# FOUNDERS BANK 5101 WISCONSIN AVENUE, N.W., SUITE 400 WASHINGTON, D.C. 20016 (202) 792-1600

# NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY, MAY 16, 2023

Notice is hereby given that the Annual Meeting of Shareholders (the "Annual Meeting") of Founders Bank (sometimes referred to as the "Bank") will be held at our branch office located at 5225 Wisconsin Avenue, N.W., Suite 101A, Washington, D.C. 20015 on Tuesday, May 16, 2023 at 9:00 a.m., local time.

A Proxy Statement for the Annual Meeting is enclosed. The Annual Meeting is for the purpose of considering and voting upon:

- (1) The election of two directors of Founders Bank, each for a three-year term;
- (2) The approval of the Founders Bank 2023 Equity Incentive Plan (attached hereto as <u>Appendix A</u>); and;

such other matters as may properly come before the Annual Meeting, or any adjournments thereof. The Board of Directors is not aware of any other business to come before the Annual Meeting.

Any action may be taken on the foregoing proposal at the Annual Meeting on the date specified above, or on any date or dates to which the Annual Meeting may be adjourned. We may adjourn the Annual Meeting if at the time of the Annual Meeting, we do not have the required votes to approve any of the matters properly before the Annual Meeting. Shareholders of record as of the close of business on March 31, 2023 are entitled to vote at the Annual Meeting, and any adjournments thereof.

EACH SHAREHOLDER IS REQUESTED TO VOTE VIA THE INTERNET AS PER INSTRUCTIONS ON THE PROXY CARD OR SIGN, DATE AND RETURN THE PROXY CARD WITHOUT DELAY. ANY PROXY GIVEN BY THE SHAREHOLDER MAY BE REVOKED AT ANY TIME BEFORE IT IS VOTED. A PROXY MAY BE REVOKED BY FILING WITH FOUNDERS BANK'S SECRETARY A WRITTEN REVOCATION OR A DULY EXECUTED PROXY BEARING A LATER DATE. IF A SHAREHOLDER HAS VOTED BY SUBMISSION OF THIS PROXY CARD AND HAS ALSO SUBMITTED AN ELECTRONIC PROXY UTILIZING THE SHAREHOLDER'S CONTROL NUMBER THROUGH INTERNET VOTING, THE LATER-DATED PROXY WILL DETERMINE THE VOTE OF THE SHAREHOLDER. ANY SHAREHOLDER PRESENT AT THE ANNUAL MEETING MAY REVOKE THEIR PROXY AND VOTE PERSONALLY AT THE ANNUAL MEETING. HOWEVER, IF YOU ARE A SHAREHOLDER WHOSE SHARES ARE NOT REGISTERED IN YOUR OWN NAME, YOU WILL NEED ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTATION FROM YOUR RECORD HOLDER IN ORDER TO VOTE PERSONALLY AT THE ANNUAL MEETING.

# **BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

By: /s/ Karen C. Grau Karen C. Grau *Corporate Secretary* 

Washington, D.C. April 10, 2023

IMPORTANT: THE PROMPT RETURN OF PROXIES WILL SAVE US THE EXPENSE OF FURTHER REQUESTS FOR PROXIES. YOU MAY VOTE VIA THE INTERNET AS PER INSTRUCTIONS ON THE PROXY CARD, OR REPLY VIA REGULAR MAIL WITH THE POSTAGE PAID ENVELOPE PROVIDED.

## **PROXY STATEMENT**

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#### **INTRODUCTION**

This Proxy Statement is furnished in connection with the solicitation of proxies on behalf of the Board of Directors of Founders Bank (sometimes referred to as the "Bank") to be used at Founders Bank's Annual Meeting of Shareholders (the "Annual Meeting"), which will be held at our branch office located at 5225 Wisconsin Avenue, N.W., Suite 101A, Washington, DC 20015 on Tuesday, May 16, 2023 at 9:00 a.m., and all adjournments of the Annual Meeting. The accompanying Notice of Annual Meeting of Shareholders and this Proxy Statement will be made available electronically to shareholders on or about April 10, 2023 at <a href="http://annualgeneralmeetings.com/foundersbank/">http://annualgeneralmeetings.com/foundersbank/</a>.

# **REVOCATION OF PROXIES**

Individuals who execute proxies in the form solicited hereby retain the right to revoke them in the manner described below. Unless so revoked, the votes represented by such proxies will be voted at the Annual Meeting and all adjournments thereof. Proxies solicited on behalf of Founders Bank's directors will be voted in accordance with the directions given thereon. Where no instructions are indicated, validly executed proxies will be voted "FOR" the election of each of the nominees for director.

Proxies may be revoked by sending written notice of revocation to Founders Bank's Secretary at Founders Bank's address shown above, the submission of a later-dated proxy, or by voting in person at the Annual Meeting. The presence at the Annual Meeting of any individual who had returned a proxy electronically or through the mail does not revoke such proxy unless the individual delivers their ballot in person at the Annual Meeting or delivers a written revocation to Founders Bank's Secretary prior to the voting of such proxy.

# VOTING SECURITIES AND PRINCIPAL HOLDERS THEREOF

Shareholders of record of Founders Bank's common stock, par value \$0.01 per share, as of the close of business on March 31, 2023 (the "Record Date") are entitled to one vote for each share then held. As of the Record Date, Founders Bank had 5,386,000 shares of common stock outstanding, each of which is entitled to one vote at the Annual Meeting. The presence in person or by proxy of a majority of the shares of common stock entitled to vote is necessary to constitute a quorum at the Annual Meeting.

As to the election of directors, the proxy card being provided by the Board of Directors enables a shareholder to vote "FOR" the election of the nominees proposed or to "WITHHOLD AUTHORITY" to vote for any of the nominees being proposed. Directors are elected by a plurality of votes cast, without regard to proxies as to which the authority to vote for the nominee being proposed is withheld. "Plurality" means that individuals who receive the largest number of votes cast are elected, up to the maximum number of directors to be elected at the Annual Meeting.

If any other matter is properly presented at the Annual Meeting, in order to be approved, the matter must receive the affirmative vote of the majority of the shares represented at the Annual Meeting and entitled to vote on the matter. We are not aware of any other business to come before the Annual Meeting.

In the event that at the time of the Annual Meeting there are not sufficient shares present for a quorum or to approve any matter being presented, we are entitled to adjourn the Annual Meeting in order to permit the further solicitation of proxies.

Proxies solicited hereby will be returned to us and will be tabulated by an Inspector of Election designated by Founders Bank.

The following table sets forth as of the March 31, 2023 Record Date, the shares of common stock deemed to be beneficially owned by Founders Bank's executive officers and directors individually and by executive officers and directors as a group.

Name and Address of Beneficial Owners	Amount of Shares Owned and Nature of Beneficial Ownership <sup>(1)(2)(3)</sup>	Percentage of Shares of Common Stock to be Outstanding <sup>(4)</sup>
<u>Directors and Executive Officers: <sup>(5)</sup></u>		
Vincent C. Burke, III	19,681	*%
Patrick Dorton	50,810	*
Karen C. Grau	15,000	*
Jonathan D. Higgins	48,856	*
Pinkie D. Mayfield	15,720	*
Martin S. McCarthy	44,832	*
Gerard M. McLoughlin, Jr.	36,594	*
Obiora ("Bo") Menkiti	32,120	*
David Pollin	46,230	*
John Ryan	41,168	*
Kelly Shooshan	<u>37,000</u>	*
All Directors and Executive Officers as a		
Group (11 persons)	<u>388,011</u>	<u>7%</u>

<sup>\*</sup> Less than 1%.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>(1)</sup> Includes 1,400 warrants for each of Messrs. Burke, Dorton, McCarthy, Menkiti, Pollin, Ryan and Ms. Shooshan. Includes 1,000 warrants each for Messrs. Higgins and McLoughlin.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>(2)</sup> Includes 900 options for Mr. Burke, 780 options for Mr. Pollin, 720 options for each of Messrs. Menkiti, Ryan and Ms. Mayfield, 600 options for each of Mr. Dorton and Ms. Shooshan. Includes 13,932 options for McCarthy (as a director and executive officer), 13,332 options each for Messrs. Higgins and McLoughlin, 5,000 options for Ms. Grau.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>(3)</sup> In accordance with Rule 13d-3 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, a person is deemed to be the beneficial owner, for purposes of this table, of any shares of the Bank's common stock if he/she has or shares voting or investment power with respect to such common stock or has a right to acquire beneficial ownership at any time within 60 days from March 31, 2023. As used herein, "voting power" is the power to vote or direct the voting of shares and "investment power" is the power to dispose or direct the disposition of shares.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>(4)</sup> Based on 5,386,000 shares outstanding as of March 31, 2023.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>(5)</sup> The business address of each director and executive officer is 5101 Wisconsin Avenue, NW, Suite 400, Washington, DC 20016

### **PROPOSAL I - ELECTION OF DIRECTORS**

The Bank's Board of Directors is comprised of eight members. The Bank's bylaws provide, and the terms of the Bank's Board of Directors are classified so, that approximately one-third of the directors are to be elected annually. The Bank's directors are generally elected to serve for a three-year period and until their respective successors shall have been elected and shall qualify. Two directors will be elected at the Annual Meeting. The Board of Directors has nominated Vincent C. Burke, III and Kelly Shooshan, each to serve as a director for a three-year term. Each of the nominees is a member of the Board of Directors and each of the nominees has agreed to serve, if elected.

The table below sets forth certain information regarding the composition of the Bank's Board of Directors and nominees, including the terms of office of each director. It is intended that the proxies solicited on behalf of the Board of Directors (other than proxies in which the vote is withheld as to one or more nominees) will be voted at the Annual Meeting for the election of the nominees identified below. If the nominee is unable to serve, the shares represented by all such proxies will be voted for the election of such other substitute as the Board of Directors may recommend. At this time, the Board of Directors knows of no reason why the nominees might be unable to serve, if elected.

Name	Age as of March 31, 2023	Position	Term to expire
Nominees:			
Vincent C. Burke, III	71	Chairman of the Board	2026
Kelly Shooshan	45	Director	2026
Continuing Directors:			
Patrick Dorton	54	Director	2024
Pinkie D. Mayfield	54	Director	2024
Martin S. McCarthy	44	President, Chief Executive 2024	
Obiora ("Bo") Menkiti	45	Director	2025
John Ryan	74	Director	2025
David Pollin	55	Director	2025

# The Board of Directors recommends a vote "FOR" each of the nominees listed in this Proxy Statement.

# The Business Background of Founders Bank's Directors and Executive Officers

The business experience for the past five years of each of Founders Bank's directors and executive officers is set forth below. Unless otherwise indicated, directors and executive officers have held their positions for the past five years.

## Nominees

*Vincent C. Burke, III* is a Senior Advisor of Brown Advisory, a leading independent investment management firm. He previously served as Managing Director and counsel of Bank of Georgetown and as Partner at the law firm Furey, Doolan & Abell, LLP in Chevy Chase, MD.

*Kelly Shooshan* is the Chief Executive Officer of Shooshan Company, a real estate investment and development company in Arlington, Virginia. Prior to joining the Shooshan Company in 2003, Ms. Shooshan was an Investment Analyst for Medical Office Properties, Inc., focusing on underwriting portfolio acquisitions.

# **Continuing Directors**

*Patrick Dorton* is the CEO of Rational 360, a full-service strategic communications and government affairs consultancy in Washington, D.C.

*Pinkie D. Mayfield* is Chief Communication Officer at Graham Holdings Company, a diversified conglomerate holding company located in Arlington, Virginia. She joined Graham Holdings Company, previously the Washington Post Company, in 1998.

*Martin S. McCarthy* is President and Chief Executive Officer of Founders Bank, positions he has held since the Bank's opening in March 2020. From April 2019 until the Bank's opening, Mr. McCarthy served as a founding organizer of the Bank. Prior to this, from September 2016 until April 2019, Mr. McCarthy served as Senior Vice President, Commercial Real Estate and C&I Lending at Revere Bank, headquartered in Rockville, Maryland. From October 2010 until its sale in September 2016, Mr. McCarthy served as Vice President, Commercial Real Estate Loan Officer at Bank of Georgetown.

**Obiora ("Bo")** Menkiti is the Founder and Chief Executive Officer of The Menkiti Group, a real estate company focused on strengthening neighborhoods through the strategic development, management, and disposition of real estate in urban markets. Mr. Menkiti also serves as CEO and is the Founding Partner of Keller Williams Capital Properties (KWCP), a residential real estate brokerage managed by The Menkiti Group.

*John Ryan* is retired. Prior to his retirement, Mr. Ryan was the President of Charan Industries, Inc., a New York-based real estate investment/management firm. Mr. Ryan is also President of Ryan Realty Company, a real estate consulting firm in Washington, D.C.

