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Skyward Specialty Insurance Group, Inc.

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SPECIALTY INSURANCE

ANNUAL MEETING OF STOCKHOLDERS

May 9, 2024

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	TE "FOR" THE ELECTION OF DIRECTORS AND "FOR" PROPOSAL 2. ENVELOPE. PLEASE MARK YOUR VOTE IN BLUE OR BLACK INK AS SHOWN HERE 🗴
To elect three directors to serve as Class II directors for a three-year term expire at the 2027 annual meeting of stockholders FOR ALL NOMINEES WITHHOLD AUTHORITY FOR ALL NOMINEES FOR ALL EXCEPT (See instructions below)	to 2. To consider and vote upon the ratification of the selection of Ernst & Young LLP as the Company's independent registered public accounting firm for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2024; and 3. To transact such other business as may be properly brought before the annual meeting or any adjournment or postponement thereof.
TRUCTIONS: To withhold authority to vote for any individual nominee(s), mark "FOR ALL EXCEP and fill in the circle next to each nominee you wish to withhold, as shown here:	In their discretion, the proxies are authorized to vote upon such other business as may properly come before the Annual Meeting. This proxy when properly executed will be voted as directed herein by the undersigned stockholder. If no direction is made, this proxy will be voted FOR ALL NOMINEES in Proposal 1 and FOR Proposal 2.
change the address on your account, please check the box at right and icate your new address in the address space above. Please note that anges to the registered name(s) on the account may not be submitted via s method.	MARK "X" HERE IF YOU PLAN TO ATTEND THE MEETING.
nature of Stockholder Date:	Signature of Stockholder Date:

SKYWARD SPECIALTY INSURANCE GROUP, INC.

Proxy for Annual Meeting of Stockholders on May 9, 2024 Solicited on Behalf of the Board of Directors

The undersigned hereby appoints Andrew Robinson and Mark Haushill, and each of them, with full power of substitution and power to act alone, as proxies to vote all the shares of Common Stock which the undersigned would be entitled to vote if personally present and acting at the Annual Meeting of Stockholders of Skyward Specialty Insurance Group, Inc., to be held May 9, 2024 at 8:00 a.m., Central time at 820 Gessner Road, Suite 215, Houston, TX 77024, and at any adjournments or postponements thereof, as follows:

(Continued and to be signed on the reverse side)

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