 601 - Western Surety Company

We are aware that the above mentioned contractor will be bidding on a contract with you.

It is our intention to provide bonds for single jobs up to \$500,000 or an aggregate amount up to \$500,000 on the following conditions: favorable review of bid results, contracts, and bond forms acceptable to Western Surety Company, a subsidiary of CNA Surety.

Any arrangement for surety credit is a matter between the contractor and our Company. We assume no liability to you or third parties, if for any reason we do not execute this bond.

If you have any questions, please contact our office.

Sincerely,

Lynne I Methot
Power of Attorney