**David Pollin** is the co-founder and president of The Buccini/Pollin Group (BPG), a full-service real estate acquisition, development and management company headquartered in Chevy Chase, MD. Mr. Pollin also serves as chairman of PM Hotel Group, the hotel management affiliate of BPG. Mr. Pollin leads the firms' hotel acquisition, development, and capital markets efforts.

## Executive Officers Who are Not Also Directors

*Jonathan D. Higgins* is Executive Vice President and Chief Banking Officer of Founders Bank, a position he has held since the Bank's opening in March 2020. From April 2019 until the Bank's opening, Mr. Higgins served as a founding organizer of the Bank. Prior to this, Mr. Higgins most recently served as Senior Vice President, Managing Director of Commercial Services at United Bank, a commercial bank coheadquartered in the Washington Metropolitan Area and West Virginia, and was Senior Vice President and Director of Business Development for Bank of Georgetown prior to its acquisition by United Bank in 2016.

*Gerard M. McLoughlin, Jr.* is Executive Vice President and Chief Credit Officer of Founders Bank, a position he has held since the Bank's opening in March 2020. From April 2019 until the Bank's opening, Mr. McLoughlin served as a founding organizer of the Bank. Prior to this, Mr. McLoughlin most recently served as Senior Vice President, Commercial Loan Officer at United Bank, a commercial bank coheadquartered in the Washington Metropolitan Area and West Virginia, and was Senior Vice President and Maryland Market Leader for Bank of Georgetown prior to its acquisition by United Bank in 2016. *Karen C. Grau* is Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of Founders Bank, a position she has held since the Bank's opening in March 2020. From December 2019 until the Bank's founding, Ms. Grau served as an organizer of the Bank. Prior to this, Ms. Grau most recently served as Director of Financial Reporting at Capital Bank, NA, in Rockville, Maryland and prior to that as Senior Vice President of Revere Bank in Rockville, Maryland following its acquisition of Monument Bank of Rockville, Maryland, where she served as CFO from its inception.

## **Committees of the Board of Directors**

Founders Bank conducts business through meetings of its Board of Directors and its committees. The Board of Directors has established the following standing committees:

- Audit Committee: The Audit Committee is responsible for the overall governance and monitoring of financial reporting, regulatory compliance and the systems of internal controls over all activities of the Bank. The Audit Committee is comprised of directors Pinkie D. Mayfield (Chair), Kelly Shooshan and John Ryan, meets at least quarterly, and reports to the Board of Directors. The Audit Committee recommends to the full Board of Directors the hiring of the Bank's external auditors and serves as liaison with the Bank's external auditors, oversees the internal audit and compliance functions, approves the program of work and reviews the results of such work, and directs review of compliance with policies, procedures, regulations and sound business practices.
- Loan Committee: The Loan Committee reviews loan policies to ensure that they provide proper guidance based on current national and local economic conditions, regulatory guidance and pronouncements, and balance sheet composition. The Loan Committee is comprised of directors David Pollin (Chair), Patrick Dorton, Obiora ("Bo") Menkiti and Martin S. McCarthy.
- Strategic Planning Committee: The Strategic Planning Committee is responsible for the governance and oversight of the Bank's strategic risk. The Committee oversees the Bank's strategic growth activities, capital enhancement plans, and key new products and services. The Committee is comprised of directors Obiora ("Bo") Menkiti (Chair), Vincent C. Burke, III and Martin S. McCarthy.
- **Compensation Committee**: The Compensation Committee establishes the base salary for the Chief Executive Officer and approves recommendations by the Chief Executive Officer for all executive officers. All major employee benefit plans are approved by the Compensation Committee. The Compensation Committee establishes management incentive programs. This committee is comprised of directors John Ryan (Chair), Vincent C. Burke, III and David Pollin.

# **PROPOSAL II – APPROVAL OF THE EQUITY INCENTIVE PLAN**

As was disclosed to prospective stockholders in the Bank's private placement memorandum for the 2022 offering of the Bank's common stock, the Board of Directors has adopted, subject to stockholder approval, the Founders Bank 2023 Equity Incentive Plan (the "Equity Incentive Plan"). The purpose of the Equity Incentive Plan is to provide additional incentives for our officers, employees and directors to promote our growth and performance and to further align their interests with those of our stockholders.

The Equity Incentive Plan must be approved by the affirmative vote of a majority of the votes cast at the Annual Meeting without regard to proxies marked "ABSTAIN." We recommend a vote "FOR" the approval of the Equity Incentive Plan.

A description of certain material provisions of the Equity Incentive Plan is as follows. The following description is qualified in its entirety by reference to the full text of the Equity Incentive Plan, a copy of which is attached hereto as <u>Appendix A</u>.

## Administration of the Equity Incentive Plan

The Equity Incentive Plan will be administered by the Compensation Committee of the Board of Directors. The Compensation Committee has power within the limitations set forth in the Equity Incentive Plan to make all decisions and determinations regarding the selection of participants and the granting of awards; establish the terms and conditions relating to each award; adopt rules, regulations and guidelines for carrying out the Equity Incentive Plan's purposes; and interpret and otherwise construe the Equity Incentive Plan. The Compensation Committee also has the authority to reduce, eliminate or accelerate any restrictions or vesting requirements applicable to an award at any time after the grant of the award.

Approval of the Equity Incentive Plan by the stockholders authorizes the Compensation Committee to determine the number of awards to be granted to non-employee directors as well as employees of the Bank.

# Eligibility

Employees and directors of Founders Bank, or any parent or subsidiary corporation, are eligible to receive awards under the Equity Incentive Plan, except that non-employees may not be granted incentive stock options. The Compensation Committee has the sole authority to determine the employees and directors who will be granted an award under the Equity Incentive Plan.

## Number of Shares Authorized

The Equity Incentive Plan authorizes the issuance to participants of up to 476,200 shares of Founders Bank's common stock (*i.e.*, 20% of the shares sold in the Bank's 2022 private placement stock offering) pursuant to grants of restricted stock, restricted stock units and stock options, including incentive stock options and non-qualified stock options, any of which may vest based either on the passage of time or achievement of performance, or a combination of each.

If any award granted under the Equity Incentive Plan expires, terminates, is canceled or is forfeited without being settled or exercised or is settled without the issuance of shares of common stock, shares of Founders Bank's common stock subject to such award will be made available for future grant under the Equity Incentive Plan. In addition, if shares issuable upon the vesting or settlement of an award are withheld by Founders Bank, or if shares owned by a participant are surrendered or tendered to Founders Bank, in payment of taxes required or permitted to be withheld in respect of the award (other than an award of stock options), or if shares are used for full or partial payment of the exercise price of any stock option, such shares will be made available for future grants under the Equity Incentive Plan.

# Limitations

The Equity Incentive Plan includes the following limitations:

- No individual employee of the Bank may receive awards representing more than twenty-five percent (25%) of the total shares available for issuance under the Equity Incentive Plan.
- Non-Employee Directors (*i.e.*, directors who are not also employees of the Bank or any Subsidiary), in the aggregate, shall not receive more than thirty percent (30%) of the total shares available for issuance as awards under the Equity Incentive Plan.

# Adjustments

In the event of a corporate transaction involving the stock of Founders Bank, such as a recapitalization, stock dividend, extraordinary cash dividend or a stock split, the number of shares covered by awards then outstanding under the Equity Incentive Plan, the limitation on awards under the Equity Incentive Plan and/or the exercise price of outstanding stock options and other equitable substitutions or adjustments will be made proportionally and uniformly to reflect such corporate transaction, as applicable.

# **Types of Awards**

The Compensation Committee may determine the type and terms and conditions of awards under the Equity Incentive Plan, which will be set forth in an award agreement delivered to each participant. Each award will be subject to the conditions established by the Compensation Committee as set forth in the recipient's award agreement and will be subject to vesting conditions and restrictions as determined by the Compensation Committee. Awards may be granted as incentive and non-qualified stock options, restricted stock awards or restricted stock units any of which may vest based either on the passage of time or achievement of performance, as follows:

*Stock Options.* A stock option is the right to purchase shares of common stock at a specified price for a specified period of time.

- The exercise price may not be less than the "fair market value" of a share of our common stock (which is defined as (i) if the stock is listed on an exchange, national market system or automated quotation system, the closing sales price on that exchange or over such system on that date or, in the absence of reported sales on that date, the closing sales price on the immediately preceding date on which sales were reported, or (ii) if the stock is not listed on an exchange, national market system or automated quotation system, "fair market value" shall mean a price determined by the Committee in good faith on the basis of objective criteria consistent with the requirements of Section 422 of the Internal Revenue Code (the "Code") and applicable provisions of Section 409A.
- The Compensation Committee may not grant a stock option with a term that is longer than 10 years.
- Stock options are either "incentive" stock options or "non-qualified" stock options. Incentive stock options have certain tax advantages that are not available to non-qualified stock options and must comply with the requirements of Section 422 of the Code. Only officers and employees are eligible to receive incentive stock options. Non-employee directors may only receive non-qualified stock options under the Equity Incentive Plan.
- Shares of common stock purchased upon the exercise of a stock option must be paid for at the time of exercise and may be paid either by cash or certified check, by tendering of shares of common stock (at their fair market value on the date of exercise), or through "net settlement" using a portion of the shares obtained on exercise in payment of the exercise price (and if applicable, any tax withholdings).

**Restricted Stock.** A restricted stock award is a grant of shares of the Bank's common stock to a participant for no consideration (or such minimum consideration as may be required by applicable law) that is subject to certain restrictions as may be determined by the Compensation Committee for a specified period.

• Prior to vesting, unless the Compensation Committee determines otherwise, recipients of a restricted stock award are entitled to vote the shares of restricted stock during the restricted period.

• No dividends on unvested restricted stock awards, whether subject to a time-based vesting schedule or performance-based vesting conditions, will be paid to the participant that has been granted the restricted stock award unless and until the participant vests in the restricted stock award.

**Restricted Stock Units.** Restricted stock units may be denominated in shares of common stock and are similar to restricted stock awards except that no shares of common stock are actually issued to the award recipient at the time of grant of a restricted stock unit. Rather, the restricted stock units are settled, at the discretion of the Compensation Committee at the time of grant, when the units are earned or at a later date.

- Restricted stock units granted under the Equity Incentive Plan may be settled in shares of our common stock, or in the sole discretion of the Compensation Committee determined at the time of final settlement in cash or a combination of cash and our common stock, subject to vesting conditions and other restrictions set forth in the Equity Incentive Plan or the award agreement.
- Participants have no voting rights with respect to any restricted stock units granted under the Equity Incentive Plan.
- In the sole discretion of the Compensation Committee, exercised at the time of grant, dividend equivalent rights may be paid on restricted stock units. Dividend equivalent rights shall be paid when the restricted stock unit, including restricted stock units subject to performance-based vesting conditions, vests or is settled, or at the same time as the shares subject to such restricted stock unit are distributed to the Participant.

*Performance Awards.* The Compensation Committee may grant any award under the Equity Incentive Plan in the form of a performance award by conditioning the vesting of the award on the satisfaction of certain performance goals of Founders Bank and/or the participant.

## **Performance Measures**

The performance measures can include, but are not limited to: book value or tangible book value per share; basic earnings per share (*e.g.*, earnings before interest and taxes, earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortization; or earnings per share); basic cash earnings per share; diluted earnings per share; return on equity; net income or net income before taxes; net interest income; non-interest income; non-interest expense to average assets ratio; cash general and administrative expense to average assets ratio; efficiency ratio; cash efficiency ratio; financial return ratios; adjusted earnings, capital; increase in revenue; total shareholder return; net operating income, operating income; net interest margin or net interest rate spread; stock price; assets, growth in assets, loans or deposits, asset quality level, charge offs, loan reserves, non-performing assets, loans, deposits, growth of loans, loan production volume, non-performing loans, deposits or assets; regulatory compliance or safety and soundness; achievement of balance sheet or income statement objectives and strategic business objectives, or any combination of these or other measures.

Performance measures may be based on the performance of the Bank and may be measured relative to a peer group, an index or a business plan and may be considered as absolute measures or changes in measures. The terms of an award may provide that partial achievement of performance measures may result in partial payment or vesting of the award or that the achievement of the performance measures may be measured over more than one period or fiscal year. In establishing any performance measures, the Committee may provide for the exclusion of the effects of the following items, to the extent the exclusion is set forth in the Participant's Award Agreement and identified in the audited financial statements of the Bank, including footnotes: (i) extraordinary, unusual, and/or nonrecurring items of gain or loss; (ii) gains or losses on the disposition of a business; (iii) dividends declared on the Bank's stock; (iv) changes in tax or accounting principles, regulations or laws; or (v) expenses incurred in connection with a merger, branch acquisition or similar transaction.

