

FIRST HAWAIIAN, INC.
CORPORATE GOVERNANCE GUIDELINES
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Purpose

The Board of Directors (the “Board”) of First Hawaiian, Inc. (the “Company”), acting on the recommendation of its Corporate Governance and Nominating Committee (the “Committee”), has developed and adopted the following Corporate Governance Guidelines (the “Guidelines”). The Board has overall responsibility for overseeing the Company’s long-term financial performance, including the development of strategic plans for the Company’s business, and for determining that the Company is managed in such a way to achieve this result. These Guidelines promote the functioning of the Board and its committees and set forth a common set of expectations as to how the Board should perform its functions.

Board Membership

Size of Board. The Amended and Restated Bylaws of the Company (the “Bylaws”) provide that the Board will consist of no less than five directors. In accordance with the Bylaws, the number of directors on the Board may be designated from time to time by resolution of the Board. The Board shall seek to set the number of directors as appropriate to ensure it provides for sufficient mix of skills, qualifications and experience while also facilitating input and substantive discussions in which each director can meaningfully participate.

Board Composition. It is the policy of the Board, consistent with the rules of The NASDAQ Stock Market (“NASDAQ”), that there will be a majority of “independent” directors on the Board. To qualify as “independent”, a director must (a) not be or have been within the previous three years an officer or employee of the Company or its subsidiaries, (b) not have a relationship which, in the opinion of the Board, would interfere with the exercise of independent judgment in carrying out the responsibilities of a director, and (c) otherwise qualify as an “Independent Director” under the rules of NASDAQ. To assist with independence determinations, directors are required to annually complete questionnaires.

Selection of Directors. The Committee is responsible for identifying, evaluating and recommending to the Board candidates to be appointed or nominated for election or re-election as directors or to fill vacancies on the Board that may occur between annual meetings of stockholders (including newly-created directorships resulting from an increase in the authorized number of directors on the Board) in accordance with the criteria set forth in the Committee’s charter and these Guidelines. The Committee gives appropriate consideration to candidates for Board membership proposed by stockholders and evaluates such candidates in the same manner as other candidates identified by or submitted to the Committee.

Board Membership Criteria. The Committee works with the Board to determine the appropriate mix of characteristics, backgrounds, qualifications, skills and experience for the Board as a whole and for individual directors. In evaluating the suitability of individuals for Board membership, the Committee takes into account many factors. Those include, among others:

- whether the individual meets various independence requirements;
- General understanding of the varied disciplines relevant to the success of a publicly traded company in today's business environment;
- Understanding of the Company's business and markets;
- Professional expertise and educational background;
- Personal qualities and characteristics, accomplishments and reputation in the business community;
- Current knowledge and contacts in the communities in which the Company does business and in the Company's industry or other industries relevant to the Company's business;
- Ability and willingness to commit adequate time to Board and committee matters;
- The fit of the individual's skills and personality with those of other directors and potential directors in building a Board that is effective, collegial and responsive to the needs of the Company; and
- other factors as the Committee deems appropriate.

The Committee evaluates each individual in the context of the Board as a whole, with the objective of recruiting and recommending a slate of directors that can best perpetuate the Company's success and represent stockholder interests through the exercise of sound judgment. In determining whether to recommend a director for re-nomination, the Committee also considers the director's attendance at, participation in, and contributions to Board and committee activities.

Invitation. The invitation to join the Board should be extended by the Board itself via the Chairperson, together with an independent director, when deemed appropriate.

Orientation and Continuing Education. Management, working with the Board, provides an orientation process for new directors, including background material on the Company and its strategy, industry, business plan and risk profile as well as other areas relevant to their service on the Board, and meetings with senior management. Each director is expected to remain informed about the Company and its activities, the community in which it operates, industry conditions affecting banking and financial services companies generally and the principal businesses in which the Company is involved. Periodically, management should prepare additional educational sessions for directors on matters relevant to the Company, its business plan and risk profile. To facilitate this participation, the Company will endeavor to make the directors aware of available director education programs and will pay the reasonable expenses of any director attending approved director education programs. Likewise, chairpersons of Board committees are encouraged to utilize their respective committee meetings to introduce timely educational topics or information associated with the committee's priorities and goals.

Majority Voting for Directors. In accordance with the Bylaws, unless the Secretary of the Company determines that the number of director nominees exceeds the number of directors to be

elected as of the record date for any meeting of the shareholders, a nominee must receive more votes cast “for” than “against” his or her election or re-election in order to be elected or re-elected to the Board. A director who fails to receive the required number of votes for re-election in accordance with the Bylaws shall immediately tender his or her resignation to the Board. The Committee shall make a recommendation to the Board as to whether to accept or reject the tendered resignation, or whether other action should be taken. The Committee and the Board, in making their decisions, may consider any factor or other information that they deem relevant. The Board shall act on the tendered resignation, taking into account the Committee’s recommendation, and shall publicly disclose its decision regarding the resignation and the basis for the decision within ninety (90) days after the results of the election are certified. If the resignation is not accepted, the director will continue to serve until the next annual meeting of stockholders and until the director’s successor is elected and qualified, or until the earlier of the director’s death, resignation or removal. The Board shall not nominate such director to stand for re-election at the next annual meeting of stockholders. A director whose resignation is under consideration must abstain from participating in any recommendation or decision regarding that resignation.

If each member of the Committee fails to receive the required vote in favor of his or her election in the same election, then those independent directors who did receive the required vote shall appoint a committee amongst themselves to consider the resignation offers and recommend to the Board whether to accept them. However, if the only directors who receive the required vote in the same election constitute three or fewer directors, all directors may participate in the action regarding whether to accept the resignation offers.

