



# Jerry Durkin

*Nominated Candidate*

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Jerry and his wife Eileen bought their home in Palmetto Dunes in 2010 and have been permanent residents for the past four years. They have four children and three grandchildren who love coming to visit because of the natural beauty, wonderful weather, and all the fun activities in our community.

Jerry has enjoyed a varied career, working as a corporate/finance lawyer, a business owner, and in recent years a professional actor. (You may have seen him on stage over the past few years at Lean Ensemble Theater.)

After years of membership on the boards of various educational, civic and arts nonprofit organizations, Jerry currently volunteers at Sea Pines Country Club and the World Affairs Council of Hilton Head Island, and serves as a Cornell University Alumni Admissions Ambassador.

He would be proud to serve his fellow owners and to do his best to make Palmetto Dunes an even more wonderful place going forward.



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# Candidate Q&A: Jerry Durkin

1. Why do you want to serve on the PDPOA Board of Directors -- and is there anything in particular you would like to accomplish?

I have loved Palmetto Dunes since my wife and I bought our house here in 2010. I would consider it a privilege to serve my fellow owners by bringing to the PD Board the skills and experience that I have acquired as an attorney, as a multi-state business owner and—over the past decade and a half—as a professional actor. I have listed three specific goals in answer to Question 5 below. In general, I would hope to be a respectful sounding board for owners and a careful and conservative steward of their money, seeking to make Palmetto Dunes even more wonderful going forward.

2. What skills and experiences do you believe you can contribute to the Board -- and more generally to Palmetto Dunes?

As a homeowner who is passionate about Palmetto Dunes and what it means to all of us, I am a hard worker and a good listener who treats others with respect. As a former corporate/finance attorney and business owner, I understand non-profit organization finance, I can read a balance sheet and I can negotiate with lenders and governmental officials.

3. Have you served on any non-profit boards, including HOAs -- and what did you learn from your service?

Over the past three decades I have served as a board member of homeowner, civic, arts and educational organizations. My experiences have taught me that guarding the financial health of an organization is a sacred trust, that being a careful listener is more important than being a good talker, and that a board must always be open and transparent to the people it serves.

4. Among the communities on Hilton Head Island, why did you select Palmetto Dunes?

From the moment we set foot in Palmetto Dunes, our entire family (we have four grown children and now three grandchildren) has loved the beach and lagoon, the golf, the convenient midisland location and the fun mixture of homes and resort facilities.

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5. What do you see as the most important challenges facing Palmetto Dunes in the next 5 years?

I see three crucial challenges facing us:

First, continuing to keep homeowner fees low while prudently building up reserves to deal with future expenses for bridge replacement, storm damage, etc.

Second, making rental guests feel welcome, but taking steps to ensure that they treat Palmetto Dunes and our fellow homeowners with respect during their stays here.

Third, developing plans to find and retain valuable employees for PD in the face of a serious hiring crunch on the island.