# **Vesting of Awards**

- The Compensation Committee shall specify the vesting schedule or conditions of each award.
- Vesting (including the reduction or elimination of any restrictions) and exercisability of awards are accelerated upon death, disability or involuntary termination without cause at or following a change in control.

# **Change in Control**

The Equity Incentive Plan provides for an acceleration of vesting upon an involuntary termination of employment or service simultaneous with or following a change in control.

- At the time of an involuntary termination of service at or following a change in control, all stock options then held by the participant shall become fully earned and exercisable (subject to the expiration provisions otherwise applicable to the stock option). All stock options may be exercised for a period of one year following the participant's involuntary termination of service, provided, however, that no stock option shall be eligible for treatment as an incentive stock option in the event such stock option is exercised more than three months following involuntary termination of service.
- At the time of an involuntary termination of service following a change in control, all awards of restricted stock and restricted stock units shall become earned and fully vested immediately

## Awards Subject to Clawback Policy

If Founders Bank's regulatory capital falls below minimum regulatory requirements as determined by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation ("FDIC"), then the FDIC may direct the Bank to require that all Awards made under the Equity Incentive Plan must either be exercised or forfeited. The grant and settlement of Awards shall be conditioned upon and subject to compliance with Section 18(k) of the Federal Deposit Insurance Act, 12 U.S.C. 1828(k), and the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder.

Additionally, if applicable, if the Bank is required to prepare an accounting restatement due to the material noncompliance of the Bank, as a result of misconduct, with any financial reporting requirement under the federal securities laws, any participant in the Equity Incentive Plan who is subject to automatic forfeiture under Section 304 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 or who is subject to clawback under Section 954 of the Dodd-Frank Act shall reimburse the Bank the amount of any payment in settlement of an award earned or accrued during the twelve month period following the first public issuance of the financial document embodying such financial reporting requirement.

## **Amendment and Termination**

The Board of Directors may amend or terminate the Equity Incentive Plan or any award granted under the Equity Incentive Plan. However, except as provided in the Equity Incentive Plan, no amendment or termination may affect the rights of an outstanding award without the participant's consent.

## **Duration of Plan**

The Equity Incentive Plan will have a term of ten years following the date on which it is approved by the stockholders, and no awards may be granted after that date.

#### **Federal Income Tax Considerations**

The following is a summary of the federal income tax consequences that may arise in conjunction with participation in the Equity Incentive Plan.

*Non-Qualified Stock Options.* The grant of a non-qualified stock option will not result in taxable income to the participant. Except as described below, the participant will realize ordinary income at the time of exercise in an amount equal to the excess of the fair market value of the shares acquired over the exercise price for those shares, and the Bank will be entitled to a corresponding deduction for tax purposes, provided, however, that such deduction may be limited under Sections 162(m) and 280G of the Code. Gains or losses realized by the participant upon disposition of such shares will be treated as capital gains and losses, with the basis in such shares equal to the fair market value of the shares at the time of exercise.

*Incentive Stock Options.* The grant of an incentive stock option will not result in taxable income to the participant. The exercise of an incentive stock option will not result in taxable income to the participant provided the participant was, without a break in service, an employee of Founders Bank or a subsidiary during the period beginning on the date of the grant of the option and ending on the date three months prior to the date of exercise (one year prior to the date of exercise if the participant is disabled, as that term is defined in the Code). The Bank will not be entitled to a tax deduction upon the exercise of an incentive stock option.

The excess of the fair market value of the shares at the time of the exercise of an incentive stock option over the exercise price is an adjustment that is included in the calculation of the participant's alternative minimum taxable income for the tax year in which the incentive stock option is exercised. For purposes of determining the participant's alternative minimum tax liability for the year of disposition of the shares acquired pursuant to the incentive stock option exercise, the participant will have a basis in those shares equal to the fair market value of the shares at the time of exercise.

If the participant does not sell or otherwise dispose of the shares within two years from the date of the grant of the incentive stock option or within one year after the exercise of such stock option, then, upon disposition of such shares, any amount realized in excess of the exercise price will be taxed as a capital gain. A capital loss will be recognized to the extent that the amount realized is less than the exercise price. If the foregoing holding period requirements are not met, the participant will generally recognize ordinary income at the time of the disposition of the shares in an amount equal to the lesser of (i) the excess, if any, of the amount realized upon disposition of the shares over the exercise price, and the Bank will be entitled to a corresponding deduction. If the amount realized exceeds the fair market value of the shares on the date of exercise price, and the time of disposition is less than the exercise price, the participant will recognize no income, and a capital loss will be recognized equal to the exercise price over the amount realized at the shares.

**Restricted Stock.** A participant who has been granted a restricted stock award will not realize taxable income at the time of grant, provided that the stock subject to the award is not delivered at the time of grant, or if the stock is delivered, it is subject to restrictions that constitute a "substantial risk of forfeiture" for federal income tax purposes. Upon the later of delivery or vesting of shares subject to an award, the holder will realize ordinary income in an amount equal to the then fair market value of those shares and the Bank will be entitled to a corresponding deduction for tax purposes. Gains or losses realized by the participant upon disposition of such shares will be treated as capital gains and losses, with the basis in such shares equal to the fair market value of the shares at the time of delivery or vesting. Dividends paid to the holder will also be compensation income to the participant and the Bank will be entitled to a corresponding deduction may be limited under Sections 162(m) and 280G of the Code. A participant who makes an election under Code Section 83(b) will include the full fair market value of the restricted stock award (or portion of the award subject to such election) in taxable

income in the year of grant at the grant date fair market value. The Compensation Committee has the right to prohibit participants from making Code Section 83(b) elections.

**Restricted Stock Units.** A participant who has been granted a restricted stock unit will not realize taxable income at the time of grant and will not be entitled to make an election under Code Section 83(b) since no stock is actually transferred to the recipient on the date of grant. At the time a restricted stock unit vests, assuming the award is distributed at that time, the recipient will recognize ordinary income in an amount equal to the fair market value of the common stock or the amount of cash received. If the restricted stock unit is not distributed at the time it vests, no income will be recognized at that time and taxation will be deferred until the value of the restricted stock unit is distributed. At the time the recipient recognizes taxable income on a restricted stock unit, the Bank will be entitled to a corresponding tax deduction in the same amount recognized by the award recipient provided, however, that such deduction may be limited under Sections 162(m) and 280G of the Code.

*Withholding of Taxes.* The Bank may withhold amounts from participants to satisfy withholding tax requirements. Except as otherwise provided by the Compensation Committee, participants may have shares withheld from awards to satisfy tax withholding requirements up to an amount that will not trigger adverse accounting for Founders Bank.

*Change in Control.* Any acceleration of the vesting or payment of awards under the Equity Incentive Plan in the event of a change in control or termination of service that is contingent upon a change in control may cause part or all of the consideration involved to be treated as an "excess parachute payment" under the Section 280G of the Code, which may subject the participant to a 20% excise tax and preclude deduction by Founders Bank.

**Deduction Limits.** Section 162(m) of the Code generally limits our ability to deduct for tax purposes compensation in excess of \$1.0 million per year for each of our chief executive officer, our chief financial officer and other executive officers named in the summary compensation table (each, a "covered employee") of our annual proxy statement, as well as any employee who has been designated a covered employee. Compensation resulting from awards under the Equity Incentive Plan will be counted toward the \$1.0 million limit.

*Tax Advice.* The preceding discussion is based on federal tax laws and regulations presently in effect, which are subject to change, and the discussion does not purport to be a complete description of the federal income tax aspects of the Equity Incentive Plan. A participant may also be subject to state and local taxes in connection with the grant of awards under the Equity Incentive Plan.

## **Other Information**

The number, types and terms of awards to be made pursuant to the Equity Incentive Plan are subject to the discretion of the Compensation Committee and have not been determined at this time.

# ADVANCE NOTICE OF BUSINESS TO BE CONDUCTED AT THE ANNUAL MEETING

The Bank's Bylaws generally provides that any shareholder desiring to make a proposal for new business at an annual meeting of shareholders must submit written notice filed with the Secretary of the Bank not less than 120 days prior to the date of the Bank's proxy materials for the preceding year's annual meeting of shareholders ("Proxy Statement Date"); provided, however, that if the date of the annual meeting is advanced more than 30 days prior to or delayed by more than 30 days after the anniversary of the preceding year's annual meeting, notice by the shareholder to be timely must be so delivered not later than the close of business on the 10<sup>th</sup> day following the day on which public announcement of the date of such meeting is first made. The notice must include the shareholder's name, record address, and number of shares owned, briefly describe the proposed business, the reasons for bringing the business before the annual meeting, and any material interest of the shareholder in the proposed business. Nothing in this paragraph shall be deemed to require the Bank to include in the proxy statement and proxy relating to an annual meeting any shareholder proposal.

# BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

By: /s/ Karen C. Grau Karen C. Grau *Corporate Secretary* 

Washington, D.C. April 10, 2023

#### FOUNDERS BANK

#### **2023 EQUITY INCENTIVE PLAN**

### ARTICLE 1 - GENERAL

Section 1.1 <u>Purpose, Effective Date and Term</u>. The purpose of this Founders Bank 2023 Equity Incentive Plan (the "Plan") is to promote the long-term financial success of Founders Bank (the "Bank") by providing a means to attract, retain and reward individuals who contribute to that success and to further align their interests with those of the Bank's stockholders through the ownership of shares of Bank Stock. The "Effective Date" of the Plan shall be the date on which the Plan satisfies the applicable stockholder approval requirements. The Plan will remain in effect as long as any Awards remain outstanding; *provided, however*, that no Awards may be granted under the Plan after the day immediately prior to the ten-year anniversary of the Effective Date.

**Section 1.2** <u>Administration</u>. The Plan shall be administered by the Compensation Committee of the Board of Directors (the "Committee"), in accordance with Section 5.1.

**Section 1.3** <u>Participation</u>. Each individual who is granted or holds an Award in accordance with the terms of the Plan will be a Participant in the Plan (a "**Participant**"). The grant of Awards shall be limited to Employees and Directors.

Section 1.4 <u>Definitions</u>. Capitalized terms used in the Plan are defined in Article 8 and elsewhere in the Plan.

#### ARTICLE 2 - AWARDS

**Section 2.1** <u>General</u>. Any Award under the Plan may be granted singularly, or in combination with another Award (or Awards). Each Award under the Plan shall be subject to the terms and conditions of the Plan and any additional terms, conditions, limitations and restrictions provided by the Committee with respect to the Award and as evidenced in an Award Agreement. Every Award under the Plan shall require a written Award Agreement. Subject to the provisions of **Section 2.2(1)(d)**, an Award may be granted as an alternative to or replacement of an existing award under the Plan or any other plan of the Bank or any Subsidiary (provided, however, that no reload Awards shall be granted hereunder) or as the form of payment for grants or rights earned or due under any other compensation plan or arrangement of the Bank or any Subsidiary, including without limitation the plan of any entity acquired by the Bank or any Subsidiary. The types of Awards that may be granted under the Plan include:

(a) Stock Options. A Stock Option means a grant under Section 2.2 that represents the right to purchase shares of Stock at an Exercise Price established by the Committee. Any Stock Option may be either an Incentive Stock Option (an "ISO") that is intended to satisfy the requirements applicable to an "incentive stock option" described in Code Section 422(b), or a Non-Qualified Stock Option (a "Non-Qualified Option") that is not intended to be an ISO, *provided, however*, that no ISOs may be granted: (i) after the ten-year anniversary of the Effective Date or the date the Plan is approved by the Board of Directors, whichever is earlier, or (ii) to a non-employee. Unless otherwise specifically provided by its terms, any Stock Option granted under the Plan to an employee shall be an ISO to the maximum extent permitted. Any ISO granted under this Plan that does not qualify as an ISO for any reason (whether at the time of grant or as the result of a subsequent event) shall be deemed to be a Non-Qualified Option. In addition, any ISO granted under this Plan may be unilaterally modified by the Committee to disqualify the Stock Option from ISO treatment such that it shall become a Non-Qualified Option; provided however, that any modification will be ineffective if it causes the Award to be subject to Code Section 409A (unless, as modified, the Award complies with Code Section 409A).

(b) *Restricted Stock Awards*. A Restricted Stock Award means a grant of shares of Stock under Section 2.3 for no consideration or for such minimum consideration as may be required by applicable law, subject to a time-based vesting schedule or the satisfaction of market conditions or performance conditions.

(c) *Restricted Stock Units.* A Restricted Stock Unit means a grant under Section 2.4 denominated in shares of Stock that is similar to a Restricted Stock Award except no shares of Stock are actually awarded on the date of grant of a Restricted Stock Unit. A Restricted Stock Unit is subject to a time-based vesting schedule or the satisfaction of market conditions or performance conditions and shall be settled in shares of Stock; provided, however, that in the sole discretion of the Committee, determined at the time of settlement, a Restricted Stock Unit may be settled in cash based on the Fair Market Value of a share of Stock multiplied by the number of Restricted Stock Units being settled.

