

## OCEAN PINES ASSOCIATION, INC. BOARD OF DIRECTORS SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA

Thursday, January 30, 2025 7:00 PM, Board Room

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Call to Order – Stuart Lakernick, President

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Agenda

## Public Comments –

Members wishing to make comments must state their name and address.

New Business -

Motion to go into closed session for the purpose of discussion with matters pertaining to contractual obligations with legal counsel – Stuart Lakernick

Motion to return to open session – Stuart Lakernick

Motion to approve recommendation of legal counsel as discussed in closed session – Stuart Lakernick

Motion to authorize and direct the Elections Committee to formulate the parameters and content of an RFP, seeking proposals from multiple election vendors to provide assistance with the 2025 OPA Board Election; and to authorize OPA management to work with the Elections Committee in that regard and to issue the RFP – John Latham

Adjournment



### OCEAN PINES ASSOCIATION, INC. MOTION TO ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION

At a meeting of the Board of Directors of Ocean Pines Association, Inc., held on this 30th day of January, 2025, at 7:00PM at the OPA Administration building, the Board voted to adjourn to closed session for the purpose of discussion with matters pertaining to contractual obligations, as permitted by the MD Homeowner's Association Act, Section 11B-111 ((vi).

Motion made by: Stuart Lakernick

Motion seconded by: \_\_\_\_\_

Discussion:

#### VOTE TO CLOSE SESSION for the above purposes only:

Director	In Favor	Opposed
Stuart Lakernick		
Rick Farr		
John Latham		
Monica Rakowski		
Elaine Brady		
Jeff Heavner		
Steve Jacobs		

#### As allowed by the Maryland Homeowner's Association Act, Section 11B-111(4 & 5).

(4) A meeting of the board of directors or other governing body of the homeowners association or a committee of the homeowners association may be held in closed session only for the following purposes:

(i) Discussion of matters pertaining to employees and personnel;

(ii) Protection of the privacy or reputation of individuals in matters not related to the homeowners association's business;

(iii) Consultation with legal counsel on legal matters;

(iv) Consultation with staff personnel, consultants, attorneys, board members, or other persons in connection with pending or potential litigation or other legal matters;

(v) Investigative proceedings concerning possible or actual criminal misconduct;

(vi) Consideration of the terms or conditions of a business transaction in the negotiation stage if the disclosure could adversely affect the economic interests of the homeowner's association;

(vii) Compliance with a specific constitutional, statutory, or judicially imposed requirement protecting particular proceedings or matters from public disclosure;

(viii) Discussion of individual owner assessment accounts; and

(5) If a meeting is held in closed session under paragraph (4) of this section:

(i) An action may not be taken and a matter may not be discussed if it is not permitted by paragraph (4) of this section; and

(ii) A statement of the time, place, and purpose of a closed meeting, the record of the vote of each board or committee member by which the meeting was closed, and the authority under this section for closing a meeting shall be included in the minutes of the next meeting of the board of directors or the committee of the homeowners association.

John Latham, Secretary, Ocean Pines Association, Inc.



# OCEAN PINES ASSOCIATION, INC. PROPOSED MOTION

DATE: January 28th, 2025 TOPIC: Elections Committee RFP FOR INCLUSION IN MEETING HELD ON: January 30th, 2025 SUBMITTED BY: John Latham SECOND BY: \_\_\_\_\_

Motion: To authorize and direct the Election Committee to formulate the parameters and content of an RFP, seeking proposals from multiple election vendors to provide assistance with the 2025 OPA Board Election; and to authorize OPA management to work with the Election Committee in that regard and to issue the RFP; with the proposals to be for an election vendor contract with a term of three years. This Motion recognizes that approval of any election vendor contract must be obtained by the Board before execution of any such contract.

Background: The 2024 Election Committee Report recommended that the tabulation of votes in future Board elections continue to be handled by an outside election vendor, in a manner generally consistent with MK Elections' handling of the 2024 Board Election. The Election Committee recommend continuing to use MK Elections, and further recommended that the next election vendor contract carry a term of three years. The Election Committee also expressed a preference to stay with MK Elections as the election vendor, and this recommendation should carry weight; but In light of the section 9.05 of the OPA Bylaws and its requirement that all contracts for services shall, to the fullest extent practicable, be made by open competitive procedures, it is incumbent on the Board and OPA to seek proposals from vendors other than MK Elections. The RFP being authorized hereunder is for the purpose of doing so.

Discussion: See Background above. The movant notes that this motion seeks only authorization for the Election Committee and OPA management to move forward with formulating and publishing the subject RFP. Authorization of entering into a contract with a selected election vendor will occur at a subsequent time.

MOTION OUTCOME: PASSED: FAILED:		
DIRECTORS IN FAVOR:	DIRECTORS OPPOSED:	DIRECTORS ABSTAINED: