

## Board of Directors <u>Audit Committee Charter</u> (Last approved on July 12, 2023)

## Purpose

The Audit Committee is appointed by the Board to assist the Board in fulfilling its oversight responsibilities relating to (i) corporate accounting, disclosure and reporting practices and legal and regulatory compliance of the Company, (ii) the quality and integrity of the Company's financial statements, (iii) the qualifications and independence of the independent registered public accounting firm and the performance of the Company's internal audit department and independent registered public accounting firm, and (iv) the preparation of an Audit Committee report for inclusion in the Company's annual proxy statement in accordance with applicable rules and regulations.

## **Organization**

The Audit Committee shall be comprised of not less than three members of the Board who shall meet the independence, experience, financial literacy, expertise and other requirements of the New York Stock Exchange, applicable SEC regulations and other applicable federal and state securities law and regulations. At least one member of the Audit Committee shall qualify as an Audit Committee financial expert.

The Board shall appoint the members and Chairman of the Audit Committee from time to time after considering the recommendations of the Nominating and Governance Committee and the views of the Chairman of the Board and the Chief Executive Officer, as appropriate, and upon a determination by the Board that the nominees meet all eligibility requirements for Audit Committee membership. The Board may, at any time, change the membership of the Audit Committee and fill vacancies, subject to new member(s) satisfying the above requirements.

The Audit Committee will maintain flexible policies and procedures and meeting schedules, consistent with the requirements of this Charter, the Company's By-Laws, the Company's Corporate Governance Guidelines, and applicable law and regulatory requirements. The Chairman of the Audit Committee may call meetings as necessary to carry out its responsibilities, but shall call a meeting at least once each fiscal quarter.

## **Committee Authority and Responsibilities**

The Audit Committee shall provide for free and open communication between the Audit Committee and the Company's directors, independent registered public accounting firm representatives, internal audit department and management.

Both the Company's internal audit department and independent registered public accounting firm are ultimately accountable to the Board of Directors and the Audit Committee as representatives of the Company's stockholders. The Audit Committee, in its capacity as a committee of the Board of Directors, shall be directly responsible for the appointment, compensation, retention and oversight of the work of the Company's independent registered public accounting firm (including resolution of disagreements between management and the independent registered public accounting firm regarding financial reporting) for the purpose of preparing or issuing an audit report or performing other audit,

review or attest services for the Company. The Audit Committee shall have sole responsibility for engaging or terminating the relationship with the Company's independent registered public accounting firm and the independent registered public accounting firm shall report directly to the Audit Committee. The Company shall provide appropriate funding, as determined by the Audit Committee, for payment of fees and expenses to the independent auditor for the purpose of rendering an audit report or for performing other audit, review or attest services for the Company.

The Audit Committee has authority to retain independent counsel and other advisors to advise the Audit Committee as it may determine appropriate. The Audit Committee may require any officer or employee of the Company or the Company's legal counsel or independent auditor to attend committee meetings or to meet with any members of, or consultants to, the Audit Committee. The Company shall provide for appropriate funding, as determined by the Audit Committee, in its capacity as a committee of the Board of Directors, for payment of all (i) fees and expenses to any advisors employed by the Audit Committee and (ii) ordinary administrative expenses of the Audit Committee that are necessary or appropriate in carrying out its duties.

The Audit Committee shall establish procedures for the receipt, retention and treatment of complaints received by the Company regarding accounting, internal controls over financial reporting or auditing matters, as well as procedures for the confidential, anonymous submissions by employees of the Company of concerns regarding questionable accounting or auditing matters.

The Audit Committee shall make regular reports to the Board.

In addition, the Audit Committee shall:

- 1. Conduct, and review with the Board, an annual performance evaluation of the Audit Committee and review and reassess the adequacy of the Audit Committee charter annually, submitting any recommended changes to the Board for approval;
- 2. Approve the appointment of and engage an independent registered public accounting firm that meets New York Stock Exchange and applicable securities law and regulatory requirements to audit the financial statements of the Company and its divisions and subsidiaries and the Company's pension plans;
- 3. Review written statements from the independent registered public accounting firm delineating all non-audit relationships between the independent registered public accounting firm and the Company, review with the independent registered public accounting firm the effect of any disclosed relationships or services on objectivity and independence of the independent registered public accounting firm, take appropriate action to ensure the independence of the appointed independent registered public accounting firm and prove the compensation arrangements and proxy statement disclosures of compensation, fees and expenses paid to the independent registered public accounting firm;
- 4. Receive and review, at least annually, a report by the independent registered public accounting firm describing (i) the auditor's internal quality control procedures, (ii) any material issues raised by the most recent internal quality control review or peer review of the firm or by governmental or professional authorities in the preceding five years relating to an independent audit conducted by the firm and resolution of such issues, and any steps taken to deal with such issues, and (iii) all relationships between the independent auditor and the Company to assess the independence of the independent registered public accounting firm;
- 5. Approve in advance, as the Audit Committee or by delegation of authority to one or more members of the Audit Committee, any permitted non-audit services performed by the Company's independent registered public accounting firm, including tax services, and cause

such approval to be disclosed in the Company's periodic filings as required by applicable regulations;