(d) *Performance Awards*. A Performance Award means an Award under Sections 2.2, 2.3 or 2.4 that vests upon the achievement of one or more specified performance measures, as further set forth in Section 8.1 under "Performance Award".

#### Section 2.2 Stock Options.

(a) *Grant of Stock Options*. Each Stock Option shall be evidenced by an Award Agreement that specifies: (i) the number of Stock Options covered by the Stock Option; (ii) the date of grant of the Stock Option and the Exercise Price; (iii) the vesting period or conditions to vesting; and (iv) such other terms and conditions not inconsistent with the Plan, including the effect of termination of a Participant's employment or Service with the Bank as the Committee may, in its discretion, prescribe. Stock Options may be granted as Performance Awards.

(b) Terms and Conditions. A Stock Option shall be exercisable in accordance with such terms and conditions and during such periods as may be established by the Committee. In no event, however, shall a Stock Option expire later than ten (10) years after the date of its grant (or five (5) years with respect to an ISO granted to an Employee who is a 10% Stockholder). The "Exercise Price" of each Stock Option shall not be less than 100% of the Fair Market Value of a share of Stock on the date of grant (or, if greater, the par value of a share of Stock); provided, however, that the Exercise Price of an ISO shall not be less than 110% of Fair Market Value of a share of Stock on the date of grant if granted to a 10% Stockholder; *further*, *provided*, that the Exercise Price may be higher or lower in the case of Stock Options granted or exchanged in replacement of existing Awards held by an employee or director of an acquired entity. The payment of the Exercise Price of a Stock Option shall be by cash or, subject to limitations imposed by applicable law, by such other means as the Committee may from time to time permit, including: (i) by tendering, either actually or constructively by attestation, shares of Stock valued at Fair Market Value as of the date of exercise; (ii) by irrevocably authorizing a third party, acceptable to the Committee, to sell shares of Stock (or a sufficient portion of the shares) acquired upon exercise of the Stock Option and to remit to the Bank a sufficient portion of the sale proceeds to pay the entire Exercise Price and any tax withholding resulting from such exercise; (iii) by net settlement of the Stock Option, using a portion of the shares obtained on exercise in payment of the Exercise Price of the Stock Option (and if applicable, tax withholding); (iv) by personal, certified or cashier's check; (v) by other property deemed acceptable by the Committee; or (vi) by any combination thereof. The total number of shares that may be acquired upon the exercise of a Stock Option shall be rounded down to the nearest whole share, with cashin-lieu paid by the Bank, at its discretion, for the value of any fractional share.

(c) *Prohibition of Cash Buy-Outs of Underwater Stock Options.* Under no circumstances will any Stock Option with an Exercise Price as of an applicable date that is greater than the Fair Market Value of a share of Stock as of the same date that was granted under the Plan be bought back by the Bank without shareholder approval.

(d) *Prohibition Against Repricing.* Except for adjustments pursuant to Section 3.4, and reductions of the Exercise Price approved by the Bank's shareholders, neither the Committee nor the Board of Directors shall have the right or authority to make any adjustment or amendment that reduces or would have the effect of reducing the Exercise Price of a Stock Option previously granted under the Plan, whether through amendment, cancellation (including cancellation in exchange for a cash payment in excess of the Award's in-the-money value or in exchange for Stock Options or other Awards), replacement grants, or other means.

(e) *Prohibition on Paying Dividends*. No dividends shall be paid on Stock Options and no Dividend Equivalent Rights may be granted with respect to Stock Options.

#### Section 2.3. <u>Restricted Stock Awards</u>.

(a) *Grant of Restricted Stock.* Each Restricted Stock Award shall be evidenced by an Award Agreement, that specifies: (i) the number of shares of Stock covered by the Restricted Stock Award; (ii) the date of grant of the Restricted Stock Award; (iii) the vesting period or conditions to vesting; and (iv) such other terms and conditions not inconsistent with the Plan, including the effect of termination of Participant's employment or Service with the Bank as the Committee may, in its discretion, prescribe. Restricted Stock Awards may be granted as Performance Awards. All Restricted Stock Awards shall be in the form of issued and outstanding shares of Stock. Restricted Stock granted under the Plan may be evidenced in such manner as the Committee shall determine, including electronically and/or solely on the books and records maintained by the transfer agent. If certificates or electronic book entries bear an appropriate legend referring to the terms, conditions and restrictions applicable to such Restricted Stock (including that the Restricted Stock may not be pledged, sold, encumbered, hypothecated or otherwise transferred except as otherwise provided by the Plan or in an Award Agreement) and/or that the Bank retain physical possession of the certificates, and that the Participant deliver a stock power to the Bank, endorsed in blank, relating to the Restricted Stock.

(b) *Terms and Conditions.* Each Restricted Stock Award shall be subject to the following terms and conditions:

(i) *Dividends.* No cash dividends shall be paid with respect to any Restricted Stock Awards unless and until the Participant vests in the underlying share(s) of Restricted Stock. Upon the vesting of a Restricted Stock Award, any dividends declared but not paid to the Participant during the vesting period shall be paid within thirty (30) days following the vesting date. Any stock dividends declared on shares of Stock subject to a Restricted Stock Award shall be subject to the same restrictions and shall vest at the same time as the shares of Restricted Stock from which said dividends were derived. All unvested dividends shall be forfeited by the Participants to the extent their underlying Restricted Stock Awards are forfeited.

(ii) *Voting Rights.* Unless the Committee determines otherwise with respect to any Restricted Stock Award and specifies such determination in the relevant Award Agreement, a Participant shall have voting rights related to unvested, non-forfeited Restricted Stock Awards and the voting rights may be exercised by the Participant in his or her discretion.

(iii) *Tender Offers and Merger Elections.* Each Participant to whom a Restricted Stock Award is granted shall have the right to respond, or to direct the response, with respect to the related shares of Restricted Stock, to any tender offer, exchange offer, cash/stock merger consideration election or other offer made to, or elections made by, the holders of shares of Stock. Such a direction for any shares of Restricted Stock shall be given by proxy or ballot (if the Participant is the beneficial owner of the shares of Restricted Stock for voting purposes) or by completing and filing, with the inspector of elections, the trustee or such other person who shall be independent of the Bank as the Committee shall designate in its direction (if the Participant is not a beneficial owner), a written direction in the form and manner prescribed by the Committee. If no direction is given, then the shares of Restricted Stock shall not be tendered.

#### Section 2.4 <u>Restricted Stock Units</u>.

(a) *Grant of Restricted Stock Unit Awards*. Each Restricted Stock Unit shall be evidenced by an Award Agreement that specifies: (i) the number of Restricted Stock Units covered by the Award; (ii) the date of grant of the Restricted Stock Units; (iii) the Restriction Period; and (iv) such other terms and conditions not inconsistent with the Plan, including the effect of termination of a Participant's employment or Services with the Bank as the Committee may, in its discretion, prescribe.

(b) *Terms and Conditions*. Each Restricted Stock Unit Award shall be subject to the following terms and conditions:

(i) A Restricted Stock Unit Award shall be similar to a Restricted Stock Award except that no shares of Stock are actually awarded to the recipient on the date of grant. The Committee shall impose such conditions and/or restrictions on any Restricted Stock Unit Award granted pursuant to the Plan as it may deem advisable including, without limitation, a requirement that Participants pay a stipulated purchase price for each

Restricted Stock Unit, time-based restrictions and vesting following the attainment of performance measures, restrictions under applicable laws or under the requirements of any Exchange or market upon which shares of Stock may be listed, or holding requirements or sale restrictions placed by the Bank upon vesting of the Restricted Stock Units. The Committee may make grants of Restricted Stock Units upon such terms and conditions as it may determine, which may include, but is not limited to, deferring receipt of the underlying shares of Stock provided the deferral complies with Section 409A of the Code and applicable provisions of the Plan.

(ii) Restricted Stock Units may be granted as Performance Awards.

(iii) Subject to the provisions of the Plan and the applicable Award Agreement, during the period, if any, set by the Committee, commencing with the date of grant of a Restricted Stock Unit for which a Participant's continued Service is required (the **"Restriction Period"**), and until the later of (A) the expiration of the Restriction Period and (B) the date the applicable performance measures (if any) are satisfied, the Participant shall not be permitted to sell, assign, transfer, pledge or otherwise encumber Restricted Stock Units.

(iv) A Participant shall have no voting rights with respect to any Restricted Stock Units

granted hereunder.

(v) No dividends shall be paid on Restricted Stock Units. In the sole discretion of the Committee, exercised at the time of grant, Dividend Equivalent Rights may be assigned to Restricted Stock Units. A Dividend Equivalent Right, if any, shall be paid at the same time as the shares of Stock or cash subject to the Restricted Stock Unit are distributed to the Participant and is otherwise subject to the same rights and restrictions as the underlying Restricted Stock Unit.

Section 2.5 <u>Vesting of Awards.</u> The Committee shall specify the vesting schedule or conditions of each Award.

Section 2.6 Deferred Compensation. Subject to approval by the Committee before an election is made, an Award of Restricted Stock Units may be deferred pursuant to a valid deferral election made by a Participant. If a deferral election is made by a Participant, the Award Agreement shall specify the terms of the deferral and shall constitute the deferral plan pursuant to the requirements of Code Section 409A. If any Award would be considered "deferred compensation" as defined under Code Section 409A ("Deferred Compensation"), the Committee reserves the absolute right (including the right to delegate such right) to unilaterally amend the Plan or the Award Agreement, without the consent of the Participant, to maintain exemption from, or to comply with, Code Section 409A. Any amendment by the Committee to the Plan or an Award Agreement pursuant to this Section 2.6 shall maintain, to the extent practicable, the original intent of the applicable provision without violating Code Section 409A. A Participant's acceptance of any Award under the Plan constitutes acknowledgement and consent to such rights of the Committee, without further consideration or action. Any discretionary authority retained by the Committee pursuant to the terms of this Plan or pursuant to an Award Agreement shall not be applicable to an Award which is determined to constitute Deferred Compensation, if such discretionary authority would contravene Code Section 409A. Unless otherwise provided in a valid election form intended to comply with Code Section 409A, all Awards that are considered Deferred Compensation hereunder shall settle and be paid in no event later than 21/2 months following the end of the calendar year with respect to which the Award's substantial risk of forfeiture lapsed.

**Section 2.7.** <u>Effect of Termination of Service on Awards.</u> The Committee shall establish the effect of a Termination of Service on the continuation of rights and benefits available under an Award and, in so doing, may make distinctions based upon, among other things, the reason(s) for the Termination of Service and type of Award. Unless otherwise specified by the Committee and set forth in an Award Agreement or as set forth in any employment or severance agreement entered into by and between the Bank and the Participant, the following provisions shall apply to each Award granted under this Plan:

(a) Upon the Participant's Termination of Service for any reason other than due to Disability, death or Cause, Stock Options shall be exercisable only as to those shares that were immediately exercisable by the Participant at the date of termination, and may be exercised only for a period of three (3) months following termination (except pursuant to Retirement as set forth in **Section 2.7(c)**, below) and any Restricted Stock or Restricted Stock Units that have not vested as of the date of Termination of Service shall expire and be forfeited.

(b) In the event of a Termination of Service for Cause, all Stock Options granted to a Participant that have not been exercised (whether or not vested), and all Restricted Stock Awards and Restricted Stock Units that have not vested, shall expire and be forfeited.

(c) Upon Termination of Service on account of Disability or death, all Service-based Stock Options shall be fully exercisable, whether or not then exercisable, and all Service-based Restricted Stock Awards and Restricted Stock Units shall immediately vest as to all shares subject to an outstanding Award at the date of Termination of Service. Upon Termination of Service for reason of Disability or death, any Awards that vest based on the achievement of performance targets shall vest, pro-rata, by multiplying (i) the number of Awards that would be obtained based on achievement at target (or if actual achievement of the performance measures is greater than the target level, at the actual achievement level) as of the date of Disability or death, by (ii) a fraction, the numerator of which is the number of whole or partial months the Participant was in Service during the performance period and the denominator of which is the number of months in the performance period. Stock Options may be exercised for a period of one year following Termination of Service due to death or Disability, or the remaining unexpired term of the Stock Option, if less, provided, however, in order to obtain ISO treatment for Stock Options exercised by heirs or devisees of an optionee, the optionee's death must have occurred while employed or within three (3) months after Termination of Service. In the event of Termination of Service due to Retirement, a Participant's vested Stock Options shall be exercisable for one year following Termination of Service, provided that no Stock Option shall be eligible for treatment as an ISO in the event such Stock Option is exercised more than three months following Termination of Service due to Retirement and any Stock Option, Restricted Stock Award or Restricted Stock Unit that has not vested as of the date of Termination of Service due to Retirement shall expire and be forfeited.

