

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

2023 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 for the 2023 election of representatives to serve as Directors on the Board of Palmetto Dunes Property Owners Association, Inc. (the "Association") as that vote was carried out between September 1 and October 1 of 2023. 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 2023 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 16, 2021 (the "Bylaws"). There were three (3) 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 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) three (3) unopened envelopes which appear to contain a paper ballot and were postmarked by the United Postal Service prior to October 4, 2023 but not received by VoteNow until October 5, 2023, (iv) one (1) unopened envelope which appears to contain a paper ballot which did not contain a United Postal Service postmark and which was not received by VoteNow until October 5, 2023, and (v) an Election Certification dated October 13, 2023. As part of my duties, I have reviewed the electronic spreadsheets of votes provided by VoteNow which indicated the electronic voting and paper ballot voting. Additionally, I have reviewed each of the paper ballots provided to me.

The valid votes of the Members cast were as follows:

<u>ELECTION OF DIRECTORS</u>	<u>NUMBER OF VOTES</u>
1. Alice Bettencourt	741
2. Ed Garino	724
3. Doug Luba	572

Inspector Notes:

1. Late Ballots Received. Three (3) mailed paper ballots were provided to me by VoteNow unopened which were postmarked September 28th, September 29th, and October 2nd, 2023 and received by VoteNow on October 5, 2023. One (1) paper ballot was provided to me by VoteNow unopened which did not contain a USPS postmark and which was received by VoteNow on

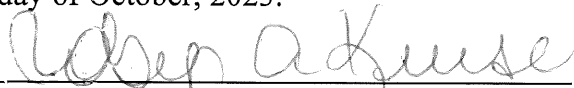
October 5, 2023. VoteNow did not count these ballot votes. There is no evidence to suggest the envelopes were ever opened. The ballots remain sealed. I confirm the disqualification of these ballots. The Bylaws provide that "Voting shall remain open for thirty (30) days after the commencement date. No 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 no later than October 4, 2023. Note that the disqualification of these ballots did not affect the outcome of the election.

2. Multiple Voting. Eleven (11) members cast their votes both electronically and by subsequently mailing a paper ballot. VoteNow appropriately did not count the paper ballots in those instances.
3. Other Irregularities. Nine (9) members submitted ballots but did not vote for any candidate. Those ballots were scheduled with no vote recorded or counted.



Wm. Weston J. Newton, Esquire
Inspector of Elections

SWORN to before me this 13th
day of October, 2023.



Notary Public for South Carolina

My Commission Expires: 10-13-2025



Election Certification

October 13, 2023

Vote Certification for 2023 Palmetto Dunes POA Board Elections

On behalf of 2023 Palmetto Dunes POA Board Elections, Vote-now conducted the balloting from 12:01 AM, September 1, 2023 to 11:59 PM, October 1, 2023. A total of 761 members cast a ballot (36.2% of 2101 total codes). This was 833 total weighted voters (35.6% of 2341). Vote mode distribution was: 517 e-vote (67.9%) and 244 paper ballots (32.1%) .

Results:

BOARD OF DIRECTORS - (752 voters indicated a choice on this ballot; vote for 3); Total weighted votes cast on ballot: 2037 (29.0% of 7023 total weighted possible votes):

Choice	Votes	%
Alice Bettencourt	741 (31.6% of 2341)	36.4%
Ed Garino	724 (30.9% of 2341)	35.5%
Doug Luba	572 (24.4% of 2341)	28.1%

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