

**FRONTIER FINANCIAL CORPORATION**  
**CHARTER OF THE**  
**CORPORATE GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE**  
**OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**I. Purposes of Committee**

The purpose of the Corporate Governance Committee (the “Committee”) of the Board of Directors (the “Board”) of Frontier Financial Corporation (the “Corporation”) is to (i) identify and recommend individuals to the Board for nomination as members of the Board (ii) develop and recommend to the Board, and review on an ongoing basis, a set of corporate governance principles applicable to the Corporation (the “Corporate Governance Guidelines”) and (iii) oversee the evaluation of the performance of the Board and management, including the Corporation’s Chief Executive Officer.

**II. Committee Membership and Removal**

The Committee shall consist solely of three or more independent directors (“Independent Directors”) (as determined by the Board of Directors), each of whom shall satisfy the independence requirements established by the Securities and Exchange Commission, the Nasdaq Stock Market, Inc. (“Nasdaq”) Marketplace Rules and any other applicable regulatory requirements (subject to any applicable exceptions to such requirements). An independent director should not have relationships with the corporation or its management, whether business, employment, charitable or personal, that could impair his or her ability to exercise independent judgement.

The members of the Committee shall be appointed by the the full Board of Directors. The lead independent director shall be a Committee member and will also serve as the chair of this committee. Candidates to fill subsequent vacancies in the Committee shall be recommended by the Board. Members shall serve at the pleasure of the Board and for such term or terms as the Board may determine.

The entire Committee or any individual Committee member may be removed from office with or without cause by the affirmative vote of a majority of the Board. Any Committee member may resign effective upon giving written notice to the Chairman of the Board (unless the notice specifies a later time for the effectiveness of such resignation).

**III. Committee Structure and Operations**

The chairperson shall determine the agenda (taking into consideration suggestions from the members of the Board and management), the frequency and the length of meetings. In addition, any Board member shall be entitled to include additional subjects on the agenda for each Committee meeting, as applicable. Such chairperson shall establish such other rules as may from time to time be necessary and proper for the conduct of business of the Committee. The Committee shall meet in person or telephonically at least once a year at a time determined by the Committee chairperson, with further meetings to occur, or actions to be taken by unanimous written consent, when deemed necessary or desirable by the Committee or its chairperson.

The Committee may invite members of management and other persons to its meetings as it may deem desirable or appropriate. The Committee shall report to the Board summarizing the Committee's actions and any significant issues considered by the Committee.

#### **IV. Committee Duties and Responsibilities**

The duties and responsibilities of the Committee include the following:

1. To make recommendations to the Board from time to time as to changes that the Committee believes to be desirable to the size and/or composition of the Board.

2. Recommend to the Board an individual to be appointed Chairman of the Board, and recommend a term for any such appointment.

3. To identify individuals believed to be qualified to become Board members (including conducting the appropriate and necessary inquiries into the backgrounds and qualifications of possible candidates), to recommend to the Board the nominees to stand for election as directors at the annual meeting of shareholders or, if applicable, at a special meeting of shareholders, and in each case to provide to the Board the Committee's assessment whether such individual would be considered independent. In the case of a vacancy in the office of a director (including a vacancy created by an increase in the size of the Board), the Committee shall recommend to the Board an individual to fill such vacancy. In recommending candidates for Board membership, the Committee shall take into consideration the criteria set forth in the Corporate Governance Guidelines, which include judgment, character, high ethics and standards, integrity, skills, leadership, diversity, experience with businesses and other organizations of comparable size, and the extent to which the candidate would be a desirable addition to the Board and any committees of the Board. The member candidate should have a commitment and willingness to consider matters before the board with objectivity and impartiality. As necessary, the Committee will establish additional criteria for the selection of new directors to serve on the Board. The Corporate Governance Guidelines shall set forth the nomination process with respect to Board membership. The Committee will consider nominations submitted by shareholders so long as such nominations are made in accordance with the procedures set forth in the Corporation's by-laws and the Corporate Governance Guidelines. The Committee will also consider candidates proposed by management and any member of the Board.

4. To develop and recommend to the Board standards to be applied in making determinations as to the absence of material relationships between the Corporation and a director or member of senior management, as well as making the initial assessment as to whether a director is otherwise independent under the Nasdaq Marketplace Rules. The Committee will also recommend to the Board any modifications to these standards that the Committee deems desirable, and provide to the Board the Committee's assessment of which Directors should be deemed independent under any recommended modifications of the standards.

5. Establish procedures for the Committee to exercise oversight of the evaluation of management and the Board. The Committee shall report to the Board following the end of each fiscal year with an evaluation of the Board's performance of its duties and responsibilities during

the preceding fiscal year with the objective of improving the effectiveness of the Board. The performance evaluation shall be conducted in such manner as the Committee deems appropriate.

6. To annually conduct an evaluation of the performance of the Chief Executive Officer and, through its chairperson, to communicate this evaluation to the Chief Executive Officer and the chairperson of the Personnel Committee. The performance evaluation shall be conducted in such manner as the Committee deems appropriate.

7. Make recommendations to the Board with respect to potential successors to the Chief Executive Officer and, with the participation of the Chief Executive Officer, develop and recommend to the Board management succession and career development plans with respect to the Corporation's senior management including, the President, Chief Operating Officer, Chief Financial Officer, Chief Lending Officer, Chief Information Officer and any other officer that the Board deems necessary or appropriate. The Committee should review and concur in the management succession plan at least once a year.

8. Develop and recommend to the Board a set of Corporate Governance Guidelines applicable to the Corporation, and to review the Corporate Governance Guidelines at least once a year.

9. Review a Director's continuation on the Board in the event that (i) a Director's principal occupation or business association changes substantially from the position he or she held when originally invited to join the Board, (ii) a Director becomes involved in a current or potential conflict of interest or (iii) a Director becomes unable to spend the time required to carry out his or her responsibilities as a Director or becomes disabled, and recommend to the Board whether, under the circumstances, such Director should continue to serve on the Board.

10. Prepare and issue the evaluation required under "Performance Evaluation."

11. Review and reassess the adequacy of this charter annually and recommend to the Board any changes deemed appropriate by the Committee.

12. Any other duties or responsibilities expressly delegated to the Committee by the Board from time to time.

## **V. Delegation to Subcommittee**

The Committee may, in its discretion, delegate all or a portion of its duties and responsibilities to a subcommittee of the Committee.

## **VI. Performance Evaluation**

The Committee shall produce and provide to the Board an annual performance evaluation of the Committee, which evaluation shall compare the performance of the Committee with the requirements of this charter. The performance evaluation shall also recommend to the Board any improvements to the Committee's charter deemed necessary or desirable by the Committee. The performance evaluation by the Committee shall be conducted in such manner as the Committee deems appropriate. The report to the Board may take the form of an oral report by the

chairperson of the Committee or any other individual designated by the Committee to make this report.

## **VII. Resources and Authority of the Committee**

The Committee shall have the resources and authority appropriate to discharge its duties and responsibilities, including the authority to select, retain, terminate and approve the fees and other retention terms of special counsel or other experts or consultants, as it deems appropriate, without seeking approval of the Board or management. The Committee also shall have sole authority to retain and to terminate any search firm to be used to assist it in identifying candidates to serve as directors of the Corporation, including sole authority to approve fees payable to such search firm and other terms of retention.