(d) Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, no Stock Option shall be exercisable beyond the last day of the original term of the Stock Option.

(e) Notwithstanding the provisions of this Section 2.7, the effect of a Change in Control on the vesting/exercisability of Stock Options, Restricted Stock Awards, Restricted Stock Units and Performance Awards is as set forth in Article 4.

**Section 2.8.** <u>Holding Period for Vested Awards</u>. As a condition of receipt of an Award, the Award Agreement may require a Participant to agree to hold a vested Award or shares of Stock received upon exercise of a Stock Option for a period of time specified in the Award Agreement ("Holding Period"). In connection with the foregoing, a Participant may be required to retain direct ownership of such shares until the earlier of (i) the expiration of the Holding Period following the date of vesting or (ii) such person's termination of employment with the Bank and any Subsidiary. The foregoing limitation, if applicable, shall not apply to the extent that an Award vests due to death, Disability or an Involuntary Termination at or following a Change in Control, or to the extent that (x) a Participant directs the Bank to withhold or the Bank elects to withhold shares of Stock with respect to the vesting or exercise, or, in lieu thereof, to retain, or to sell without notice, a sufficient number of shares of Stock to cover the amount required to be withheld or (y) a Participant exercises a Stock Option by a net settlement, and in the case of (x) and (y) herein, only to the extent of the shares are withheld for tax purposes or for purposes of the net settlement.

## **ARTICLE 3 - Shares Subject to Plan**

**Section 3.1** <u>Available Shares</u>. The shares of Stock with respect to which Awards may be made under the Plan shall be shares currently authorized but unissued, currently held or, to the extent permitted by applicable law, subsequently acquired by the Bank, including shares purchased in the open market or in private transactions.

#### Section 3.2 Share Limitations.

(a) *Share Reserve.* Subject to the following provisions of this Section 3.2, the maximum number of shares of Stock that may be delivered to Participants and their beneficiaries under the Plan shall be equal to 476,200 shares of Stock. The aggregate number of shares available for grant under this Plan and the number of shares of Stock subject to outstanding awards shall be subject to adjustment as provided in Section 3.4.

(b) *Computation of Shares Available.* For purposes of this Section 3.2 and in connection with the granting of a Stock Option, Restricted Stock or Restricted Stock Unit, the number of shares of Stock available for the grant shall be reduced by the number of shares previously granted, subject to the following. To the extent any shares of Stock covered by an Award (including Restricted Stock Awards and Restricted Stock Units) under the Plan are not

delivered to a Participant or beneficiary for any reason, including because the Award is forfeited or canceled or because a Stock Option is not exercised, then the shares shall not be deemed to have been delivered for purposes of determining the maximum number of shares of Stock available for delivery under the Plan. To the extent that: (i) a Stock Option is exercised by using an actual or constructive exchange of shares of Stock to pay the Exercise Price; (ii) shares of Stock are withheld to satisfy tax withholding upon exercise or vesting of an Award granted hereunder; or (iii) shares are withheld to satisfy the Exercise Price of Stock Options in a net settlement of Stock Options, then the number of shares of Stock available shall be reduced by the gross number of Stock Options exercised or Stock vested prior to the return of shares to satisfy tax withholding, rather than by the net number of shares of Stock issued.

#### Section 3.3. Limitations on Grants to Employees and Directors.

(a) *Award Limitations*. No individual Employee shall receive Awards representing more than twentyfive percent (25%) of the Stock available for issuance under the Plan. Non-Employee Directors (*i.e.*, directors who are not also Employees of the Bank or any Subsidiary), in the aggregate, shall not receive more than thirty percent (30%) of the Stock available for issuance as Awards under the Plan.

(b) *Awards Subject to Adjustment.* The aggregate number of shares available for grant under this Plan and the number of shares subject to outstanding Awards, including the limit on the number of Awards available for grant under this Plan described in this Section 3.3, shall be subject to adjustment as provided in Section 3.4.

#### Section 3.4 Corporate Transactions.

(a) General. If the shares of Stock are changed into or exchanged for a different number or kind of shares or other securities of the Bank on account of any recapitalization, reclassification, stock split, reverse split, combination of shares, exchange of shares, stock dividend or other distribution payable in capital stock, or other increase or decrease in such shares effected without receipt of consideration by the Bank occurring after the Effective Date, the number and kinds of shares for which grants of Stock Options, Restricted Stock and Restricted Stock Unit Awards may be made under the Plan shall be adjusted proportionately and accordingly by the Committee, so that the proportionate interest of the grantee immediately following such event shall, to the extent practicable, be the same as immediately before such event. Any such adjustment in outstanding Stock Options shall not change the aggregate purchase price payable with respect to shares that are subject to the unexercised portion of the Stock Option outstanding but shall include a corresponding proportionate adjustment in the purchase price per share. In addition, the Committee is authorized to make adjustments in the terms and conditions of, and the criteria included in, Stock Options, Restricted Stock Awards and Restricted Stock Units (including, without limitation, cancellation of Stock Options, Restricted Stock Awards and Restricted Stock Units in exchange for the in-the-money value, if any, of the vested portion thereof, or substitution or exchange of Stock Options, Restricted Stock Awards and Restricted Stock Units using stock of a successor or other entity) in recognition of unusual or nonrecurring events (including, without limitation, events described in the preceding sentence) affecting the Bank or any parent or Subsidiary or the financial statements of the Bank or any parent or Subsidiary, or in response to changes in applicable laws, regulations, or accounting principles.

(b) Merger in which Bank is Not Surviving Entity. In the event of any merger, consolidation, or other business reorganization (including, but not limited to, a Change in Control) in which the Bank is not the surviving entity, unless otherwise set forth in the agreement relating to the consummation of such merger, consolidation or other business reorganization, any Stock Options granted under the Plan which are outstanding immediately prior to such merger, consolidation or other business combination shall be converted into Stock Options to purchase voting common equity securities of the business entity which survives such merger, consolidation or other business reorganization having substantially the same terms and conditions as the outstanding Stock Options under this Plan and reflecting the same economic benefit (as measured by the difference between the aggregate Exercise Price and the value exchanged for outstanding shares of Stock in such merger, consolidation or other business reorganization), all as determined by the Committee prior to the consummation of such merger. The Committee may, at any time prior to the consummation of such merger, consolidation or other business reorganization, direct that all, but not less than all, outstanding Stock Options be canceled as of the effective date of such merger, consolidation or other business reorganization in exchange for a cash (or acquirer stock) payment per share of Stock equal to the excess (if any) of the value exchanged for an outstanding share of Stock in such merger, consolidation or other business reorganization over the Exercise Price of the Stock Option being canceled; provided, further, that in the event the Exercise Price of outstanding Stock Options exceed the value to be exchanged for an outstanding share of Stock (an "Underwater Stock Option") in such merger, consolidation or other business reorganization, the Committee may, in its discretion, cancel and terminate such

Underwater Stock Options without the consent of the holder of the Stock Option and without any payment to such holder.

Section 3.5 <u>Delivery of Shares</u>. Delivery of shares of Stock or other amounts under the Plan shall be subject to the following:

(a) *Compliance with Applicable Laws.* Notwithstanding any other provision of the Plan, the Bank shall have no obligation to deliver any shares of Stock or make any other distribution of benefits under the Plan unless such delivery or distribution complies with all applicable laws (including, the requirements of the Securities Act), and the applicable requirements of any Exchange or similar entity.

(b) *Certificates.* To the extent that the Plan provides for the issuance of shares of Stock, the issuance may be made on a non-certificated basis, to the extent not prohibited by applicable law or the applicable rules of any Exchange.

#### **ARTICLE 4 - CHANGE IN CONTROL**

**Section 4.1** <u>Consequence of a Change in Control</u>. Subject to the provisions of Section 3.4 (relating to the adjustment of shares and cancellation of Stock Options in exchange for a cash or stock payment of the in-the-money value) and except as otherwise provided in the Plan and unless the Committee determines otherwise:

(a) Upon an Involuntary Termination at or following a Change in Control, all Service-based Stock Options then held by the Participant shall become fully earned and exercisable (subject to the expiration provisions otherwise applicable to the Stock Option). All Stock Options may be exercised for a period of one year following an Involuntary Termination following a Change in Control, provided, however, that no Stock Option shall be eligible for treatment as an ISO in the event such Stock Option is exercised more than three (3) months following a termination of employment.

(b) Upon an Involuntary Termination at or following a Change in Control, all Service-based Awards of Restricted Stock Awards and Restricted Stock Units, shall be fully earned and vested immediately.

(c) Upon an Involuntary Termination at or following a Change in Control, all Performance Awards shall vest at the greater of the target level of performance or actual annualized performance measured as of the most recent completed fiscal quarter.

(d) Notwithstanding anything in the Plan to the contrary, in the event of a Change in Control in which the Bank is not the surviving entity, any Awards granted under the Plan which are outstanding immediately prior to such Change in Control shall become fully vested in the event the successor entity does not assume the Awards granted under the Plan and Performance Awards shall vest at the rate specified in Section 4.1(c) of the Plan.

Section 4.2 <u>Definition of Change in Control</u>. For purposes of the Plan, unless otherwise provided in an Award Agreement, a "Change in Control" shall be deemed to have occurred upon the earliest to occur of the following:

(a) A change in ownership occurs on the date that any one person, or more than one person acting as a group (as defined in Treasury regulation section 1.409A-3(i)(5)(v)(B)), acquires ownership of stock of the Bank that, together with stock held by such person or group, constitutes more than 50% of the total fair market value or total voting power of the stock of the Bank.

(b) A change in the effective control of the Bank occurs on the date that either (i) any one person, or more than one person acting as a group (as defined in Treasury regulation section 1.409A-3(i)(5)(v)(B)) acquires (or has acquired during the 12-month period ending on the date of the most recent acquisition by such person or persons) ownership of stock of the Bank possessing 30% or more of the total voting power of the stock of the Bank, or (ii) a majority of the members of the Bank's board of directors is replaced during any 12-month period by directors whose appointment or election is not endorsed by a majority of the members of the Bank's board of directors prior to the date of the appointment or election.

(c) A change in a substantial portion of the Bank's assets occurs on the date that any one person or more than one person acting as a group (as defined in Treasury regulation section 1.409A-3(i)(5)(vii)(C)) acquires (or has acquired during the 12-month period ending on the date of the most recent acquisition by such person or persons) assets from the Bank that have a total gross fair market value equal to or more than 40% of the total gross fair market value of (i) all of the assets of the Bank, or (ii) the value of the assets being disposed of, either of which is determined without regard to any liabilities associated with such assets. For all purposes hereunder, the definition of Change in Control shall be construed to be consistent with the requirements of Treasury regulation section 1.409A-3(g)(5).

## **ARTICLE 5 - COMMITTEE**

Section 5.1 <u>Administration</u>. The Plan shall be administered by the members of the Compensation Committee of the Bank who are Disinterested Board Members. If the Committee consists of fewer than two Disinterested Board Members, then the Board of Directors shall appoint to the Committee such additional Disinterested Board Members as shall be necessary to provide for a Committee consisting of at least two Disinterested Board Members. Any members of the Committee who do not qualify as Disinterested Board Members shall abstain from participating in any discussion or decision to make or administer Awards that are made to Participants who at the time of consideration for such Award are persons subject to the short-swing profit rules of Section 16 of the Exchange Act. The Board of Directors (or if necessary to maintain compliance with the applicable listing standards, those members of the Board of Directors who are "independent directors" under the corporate governance statutes or rules of any national Exchange on which the Bank lists, or has listed or seeks to list its securities,) may, in their discretion, take any action and exercise any power, privilege or discretion conferred on the Committee under the Plan with the same force and effect under the Plan as if done or exercised by the Committee.

Section 5.2 <u>Powers of Committee</u>. The Committee's administration of the Plan shall be subject to the following:

(a) The Committee will have the authority and discretion to select from among the Bank's Employees and Directors those persons who shall receive Awards, to determine the time or times of receipt, to determine the types of Awards and the number of shares covered by the Awards, to establish the terms, conditions, features, (including automatic exercise in accordance with Section 7.18) performance criteria, restrictions (including without limitation, provisions relating to non-competition, non-solicitation and confidentiality), and other provisions of such Awards, to cancel or suspend Awards (subject to the restrictions imposed by Article 6) and to reduce, eliminate or accelerate any restrictions applicable to an Award at any time after the grant of the Award, or to extend the time period to exercise a Stock Option (at or after the granting of an Award), provided that such extension is consistent with Code Section 409A.