- 6. Discuss with the independent registered public accounting firm the matters required to be discussed by Statement on Auditing Standards No. 114, Public Company Accounting Oversight Board Auditing Standard No. 1301 and other applicable laws and regulatory requirements relating to the conduct of the audit;
- 7. Meet with the independent registered public accounting firm representatives and financial management of the Company to review the scope of the proposed audit for the upcoming year and the audit procedures to be used; at the conclusion of the year review such audit, including any comments or recommendations of the independent registered public accounting firm;
- 8. Review with the Company's independent registered public accounting firm, internal audit department, and financial and accounting personnel, the adequacy and effectiveness of the internal controls over financial reporting and disclosure controls of the Company, and elicit any recommendations for the improvement of such internal control and disclosure control procedures or particular areas where new or more detailed controls or procedures are desirable;
- 9. Review the internal audit function of the Company, including its organizational structure, authority and independence of reporting obligations, department budget, qualification of personnel and the proposed audit plans for the coming year, and the coordination of such plans with the outside auditors. Review and concur with the appointment, reassignment or dismissal of the Director of Internal Audit;
- 10. Receive, review and discuss with the Company's independent registered public accounting firm, and the head of the internal audit department, as appropriate (i) a summary of significant findings from completed internal audits, together with management's response, and periodic progress reports, with explanation for any deviations from the original plan, (ii) all critical accounting policies and practices to be used, (iii) all alternative treatments of financial information within GAAP (generally accepted accounting principles) that have been discussed with management, (iv) ramifications of the use of alternative disclosures and treatments, and the treatment preferred by the independent registered public accounting firm, and (v) other material written communications between the independent registered public accounting firm and management;
- 11. Review and discuss with management and the independent registered public accounting firm (i) the Company's policies with respect to risk assessment and risk management, including significant financial risks, (ii) the financial statements, (iii) the Company's earnings press releases and any financial information and earnings guidance provided to analysts and rating agencies, and (iv) the Company's MD&A for the period prior to issuance of an earnings release or earnings guidance or their filing or distribution to stockholders. Among the items to be discussed are (i) accounting principles, practices and judgments, (ii) critical accounting matters and whether the independent registered public accounting firm is satisfied with the disclosure and content of the financial statements to be presented to the stockholders, and (iii) any changes in accounting principles. Determine whether to recommend to the Board that the audited consolidated financial statements be included in the Company's annual report on Form 10-K;
- 12. Meet separately in executive session each quarter with (i) management, (ii) the independent registered public accounting firm, (iii) the head of the internal audit department, and (iv) the Chief Compliance Officer of the Company. Among the items to be discussed in these meetings are the independent registered public accounting firm's evaluation of the Company's

financial, accounting, and auditing personnel, the independent registered public accounting firm's judgments about the Company's accounting principles as applied to its financial reporting; the level of management cooperation that the independent registered public accounting firm received during the course of the audit; and management's assessment of the performance of the independent registered public accounting firm;

- 13. Review and receive reports relating to cybersecurity planning and protections, working as appropriate with the Company's IT, legal, accounting and financial functions, including review of the state of the Company's cybersecurity program, emerging cybersecurity developments and threats, and the Company's strategy to mitigate cybersecurity risks;
- 14. Review the human resources and succession planning of the accounting and financial operations within the Company and establish clear hiring policies for employees or former employees of the Company's independent registered public accounting firm;
- 15. Receive reports concerning the Company's Ethics Hotline activity and any investigations of noncompliance with the Company's Code of Business Ethics and Conduct by any officers of the Company;
- 16. Review and receive reports regarding the scope and status of the Company's ethics and compliance program and review the ethics and compliance program elements, activities, organization structure and resources to promote (i) consistency with the requirements of an effective ethics and compliance program, and (ii) adequate mitigation of compliance risk in the Company;
- 17. Report on significant matters discussed at each Audit Committee meeting to the Board;
- 18. Investigate, as appropriate, any matter brought to its attention within the scope of its duties, with the power to retain outside counsel or a second independent registered public accountant, at the expense of the Company, for this purpose if, in its judgment, that is appropriate;
- 19. Prepare an appropriate Audit Committee report to stockholders to be included in the Company's annual proxy statement that is consistent with applicable law and Securities and Exchange Commission requirements;
- 20. Perform any other activities consistent with this Charter, the Company's By-Laws, and governing law and regulations, as the Audit Committee or Board deems necessary or appropriate;
- 21. Review with the independent registered public accounting firm any audit problems or difficulties and management's response;
- 22. Oversee the Company's internal and external review of quantitative environmental data and related disclosures included in the Company's Environmental, Social, and Governance Report or any interim reports, as applicable; and
- 23. Oversee the Company's enterprise risk management process, including environmental (such as climate) risks.

While the Audit Committee has the responsibilities and powers set forth in this Charter, it is not the duty of the Audit Committee to prepare financial statements, plan or conduct audits or to determine that the Company's financial statements are complete and accurate and are in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles and applicable rules and regulations. These are the responsibility of management and the Company's independent registered public accounting firm.