

# **CITY OF GENEVA LOCAL DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION**

## **GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE CHARTER**

This Charter shall serve as the charter for the Committee (the “***Committee***”) of the City of Geneva Local Development Corporation (the “***Corporation***”) upon approval by the Corporation’s Board of Directors (the “***Board***”) by resolution dated January 4, 2023.

### **ARTICLE I**

#### **Core Responsibilities**

The core responsibilities of the Committee, as mandated under Section 2824(7) of the New York Public Authorities Law include: (i) keeping the Board informed of current best governance practices; (ii) reviewing corporate governance trends; (iii) updating the Corporation’s corporate governance principles; and (iv) advising those responsible for appointing members to the Board on the skills and experiences necessary required of potential Board members.

### **ARTICLE II**

#### **Composition of the Committee**

The members of the Committee shall be appointed by a majority vote of the Board. Individuals appointed to the Committee should be knowledgeable, or have expressed a willingness to become knowledgeable, in matters pertaining to governance. The Board shall designate one member of the Committee to serve as chair of the Committee. Each member of the Committee shall serve for a term of one (1) year and until his or her successor shall be appointed and qualified.

At least three members of the Committee must be an “independent member” within the meaning of, and to the extent required by, Section 2825 of the New York Public Authorities Law, as amended from time to time. Governance Committee members shall be prohibited from being an employee of the Corporation or an immediate family member of an employee of the Corporation. Members of the Committee shall not engage in any private business transactions with the Corporation or receive compensation from any private entity that has material business relationships with the Corporation, or be an immediate family member of an individual that engages in private business transactions with the Corporation or receives compensation from an entity that has material business relationships with the Corporation. In addition, Governance Committee members who are members of the Corporation shall comply with the conflict of interest provisions applicable to public officers under Article 18 of the New York General Municipal Law.

### **ARTICLE III**

#### **Committee Meetings**

The Committee will meet a minimum of once (1) each calendar year. Additional meetings may be necessary or appropriate to adequately fulfill the obligations and duties outlined in this Charter. All committee members are expected to attend each meeting in person or via videoconference in compliance with the Corporation’s Public Meeting Videoconferencing Policy.

Meeting notices and agendas will be prepared for each meeting and provided to Governance Committee members by electronic or regular mail at least five (5) days in advance of

the scheduled meeting. A quorum of the Committee shall consist of a majority of the members then serving on the Committee. The affirmative vote of a majority of the members then serving on the Committee shall constitute an act of the Committee. Minutes of all meetings shall be recorded by the Secretary or any Assistant Secretary of the Corporation. All meetings shall comply with the requirements of the Open Meetings Law.

#### **ARTICLE IV**

##### **Committee Duties and Responsibilities**

To accomplish the objectives of good governance and accountability, the Committee has the following responsibilities as set forth below:

A. The Board of Directors has delegated to the Committee the responsibility to review, develop, draft, revise or oversee policies and practices for which the Committee has specific expertise, as follows:

(i) Develop the Corporation's governance practices, which should address transparency, independence, accountability, fiduciary responsibilities and management oversight;

(ii) Develop a statement of the competencies and personal attributes required of Board members to assist those authorized to appoint members to the Board in identifying qualified individuals (it being acknowledged that membership in the Corporation is determined pursuant to Section 891-a of the General Municipal Law);

(iii) Develop and recommend to the Board any revisions to the number and/or structure of Board committees;

(iv) Develop and provide recommendations to the Board regarding Board member education, including new member orientation and regularly scheduled Board member training to be obtained from state-approved trainers as required under Section 2824(2) of the New York Public Authorities Law;

(v) Examine ethical and conflicts of interest; and

(vi) Perform full Board self-evaluations.

B. The Committee shall develop, review and recommend to the Board the adoption and/or revisions to the following:

(i) the Corporation's Code of Ethics;

(ii) written policies regarding conflicts of interest;

(iii) written policies regarding the protection of whistleblowers from retaliation;

(iv) equal opportunity and affirmative action policies;

(v) committee charters, including this Charter; and

(vi) any other policies or documents relating to the governance of the Corporation, including rules and procedures for conducting the business of the Corporation's Board, including the Corporation's Bylaws. The Committee will oversee the implementation and effectiveness of the Bylaws and other governance documents and recommend modifications to the Board as necessary or appropriate.

C. The Committee shall be responsible for review and oversight of the Corporation's responsibilities in relation to the City of Geneva Revolving Loan Fund Committee and program.

## **ARTICLE V**

### **Committee Reports**

The Committee shall:

- A. report its actions and recommendations to the Board at each regular meeting of the Board following a meeting of the Committee and when otherwise requested by the Board;
- B. report to the Board, at least annually, regarding any proposed changes to this Charter; and
- C. provide a self-evaluation of the Committee's functions to the Board on an annual basis.

## **ARTICLE VI**

### **Amendments**

This Charter may be amended upon affirmative vote of a majority of the Board of the Corporation.

Adopted this 4th day of January, 2023  
by the City of Geneva Local Development Corporation