(b) The Committee will have the authority and discretion to interpret the Plan, to establish, amend and rescind any rules and regulations relating to the Plan, and to make all other determinations that may be necessary or advisable for the administration of the Plan.

(c) The Committee will have the authority to define terms not otherwise defined herein.

(d) In controlling and managing the operation and administration of the Plan, the Committee shall take action in a manner that conforms to the articles of incorporation and bylaws of the Bank and applicable District of Columbia corporate law.

(e) The Committee will have the authority to: (i) suspend a Participant's right to exercise a Stock Option during a blackout period (or similar restricted period) (a "Blackout Period") or to exercise in a particular manner (*i.e.*, such as a "cashless exercise" or "broker-assisted exercise") to the extent that the Committee deems it necessary or in the best interests of the Bank in order to comply with the securities laws and regulations issued by the SEC; and (ii) to extend the period to exercise a Stock Option by a period of time equal to the Blackout Period, provided that the extension does not violate Section 409A of the Code, the Incentive Stock Option requirements or applicable laws and regulations.

**Section 5.3** <u>Delegation by Committee</u>. Except to the extent prohibited by applicable law, the applicable rules of an Exchange upon which the Bank lists its shares or the Plan, or as necessary to comply with the exemptive provisions of Rule 16b-3 promulgated under the Exchange Act, the Committee may allocate all or any portion of its responsibilities and powers to any one or more of its members and may delegate all or any part of its responsibilities

and powers to any person or persons selected by it, including (a) delegating to a committee of one or more members of the Board of Directors who are not "Disinterested Board Members," the authority to grant Awards under the Plan to eligible persons who are not then subject to Section 16 of the Exchange Act; or (b) delegating to a committee of one or more members of the Board who would be eligible to serve on the Compensation Committee of the Bank pursuant to the listing requirements imposed by any national securities Exchange on which the Bank lists, has listed or seeks to list its securities, the authority to grant awards under the Plan. The acts of such delegates shall be treated hereunder as acts of the Committee and such delegates shall report regularly to the Committee regarding the delegated duties and responsibilities and any awards so granted. Any such allocation or delegation may be revoked by the Committee at any time.

**Section 5.4** Information to be Furnished to Committee. As may be permitted by applicable law, the Bank shall furnish the Committee with data and information it determines may be required for it to discharge its duties. The records of the Bank as to a Participant's employment, termination of employment, leave of absence, reemployment and compensation shall be conclusive on all persons unless determined by the Committee to be manifestly incorrect. Subject to applicable law, Participants and other persons entitled to benefits under the Plan must furnish the Committee any evidence, data or information as the Committee considers desirable to carry out the terms of the Plan.

**Section 5.5** <u>Committee Action</u>. The Committee shall hold meetings, and may make administrative rules and regulations, as it may deem proper. A majority of the members of the Committee shall constitute a quorum, and the action of a majority of the members of the Committee present at a meeting at which a quorum is present, as well as actions taken pursuant to the unanimous written consent of all of the members of the Committee without holding a meeting, shall be deemed to be actions of the Committee. Subject to Section 5.1, all actions of the Committee, including interpretations of provisions of the Plan, shall be final and conclusive and shall be binding upon the Bank, Participants and all other interested parties. Any person dealing with the Committee shall be fully protected in relying upon any written notice, instruction, direction or other communication signed by a member of the Committee or by a representative of the Committee authorized to sign the same in its behalf.

#### **ARTICLE 6 - AMENDMENT AND TERMINATION**

**Section 6.1** <u>General</u>. The Board of Directors may, as permitted by law, at any time, amend or terminate the Plan, and the Board of Directors or the Committee may, at any time, amend any Award Agreement, provided that no amendment or termination (except as provided in **Section 2.6**, **Section 3.4** and **Section 6.2**) may cause the Award to violate Code Section 409A, may cause the repricing of a Stock Option, or, in the absence of written consent to the change by the affected Participant (or, if the Participant is not then living, the affected beneficiary), adversely impair the rights of any Participant or beneficiary under any Award granted under the Plan before the date the amendment is adopted by the Board of Directors or made by the Committee; *provided, however*, that, no amendment may (a) materially increase the benefits accruing to Participants under the Plan; (b) materially increase the aggregate number of securities that may be issued under the Plan, other than pursuant to **Section 3.4**, or (c) materially modify the requirements for participation in the Plan, unless the amendment under (a), (b) or (c) above is approved by the Bank's stockholders.

**Section 6.2** <u>Amendment to Conform to Law and Accounting Changes</u>. Notwithstanding any provision in this Plan or any Award Agreement to the contrary, the Committee may amend the Plan or any Award Agreement, to take effect retroactively or otherwise, as deemed necessary or advisable for the purpose of (i) conforming the Plan or the Award Agreement to any present or future law relating to plans of this or similar nature (including, but not limited to, Code Section 409A), or (ii) avoiding an accounting treatment resulting from an accounting pronouncement or interpretation thereof issued by the SEC or Financial Accounting Standards Board subsequent to the adoption of the Plan or the making of the Award affected thereby, which in the sole discretion of the Committee, may materially and adversely affect the financial condition or results of operations of the Bank. By accepting an Award under this Plan, each Participant agrees and consents to any amendment made pursuant to this **Section 6.2** to any Award granted under the Plan without further consideration or action.

#### ARTICLE 7 - GENERAL TERMS

#### Section 7.1 <u>No Implied Rights</u>.

(a) *No Rights to Specific Assets.* Neither a Participant nor any other person shall by reason of participation in the Plan acquire any right in or title to any assets, funds or property of the Bank or any Subsidiary whatsoever, including any specific funds, assets, or other property which the Bank or any Subsidiary, in its sole discretion, may set aside in anticipation of a liability under the Plan. A Participant shall have only a contractual right, evidenced by an Award Agreement, to the shares of Stock or amounts, if any, payable or distributable under the Plan, unsecured by any assets of the Bank or any Subsidiary, and nothing contained in the Plan shall constitute a guarantee that the assets of the Bank or any Subsidiary shall be sufficient to pay any benefits to any person.

(b) No Contractual Right to Employment or Future Awards. The Plan does not constitute a contract of employment, and selection as a Participant will not give any participating Employee the right to be retained in the employ of the Bank or any Subsidiary or any right or claim to any benefit under the Plan, unless the right or claim has specifically accrued under the terms of the Plan. No individual shall have the right to be selected to receive an Award under the Plan, or, having been so selected, to receive a future Award under the Plan.

(c) *No Rights as a Stockholder*. Except as otherwise provided in the Plan or in an Award Agreement, no Award shall confer upon the holder thereof any rights as a stockholder of the Bank before the date on which the individual fulfills all conditions for receipt of such rights.

**Section 7.2** <u>Transferability</u>. Except as otherwise so provided by the Committee, Stock Options under the Plan are not transferable except: (i) as designated by the Participant by will or by the laws of descent and distribution; (ii) to a trust established by the Participant, if under Code Section 671 and applicable state law, the Participant is considered the sole beneficial owner of the Stock Option while held in trust, or (iii) between spouses incident to a divorce or pursuant to a domestic relations order, provided, however, in the case of a transfer within the meaning of this **Section 7.2(iii)**, the Stock Option shall not qualify as an ISO as of the day of the transfer. The Committee shall have the discretion to permit the transfer of vested Stock Options (other than ISOs) under the Plan; *provided, however*, that such transfers shall be limited to Immediate Family Members of Participants, trusts and partnerships established for the primary benefit of Immediate Family Members or to charitable organizations, and; *provided, further*, that the transfers are not made for consideration to the Participant.

Awards of Restricted Stock shall not be transferable, except in the event of death, before the time that the Awards vest in the Participant. A Restricted Stock Unit Award is not transferable, except in the event of death, before the time that the Restricted Stock Unit Award vests in the Participant and property in which the Restricted Stock Unit is denominated is distributed to the Participant or the Participant's beneficiary.

A Beneficiary, transferee, or other person claiming any rights under the Plan from or through any Participant shall be subject to all terms and conditions of the Plan and any Award Agreement applicable to the Participant, except as otherwise determined by the Committee, and to any additional terms and conditions deemed necessary or appropriate by the Committee.

**Section 7.3** <u>Designation of Beneficiaries</u>. A Participant may file with the Bank a written designation of a beneficiary or beneficiaries under this Plan and may from time to time revoke or amend any the designation. Any designation of beneficiary under this Plan shall be controlling over any other disposition, testamentary or otherwise (unless such disposition is pursuant to a domestic relations order); *provided, however*, that if the Committee is in doubt as to the entitlement of any the beneficiary to any Award, the Committee may determine to recognize only the legal representative of the Participant in which case the Bank, the Committee and the members thereof shall not be under any further liability to anyone.

Section 7.4 <u>Non-Exclusivity</u>. Neither the adoption of this Plan by the Board of Directors nor the submission of the Plan to the stockholders of the Bank for approval (and any subsequent approval by the stockholders of the Bank) shall be construed as creating any limitations on the power of the Board of Directors or the Committee to adopt other incentive arrangements as may be deemed desirable, including, without limitation, the granting of Restricted Stock Awards, Restricted Stock Units and/or Stock Options otherwise than under the Plan, and such arrangements may be either generally applicable or applicable only in specific cases.

**Section 7.5** <u>Award Agreement</u>. Each Award granted under the Plan shall be evidenced by an Award Agreement. A copy of the Award Agreement, in any medium chosen by the Committee, shall be provided (or made available electronically) to the Participant, and the Committee may, but need not require, that the Participant sign a copy of the Award Agreement. In the absence of a specific provision in the Award Agreement, the terms of the Plan shall control. In the event of a conflict between the terms of an Award Agreement and the Plan, the terms of the Plan will control.

Section 7.6 Form and Time of Elections; Notification Under Code Section 83(b). Unless otherwise specified herein, each election required or permitted to be made by any Participant or other person entitled to benefits under the Plan, and any permitted modification, or revocation thereof, shall be filed with the Bank at such times, in such form, and subject to such restrictions and limitations, not inconsistent with the terms of the Plan, as the Committee shall require. Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, the Committee may, on the date of grant or at a later date, as applicable, prohibit an individual from making an election under Code Section 83(b). If the Committee has not prohibited an individual from making this election, an individual who makes this election shall notify the Committee of the election within ten (10) days of filing notice of the election with the Internal Revenue Service or as otherwise required by the Committee. This requirement is in addition to any filing and notification required under the regulations issued under the authority of Code Section 83(b).

Section 7.7 <u>Evidence</u>. Evidence required of anyone under the Plan may be by certificate, affidavit, document or other written information upon which the person is acting considers pertinent and reliable, and signed, made or presented by the proper party or parties.

#### Section 7.8 <u>Tax Withholding</u>.

(a) Payment by Participant. Each Participant shall, no later than the date as of which the value of an Award or of any Stock or other amounts received thereunder first becomes includable in the gross income of the Participant for Federal income tax purposes, pay to the Bank, or make arrangements satisfactory to the Committee regarding payment of, any Federal, state, or local taxes of any kind required by law to be withheld by the Bank with respect to such income. The Bank shall, to the extent permitted by law, have the right to deduct any taxes from any payment of any kind otherwise due to the Participant. The Bank's obligation to deliver evidence of book entry (or stock certificates) to any Participant is subject to and conditioned on tax withholding obligations being satisfied by the Participant.

(b) *Payment in Stock.* The Committee may require or permit the Bank's tax withholding obligation to be satisfied, in whole or in part, by the Bank withholding from shares of Stock to be issued pursuant to any Award a number of shares with an aggregate Fair Market Value (as of the date the withholding is effected) that would satisfy the withholding amount due; *provided, however*, that the amount withheld does not exceed the maximum statutory tax rate or such lesser amount as is necessary to avoid liability accounting treatment. For purposes of share withholding, the Fair Market Value of withheld shares shall be determined in the same manner as the value of Stock includible in income of the Participants.

**Section 7.9** <u>Action by Company or Subsidiary</u>. Any action required or permitted to be taken by the Bank shall be by resolution or unanimous written consent of its board of directors, or by action of one or more members of the board of directors (including a committee of the board or directors) who are duly authorized to act for the board or directors, or (except to the extent prohibited by applicable law or applicable rules of the Exchange on which the Bank lists its securities) by a duly authorized officer of the Bank.

**Section 7.10** <u>Successors</u>. All obligations of the Bank under this Plan shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of any successor to the Bank, whether the existence of such successor is the result of a direct or indirect purchase, merger, consolidation or otherwise, of all or substantially all of the business, stock, and/or assets of the Bank. This Plan shall also be binding upon any holding company of the Bank in the event that the Bank reorganizes into a holding company structure.

