

**Certification of Inspector of Election
Palmetto Dunes Property Owners Association, Inc.**

2021 Election of Directors

I, the undersigned, being duly sworn, depose and say that I have faithfully, truly and honestly performed the duties of Inspector for Election of the 2021 election of representatives to serve as Directors on the Board of Palmetto Dunes Property Owners Association, Inc. (the "Association") as the vote was carried out between September 1 and September 30 of 2021. I depose and say that I carried out my duties with strict impartiality and according to the best of my ability, understanding, and judgment. Based thereon, and subject to the qualifications described herein, I make the findings herein described.

The 2021 election of Directors of the Association was held in accordance with the Article III, Section 2 of the Bylaws of the Association as amended October 17, 2020 (the "Bylaws"). There were four (4) nominated candidates to fill three (3) Director positions. Independent voting services were provided by Vote-now.com LLC ("VoteNow"). VoteNow provided for both electronic online (and/or telephone) voting and voting by paper ballot mailed by VoteNow to the membership with return directly to VoteNow. Upon completion of the voting, VoteNow provided me with (i) a schedule of the total votes, to include both electronic and paper ballot voting; (ii) the original paper ballots received; (iii) ten (10) unopened envelopes which appear to contain paper ballots and were received by VoteNow after September 30; and (iv) an Election Certification of VoteNow dated October 6, 2021, a copy of which is attached hereto.

The valid votes of the Members cast were as follows:

<u>ELECTION OF DIRECTORS:</u>	<u>NUMBER OF VOTES</u>
1 Becky Brumley	831
2. Dan DeMichele	811
3. Jerry Durkin	759
4. Chad Terefenko	745

Inspector Notes:

1. Ballot Counting Discrepancies. Two (2) paper ballots, which are hereinafter identified as Ballot A and Ballot B for confidentiality purposes, were provided to me adjacent to one another. The votes for Ballot B were incorrectly attributed to Ballot A. Ballot B was not noted or counted. This resulted in the two (2) votes on Ballot A being uncounted. I assume the ballots stuck together during initial counting which would have resulted in this discrepancy. I have adjusted the vote according. This discrepancy resulted in one additional vote each for Brumley and Durkin, and did not affect the results of the election.

2. Late Ballots Received. Ten (10) mailed paper ballots were provided to me by VoteNow which were postmarked on or prior to September 30, but received by VoteNow after September 30. VoteNow did not count these ballot votes. There is no evidence to suggest the envelopes were ever opened. The ballots remain sealed. I confirm the disqualification of these ballots. The Bylaws provide that "Voting shall remain open for thirty (30) days after the commencement date. No vote received by the Association after voting closes shall be counted." The face of the paper ballot cautions members that all ballots must be received by September 30, 2021. Note that the disqualification of these ballots did not affect the outcome of the election.

3. Multiple Voting. Six (6) paper ballot votes were received where the member had already voted electronically. These subsequent paper ballots were not counted by VoteNow. I confirm the disqualification of these ballots. The Bylaws provide that "Once cast, a member's vote may not be changed or withdrawn." One (1) paper ballot was received which cast four total votes—one for each candidate. This ballot was disqualified. The Bylaws provide that "Members shall not cast more than one (1) vote for each Board vacancy to be filled."

4. Other Irregularities. A number of paper ballots were received which did not cast any vote. These ballots were scheduled which no vote recorded or counted. One (1) paper ballot contained three total votes; however, one vote was cast for a write-in candidate. The ballot was scheduled and the valid two votes were recorded with the remain write-in vote being disqualified. The Bylaws provided that "Any member seeking election to the Board...must first be nominated pursuant to Article VI..." The write-in candidate was un-nominated.

 Daniel A. Saxon, Esquire
 Inspector of Elections

SWORN to before me this 13
 day of October, 2021

 Notary Public for South Carolina
 My Commission Expires: 3/7/27





Election Certification

October 6, 2021

2021 Palmetto Dunes POA Board Elections

Voting was conducted from 12:01 AM, September 1, 2021 to 11:59 PM, September 30, 2021. Of the 2113 members who were assigned voter access to the ballot, 1020 (48.3%) cast a ballot. Accounting for voter weighting, this was 1188 weighted voters of 2353 (50.5%). Vote mode distribution: 575 e-vote (56.4%), 436 paper ballots (42.8%), 9 telephone (0.9%)

Final vote counts were as follows:

Board of Directors (1016 total voters this ballot; vote for 3); Total weighted votes cast on ballot: 3144 (44.5% of 7059 total weighted possible votes):

830 (35.3% of 2353)	Becky Brumley	26.4%
811 (34.5% of 2353)	Dan DeMichele	25.8%
758 (32.2% of 2353)	Jerry Durkin	24.1%
745 (31.7% of 2353)	Chad Terefenko	23.7%

Certified by:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James B. Claiborne".

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