Section 7.11 <u>Indemnification</u>. To the fullest extent permitted by law and the Bank's governing documents, each person who is or shall have been a member of the Committee, or of the Board of Directors, or an officer or Employee of the Bank or a Subsidiary to whom authority was delegated in accordance with Section 5.3, shall be indemnified and held harmless by the Bank (i) against and from any loss (including amounts paid in settlement), cost, liability or expense (including reasonable attorneys' fees) that may be imposed upon or reasonably

incurred by him or her in connection with or resulting from any claim, action, suit, or proceeding to which he or she may be a party or in which he or she may be involved by reason of any action taken or failure to act under the Plan; and (ii) against and from any and all amounts paid by him or her in settlement thereof, with the Bank's approval, or paid by him or her in satisfaction of any judgment in any such action, suit, or proceeding against him or her, provided he or she shall give the Bank an opportunity, at its own expense, to handle and defend the same before he or she undertakes to handle and defend it on his or her own behalf, unless such loss, cost, liability, or expense is a result of his or her own willful misconduct or except as expressly provided by statute or regulation. The foregoing right of indemnification shall not be exclusive of any other rights of indemnification to which such persons may be entitled under the Bank's articles of incorporation or bylaws, as a matter of law, or otherwise, or any power that the Bank may have to indemnify them or hold them harmless. The foregoing right to indemnification shall include the right to be paid by the Bank the expenses incurred in defending any such proceeding in advance of its final disposition, provided, however, that, if required by applicable law, an advancement of expenses shall be made only upon delivery to the Bank of an undertaking by or on behalf of such persons to repay all amounts so advanced if it shall ultimately be determined by final judicial decision from which there is no further right to appeal that such person is not entitled to be indemnified for such expenses.

Section 7.12 <u>No Fractional Shares</u>. Unless otherwise permitted by the Committee, no fractional shares of Stock shall be issued or delivered pursuant to the Plan or any Award Agreement. The Committee shall determine whether cash or other property shall be issued or paid in lieu of fractional shares or whether the fractional shares or any rights thereto shall be forfeited or otherwise eliminated by rounding down.

**Section 7.13** <u>Governing Law</u>. The Plan, all awards granted hereunder, and all actions taken in connection herewith shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the District of Columbia, without reference to principles of conflict of laws, except as superseded by applicable federal law. The federal and state courts located in the District of Columbia shall have exclusive jurisdiction over any claim, action, complaint or lawsuit brought under the terms of the Plan. By accepting any Award, each Participant, and any other person claiming any rights under the Plan, agrees to submit himself or herself, and any legal action brought with respect to the Plan, to the sole jurisdiction of such courts for the adjudication and resolution of any such disputes.

**Section 7.14** <u>Benefits Under Other Plans</u>. Except as otherwise provided by the Committee or as set forth in a Qualified Retirement Plan, non-qualified plan or other benefit plan, Awards to a Participant (including the grant and the receipt of benefits) under the Plan shall be disregarded for purposes of determining the Participant's benefits under, or contributions to, any Qualified Retirement Plan, non-qualified plan and any other benefit plans maintained by the Participant's employer. The term "Qualified Retirement Plan" means any plan of the Bank or a Subsidiary that is intended to be qualified under Code Section 401(a).

Section 7.15 <u>Validity</u>. If any provision of this Plan is determined to be illegal or invalid for any reason, said illegality or invalidity shall not affect the remaining parts hereof, but this Plan shall be construed and enforced as if such illegal or invalid provision had never been included in the Plan.

**Section 7.16** <u>Notice</u>. Unless otherwise provided in an Award Agreement, all written notices and all other written communications to the Bank provided for in the Plan or an Award Agreement shall be delivered personally or sent by registered or certified mail, return receipt requested, postage prepaid (provided that international mail shall be sent via overnight or two-day delivery), or sent by facsimile, email or prepaid overnight courier to the Bank at its principal executive office. Notices, demands, claims and other communications shall be deemed given: (i) in the case of delivery by overnight service with guaranteed next day delivery, the next day or the day designated for delivery; (ii) in the case of certified or registered U.S. mail, five (5) days after deposit in the U.S. mail; or (iii) in the case of facsimile or email, the date upon which the transmitting party received confirmation of receipt; *provided, however*, that in no event shall any such communications be deemed to be given later than the date they are actually received, provided they are actually received.

If a communication is not received, it shall only be deemed received upon the showing of an original of the applicable receipt, registration or confirmation from the applicable delivery service. Communications that are to be delivered by the U.S. mail or by overnight service to the Bank shall be directed to the attention of the Bank's Chief Executive Officer and to the Corporate Secretary, unless otherwise provided in the Participant's Award Agreement.

**Section 7.17 <u>Forfeiture Events</u>**. The Committee may specify in an Award Agreement that the Participant's rights, payments, and benefits with respect to an Award shall be subject to reduction, cancellation, forfeiture or

recoupment upon the occurrence of certain specified events, in addition to any otherwise applicable vesting or performance conditions of an Award. These events include, but are not limited to, termination of employment for Cause, termination of the Participant's provision of Services to the Bank or any Subsidiary, violation of material Company or Subsidiary policies, breach of noncompetition, confidentiality, or other restrictive covenants that may apply to the Participant, or other conduct of the Participant that is detrimental to the business or reputation of the Bank or any Subsidiary.

Section 7.18 <u>Automatic Exercise</u>. In the sole discretion of the Committee exercised in accordance with Section 5.2(a), any Stock Options that are exercisable but unexercised as of the day immediately before the expiration date of the Stock Option may be automatically exercised in accordance with procedures established for this purpose by the Committee, but only if the Exercise Price is less than the Fair Market Value of a share of Stock on such date and the automatic exercise will result in the issuance of at least one (1) whole share of Stock to the Participant after payment of the Exercise Price and any applicable minimum tax withholding requirements. Payment of the exercise price and any applicable tax withholding requirements shall be made by a net settlement of the Stock Option whereby the number of shares of Stock to be issued upon exercise are reduced by a number of shares having a Fair Market Value on the date of exercise equal to the Exercise Price and any applicable minimum tax withholding.

**Section 7.19** <u>Regulatory Requirements</u>. The grant and settlement of Awards under this Plan shall be conditioned upon and subject to compliance with Section 18(k) of the Federal Deposit Insurance Act, 12 U.S.C. 1828(k), and the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder.

#### Section 7.20. Awards Subject to Company Clawback Policies and Restrictions.

(a) *Clawback Policies.* Awards granted hereunder are subject to any clawback policy that may be adopted by the Bank from time to time, whether pursuant to the provisions of Section 954 of the Dodd-Frank Act, implementing regulations thereunder, or otherwise. If the Bank is required to prepare an accounting restatement due to the material noncompliance of the Bank, as a result of misconduct, with any financial reporting requirement under the federal securities laws, and the automatic forfeiture provisions under Section 304 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 apply as a result, any Participant who was an executive officer of the Bank at the time of grant or at the time of restatement shall be subject to "clawback" as if such person was subject to Section 304 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.

(b) *Trading Policy Restrictions*. Option exercises and other Awards under the Plan shall be subject to the Bank's insider trading policies and procedures, as in effect from time to time.

(c) *Hedging/Pledging Policy Restrictions*. Awards under the Plan shall be subject to the Bank's policies relating to hedging and pledging as such may be in effect from time to time.

### **ARTICLE 8 - DEFINED TERMS; CONSTRUCTION**

**Section 8.1** In addition to the other definitions contained herein, unless otherwise specifically provided in an Award Agreement, the following definitions shall apply:

"**10% Stockholder**" means an individual who, at the time of grant, owns stock possessing more than ten percent (10%) of the total combined voting power of all classes of stock of the Bank.

Award" means any Stock Option, Restricted Stock Award, Restricted Stock Unit or Performance Award or any other right or interest relating to Stock or cash, granted to a Participant under the Plan.

"Award Agreement" means the document (in whatever medium prescribed by the Committee and whether or not a signature is required or provided by a Participant) that evidences the terms and conditions of an Award. A copy of the Award Agreement will be provided (or made available electronically) to each Participant.

"Board of Directors" means the Board of Directors of the Bank.

"Cause." If the Participant is subject to a written employment agreement (or other similar written agreement) with the Bank or a Subsidiary that provides a definition of termination for "cause," then, for purposes of

this Plan, the term "**Cause**" shall have the meaning set forth in such agreement. In the absence of such a definition, "**Cause**" means termination because of (i) Participant's conviction (including conviction on a nolo contendere plea) of a felony or of any lesser criminal offense involving moral turpitude, fraud or dishonesty; (ii) the willful commission by Participant of a criminal or other act that, in the reasonable judgment of the Board will likely cause substantial economic damage to the Bank or substantial injury to the business reputation of the Bank; (iii) the commission by Participant of an act of fraud in the performance of his duties on behalf of the Bank; (iv) Participant's material violation of the Bank's Code of Ethics; (v) the continuing willful failure of Participant to perform his employment duties to the Bank after thirty (30) days' written notice thereof (specifying the particulars thereof in reasonable detail) and a reasonable opportunity to be heard and cure such failure are given to Participant by the Board; (vi) willful failure to cooperate with a *bona fide* internal investigation or an investigation by regulatory or law enforcement authorities, after being instructed by the Bank or a Subsidiary to cooperate, or the deliberate destruction of or deliberate failure to greserve documents or other materials that the Participant should reasonably know to be relevant to such investigation, after being instructed by the Bank or a Subsidiary to preserve such documents, or the willful inducement of others to fail to cooperate or to fail to produce documents or other materials; or (vii) an order of a federal or state regulatory agency or a court of competent jurisdiction requiring the termination of Participant's employment by the Bank.

#### "Change in Control" has the meaning ascribed to it in Section 4.2.

"Code" means the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, and any rules, regulations and guidance promulgated thereunder, as modified from time to time.

"Director" means a member of the Board of Directors.

**"Disability."** If the Participant is subject to a written employment agreement (or other similar written agreement) with the Bank or a Subsidiary that provides a definition of "Disability" or "Disabled," then, for purposes of this Plan, the terms "Disability" or "Disabled" shall have meaning set forth in such agreement. In the absence of such a definition, "Disability" shall be defined in accordance with the Bank's long-term disability plan. To the extent that an Award hereunder is subject to Code Section 409A, "Disability" or "Disabled" shall mean that a Participant: (i) is unable to engage in any substantial gainful activity by reason of any medically determinable physical or mental impairment which can be expected to result in death or can be expected to last for a continuous period of not less than twelve (12) months; or (ii) is, by reason of any medically determinable physical or mental impairment which can be expected to last for a continuous period of not less than twelve (12) months; or (ii) is, by reason of any medically determinable physical or mental impairment which can be expected to last for a continuous period of not less than twelve (12) months; or (ii) is, by reason of any medically determinable physical or mental impairment which can be expected to last for a continuous period of not less than twelve (12) months; or (ii) as period of not less than three (3) months under an accident and health plan covering Employees. Except to the extent prohibited under Code Section 409A, if applicable, the Committee shall have discretion to determine if a Disability has been incurred.

"Disinterested Board Member" means a member of the Board of Directors who: (a) is not a current Employee of the Bank or a Subsidiary, (b) does not receive remuneration from the Bank or a Subsidiary, either directly or indirectly, for services rendered as a consultant or in any capacity other than as a Director, except in an amount for which disclosure would not be required pursuant to Item 404 of SEC Regulation S-K in accordance with the proxy solicitation rules of the SEC, as amended or any successor provision thereto, and (c) does not possess an interest in any other transaction, and is not engaged in a business relationship, for which disclosure would be required pursuant to Item 404(a) of SEC Regulation S-K under the proxy solicitation rules of the SEC, as amended or any successor provision thereto. The term Disinterested Board Member shall be interpreted in such manner as shall be necessary to conform to the requirements of a "Non-Employee Directors" under Rule 16b-3 promulgated under the Exchange Act and the corporate governance standards imposed on compensation committees under the listing requirements imposed by any national securities exchange on which the Bank lists or seeks to list its securities.

**"Dividend Equivalent Rights"** means the right, associated with a Restricted Stock Unit, to receive a payment, in cash or Stock, as applicable, equal to the amount of dividends paid on a share of Stock, as specified in the Award Agreement.

"Employee" means any person employed by the Bank or a Subsidiary, including Directors who are employed by the Bank or a Subsidiary.

"Exchange" means any national securities exchange on which the Stock may from time to time be listed or traded.

"Exchange Act" means the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended and the rules, regulations and guidance promulgated thereunder, as modified from time to time.

"Exercise Price" means the price established with respect to a Stock Option pursuant to Section 2.2.

**"Fair Market Value"** on any date, means (i) if the Stock is listed on an Exchange, national market system or automated quotation system, the closing sales price on that Exchange or over such system on that date or, in the absence of reported sales on that date, the closing sales price on the immediately preceding date on which sales were reported, or (ii) if the Stock is not listed on an Exchange, national market system or automated quotation system, "Fair Market Value" shall mean a price determined by the Committee in good faith on the basis of objective criteria consistent with the requirements of Code Section 422 and applicable provisions of Section 409A.

"Good Reason." A termination of employment by an Employee Participant shall be deemed a termination of employment for "Good Reason" as a result of the Participant's resignation from the employ of the Bank or any Subsidiary upon the occurrence of any of the following events:

(i) a material reduction in Participant's base salary or base compensation;

(ii) a material diminution in Participant's authority, duties or responsibilities without the written consent of Participant;

(iii) a change in the geographic location at which Participant must perform his duties that is more than thirty (30) miles from the location of Participant's principal workplace on the date of this Agreement; or

(iv) in the event a Participant is a party to an employment or change in control agreement that provides a definition for "Good Reason" or a substantially similar term, then the occurrence of any event set forth in such definition.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, in the event an Award is subject to Code Section 409A, then "**Good Reason**" shall be defined in accordance with Code Section 409A, including the requirement that a Participant gives 60 days' notice to the Bank or the Subsidiary for whom the Participant is employed of the Good Reason condition and the Bank or Subsidiary, as applicable, shall have 30 days to cure the Good Reason condition. Any distribution of an Award subject to Code Section 409A shall be subject to the distribution timing rules of Code Section 409A, including any delay in the distribution of such Award, which rules shall be set forth in the Award Agreement.

"Holding Period" has the meaning ascribed to it in Section 2.8.

"Immediate Family Member" means with respect to any Participant: (i) any of the Participant's children, stepchildren, grandchildren, parents, stepparents, grandparents, spouses, former spouses, siblings, nieces, nephews, mothers-in-law, fathers-in-law, sons-in-law, daughters-in-law, brothers-in-law or sisters-in-law, including relationships created by adoption; (ii) any natural person sharing the Participant's household (other than as a tenant or employee, directly or indirectly, of the Participant); (iii) a trust in which any combination of the Participant and persons described in section (i) and (ii) above own more than fifty percent (50%) of the beneficial interests; (iv) a foundation in which any combination of the Participant and persons described in sections (i) and (ii) above control management of the assets; or (v) any other corporation, partnership, limited liability company or other entity in which any combination of the Participant and persons described in sections (i) and (ii) above control more than fifty percent (50%) of the voting interests.

**"Involuntary Termination"** means the Termination of Service of a Participant by the Bank or Subsidiary, other than a termination for Cause, or termination of employment by an Employee Participant for Good Reason.

"Incentive Stock Option" or "ISO" has the meaning ascribed to it in Section 2.1(a).

**"Non-Qualified Option"** means the right to purchase shares of Stock that is either (i) granted to a Participant who is not an Employee, or (ii) granted to an Employee and either is not designated by the Committee to be an ISO or does not satisfy the requirements of Section 422 of the Code.

"Performance Award" means an Award that vests in whole or in part upon the achievement of one or more specified performance measures, as determined by the Committee. Regardless of whether an Award is subject to the attainment of one or more performance measures, the Committee may also condition the vesting thereof upon the continued Service of the Participant. The conditions for grant or vesting and the other provisions of a Performance Award (including without limitation any applicable performance measures) need not be the same with respect to each recipient. A Performance Award shall vest, or as to Restricted Stock Units be settled, after the Committee has determined that the performance goals have been satisfied.

Performance measures can include, but are not limited to: book value or tangible book value per share; basic earnings per share (*e.g.*, earnings before interest and taxes, earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortization; or earnings per share); basic cash earnings per share; diluted earnings per share; return on equity; net income or net income before taxes; net interest income; non-interest income; non-interest expense to average assets ratio; cash general and administrative expense to average assets ratio; efficiency ratio; cash efficiency ratio; financial return ratios; adjusted earnings, capital; increase in revenue; total shareholder return; net operating income, operating income; net interest margin or net interest rate spread; stock price; assets, growth in assets, loans or deposits, asset quality level, charge offs, loan reserves, non-performing assets, loans, deposits, growth of loans, loan production volume, non-performing loans, deposits or assets; regulatory compliance or safety and soundness; achievement of balance sheet or income statement objectives and strategic business objectives, or any combination of these or other measures.

Performance measures may be based on the performance of the Bank and may be measured relative to a peer group, an index or a business plan and may be considered as absolute measures or changes in measures. The terms of an Award may provide that partial achievement of performance measures may result in partial payment or vesting of the award or that the achievement of the performance measures may be measured over more than one period or fiscal year. In establishing any performance measures, the Committee may provide for the exclusion of the effects of the following items, to the extent the exclusion is set forth in the Participant's Award Agreement and identified in the audited financial statements of the Bank, including footnotes, or in the Management's Discussion and Analysis section of the Bank's annual report or in the Compensation Discussion and Analysis Section, if any, of the Bank's annual proxy statement: (i) extraordinary, unusual, and/or nonrecurring items of gain or loss; (ii) gains or losses on the disposition of a business; (iii) dividends declared on the Bank's stock; (iv) changes in tax or accounting principles, regulations or laws; or (v) expenses incurred in connection with a merger, branch acquisition or similar transaction. Subject to the preceding sentence, if the Committee determines that a change in the business, operations, corporate structure or capital structure of the Bank or the manner in which the Bank conducts its business or other events or circumstances render current performance measures to be unsuitable, the Committee may modify such performance measures, in whole or in part, as the Committee deems appropriate. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein, performance measures relating to any Award hereunder will be modified, to the extent applicable, to reflect a change in the outstanding shares of Stock of the Bank by reason of any stock dividend or stock split, or a corporate transaction, such as a merger of the Bank into another corporation, any separation of a corporation or any partial or complete liquidation by the Bank. If a Participant is promoted, demoted or transferred to a different business unit during a performance period, the Committee may determine that the selected performance measures or applicable performance period are no longer appropriate, in which case, the Committee, in its sole discretion, may: (i) adjust, change or eliminate the performance measures or change the applicable performance period; or (ii) cause to be made a cash payment to the Participant in an amount determined by the Committee.

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"Restricted Stock" or "Restricted Stock Award" has the meaning ascribed to it in Sections 2.1(b)

"Restricted Stock Unit" has the meaning ascribed to it in Sections 2.1(c) and 2.4.

"Restriction Period" has the meaning set forth in Section 2.4(b)(iii).

"**Retirement**" means termination of employment after attainment of age 65 (other than termination for Cause) with 5 years of continuous Service, or discontinuance of service as a Director following attainment of age 75 (unless otherwise provided in an Award Agreement). An Employee who is also a Director shall not be deemed to have terminated due to Retirement for purposes of vesting of Awards and exercise of Stock Options until both Service as an Employee and Service as a Director has ceased. A non-employee Director will be deemed to have terminated due to Retirement under the provisions of this Plan only if the non-employee Director has terminated Service on the Board of Directors of the Bank or affiliate in accordance with applicable Bank policy, following the provision of written notice to such Board(s) of Directors of the non-employee Director's intention to retire.

"SEC" means the United States Securities and Exchange Commission.

"Securities Act" means the Securities Act of 1933, as amended and the rules, regulations and guidance promulgated thereunder and modified from time to time.

"Service" means service as an Employee or non-employee Director of the Bank or a Subsidiary, as the case may be, and shall include service as a director emeritus or advisory director. Service shall not be deemed interrupted in the case of (i) any approved leave of absence for military service or sickness, or for any other purpose approved by the Bank or a Subsidiary, if the employee's right to re-employment is guaranteed either by a statute or by contract or under the policy pursuant to which the leave of absence was granted or if the Committee otherwise so provides in writing, (ii) transfers among the Bank, any Subsidiary, or any successor entities, in any capacity of Employee or Director, or (iii) any change in status as long as the individual remains in the service of the Bank or a Subsidiary in any capacity as Employee or Director (except as otherwise provided in the Award Agreement).

"Stock" means the common stock of the Bank, \$0.01 par value per share.

"Stock Option" has the meaning ascribed to it in Sections 2.1(a) and 2.2.

"**Subsidiary**" means any corporation, affiliate, company or other entity which would be a subsidiary corporation with respect to the Bank as defined in Code Section 424(f) and, other than with respect to an ISO, shall also mean any partnership or joint venture in which the Bank and/or other Subsidiary owns more than fifty percent (50%) of the capital or profits interests.

"**Termination of Service**" means the first day occurring on or after a grant date on which the Participant ceases to be an Employee or Director (including a director emeritus or advisory director), regardless of the reason for such cessation, subject to the following:

(1) The Participant's cessation of Service as an Employee shall not be deemed to occur by reason of the transfer of the Participant between the Bank and a Subsidiary or between two Subsidiaries.

(2) The Participant's cessation as an Employee shall not be deemed to occur by reason of the Participant's being on a bona fide leave of absence from the Bank or a Subsidiary approved by the Bank or Subsidiary otherwise receiving the Participant's Services provided the leave of absence does not exceed six (6) months, or if longer, so long as the Employee retains a right to reemployment with the Bank or Subsidiary under an applicable statute or by contract. For these purposes, a leave of absence constitutes a bona fide leave of absence only if there is a reasonable expectation that the Employee will return to perform Services for the Bank or Subsidiary. If the period of leave exceeds six (6) months and the Employee does not retain a right to reemployment under an applicable statute or by contract, the employment relationship is deemed to terminate on the first day immediately following the six (6) month period. For purposes of this sub-section, to the extent applicable, an Employee's leave of absence shall be interpreted by the Committee in a manner consistent with Treasury Regulation Section 1.409A-1(h)(1).

(3) If, as a result of a sale or other transaction, the Subsidiary for whom Participant is employed ceases to be a Subsidiary, and the Participant is not, following the transaction, an Employee of the Bank or an entity that is then a Subsidiary, then the occurrence of the transaction shall be treated as the Participant's Termination of Service caused by the Participant being discharged by the entity by which the Participant is employed or to whom the Participant is providing Services.

(4) Except to the extent Code Section 409A may be applicable to an Award, and subject to the foregoing paragraphs of this sub-section, the Committee shall have discretion to determine if a Termination of Service has occurred and the date on which it occurred. If any Award under the Plan constitutes Deferred Compensation (as defined in **Section 2.6**), the term Termination of Service shall be interpreted by the Committee in a manner consistent with the definition of "Separation from Service" as defined under Code Section 409A and under Treasury Regulation Section 1.409A-1(h)(ii). For purposes of this Plan, a "Separation from Service" shall have occurred if the employer and Participant reasonably anticipate that no further Services will be performed by the Participant after the date of the Termination of Service (whether as an employee or as an independent contractor) or the level of further Services performed will be less than fifty percent (50%) of the average level of bona fide Services in the thirty-six (36) months immediately preceding the Termination of Service. If a Participant is a "Specified Employee," as defined in Code Section 409A and any payment to be made hereunder shall be determined to be subject to Code Section 409A, then if required by Code Section 409A, the payment or a portion of the payment (to the

minimum extent possible) shall be delayed and shall be paid on the first day of the seventh month following Participant's Separation from Service.

(5) With respect to a Participant who is a Director, cessation as a Director will not be deemed to have occurred if the Participant continues as a director emeritus or advisory director. With respect to a Participant who is both an Employee and a Director, termination of employment as an Employee shall not constitute a Termination of Service for purposes of the Plan so long as the Participant continues to provide Service as a Director or director emeritus or advisory director.

Section 8.2 In this Plan, unless otherwise stated or the context otherwise requires, the following uses apply:

(a) Actions permitted under this Plan may be taken at any time and from time to time in the actor's reasonable discretion;

(b) References to a statute shall refer to the statute and any successor statute, and to all regulations promulgated under or implementing the statute or its successor, as in effect at the relevant time;

(c) In computing periods from a specified date to a later specified date, the words "from" and "commencing on" (and the like) mean "from and including," and the words "to," "until" and "ending on" (and the like) mean "to, but excluding";

(d) References to a governmental or quasi-governmental agency, authority or instrumentality shall also refer to a regulatory body that succeeds to the functions of the agency, authority or instrumentality;

(e) Indications of time of day mean Eastern time;

(f) The word "including" means "including, but not limited to";

(g) All references to sections, schedules and exhibits are to sections, schedules and exhibits in or to this Plan unless otherwise specified;

(h) All words used in this Plan will be construed to be of such gender or number as the circumstances and context require;

(i) The captions and headings of articles, sections, schedules and exhibits appearing in or attached to this Plan have been inserted solely for convenience of reference and shall not be considered a part of this Plan nor shall any of them affect the meaning or interpretation of this Plan or any of its provisions;

(j) Any reference to a document or set of documents in this Plan, and the rights and obligations of the parties under any such documents, shall mean such document or documents as amended from time to time, and any and all modifications, extensions, renewals, substitutions or replacements thereof; and

(k) All accounting terms not specifically defined herein shall be construed in accordance with

GAAP.