Director Succession Planning. The Committee engages in regular succession planning for the Board, the committees of the Board and key leadership roles on the Board (including the Chairperson of the Board (the “Chairperson”) and the chair of each committee). As part of this succession planning process, the Committee considers the composition and tenure of the current directors and the mix of skills, expertise and experiences on the Board.

Board Leadership

Selection of Chairperson and CEO. The Committee is responsible for identifying and recommending candidates for nomination as the Chairperson and the Chief Executive Officer (the “CEO”) in accordance with the criteria set forth in the Committee’s charter. The Board is responsible for electing candidates to these roles, and the Board regularly evaluates whether the positions of Chairperson and CEO should continue to be filled by one individual, or whether they should be filled by two different individuals.

In order to help ensure robust independent leadership on the Board, at any time when the Chairperson is not independent, the Board shall designate an independent director to serve as Lead Independent Director, who shall have the following powers and duties:

- presiding at all meetings of the Board at which the Chairperson and CEO is not present;
- presiding at executive sessions of the independent directors;
- reviewing and approving, in consultation with the Chairperson, meeting agendas, meeting schedules and information sent to the Board;

- serving as a liaison between the Chairperson and CEO and the independent directors;
- having the authority to call meetings of directors, including separate meetings or executive sessions of the independent directors;
- facilitating discussion among the independent directors on key issues and concerns outside of full meetings of the Board; and
- being available for consultation and direct communication with stockholders, as appropriate.

Continuation as Directors

Director Term. Each director holds office until his or her successor is elected and qualified.

Board Refreshment; No Term Limits. The Board recognizes the importance of periodic board refreshment and maintaining an appropriate balance of tenure, experience, qualifications, attributes and skills on the Board. The Board values the contributions of fresh perspectives, as well as directors who have been able to develop insight into the Company and its operations over a period of time. As a result, the Board does not believe it should establish term limits. As an alternative to strict term limits, the Committee reviews each director's continuation on the Board annually, taking into account factors including the needs and composition of the Board and the contributions and qualifications of the director.

Retirement Age. No person will be nominated for election or re-election to the Board if he or she will attain the age of 75 before such election or re-election.

Change in Personal Circumstances. Any director who retires, or makes a significant change to his or her principal employment or experiences a significant change in his or her personal circumstances that reasonably may have an adverse effect on the director's service on the Board, including his or her independence or the Company's business or reputation, must tender his or her resignation to the Board. The Committee then will review the appropriateness of that director's continued service on the Board in light of the new circumstances and will make a recommendation to the Board as to whether the resignation should be accepted.

Expectations of Directors

The business and affairs of the Company are managed by or under the direction of the Board in accordance with Delaware law. In performing their duties, the primary responsibility of the directors is to exercise their business judgment in the best interests of the Company and its stockholders. To promote the discharge of this responsibility and the efficient conduct of the Board's business, the Board has developed several specific expectations of directors, which are set forth below. Expectations of directors include but are not limited to the following.

Attendance and Participation. Each director is expected to attend Board meetings, meetings of the committees on which the director serves and the annual meeting of the Company's stockholders. Directors may attend by telephone, video conference or similar communications equipment, which must enable all directors participating in the meeting to simultaneously hear

each other during the meeting, in which case the remote participation will constitute presence in person at the meeting. To facilitate active and effective participation in Board and committee deliberations, each director should be sufficiently familiar with the business of the Company, including its financial statements and capital structure, and the risks and competition it faces. Upon request, management will make appropriate personnel available to answer questions a director may have about aspects of the Company's business. Directors should also review the materials provided by management and advisors in advance of the meetings of the Board and its committees and should arrive prepared to discuss the issues presented.

Loyalty and Ethics. In their roles as directors, all directors owe a duty of loyalty to the Company. This duty of loyalty mandates that the best interests of the Company take precedence over any interests possessed by a director. The Company has adopted a Code of Conduct and Ethics (the "Code"), which sets forth the Company's commitment to integrity and ethical behavior in all aspects of its business activity. Certain portions of the Code deal with activities of directors, particularly with respect to transactions in the securities of the Company, potential conflicts of interest, the taking of corporate opportunities for personal use and competing with the Company. Directors should be familiar with the Code's provisions, especially in these areas, and are expected to adhere to the Code, as well as the Company's other ethics policies and guidelines, such as the Related Party Transaction Policy and Insider Trading Policy. Directors should consult with the General Counsel of the Company in the event of any issues.

Other Directorships. Each director must have sufficient time to devote to Company matters and availability to participate actively in Board and committee activities. While the Company values the experience directors bring from other boards on which they serve, the Company recognizes that those boards may present demands on a director's time and availability and may also present conflicts or other legal issues. Accordingly, directors should inform and advise the Committee and the Chairperson before joining the board of any other public company board or other entity, as well as before accepting significant commitments that involve affiliation with other business or governmental entities. The Board's policy, unless waived by a resolution of the Board, is that no director may serve on more than three other public company boards. In addition, any director who serves as an executive officer of a public company may not serve on more than two public company boards, including the Board. The CEO and other management members of the Board also must seek approval of the Committee before accepting outside board memberships.

Confidentiality. The proceedings and deliberations of the Board and its committees are confidential. Each director must maintain the confidentiality of such meetings and discussions as well as any information received in connection with his or her service as a director.

Reviewing and Approving Significant Transactions. Board approval is appropriate for particular transactions. In determining whether Board approval is necessary, the Board should consider the following factors as relating to the particular transaction:

- legal or regulatory requirements,
- the materiality of the transaction to the Company's financial performance, risk profile or business,
- the terms of the transaction, and

- other factors, such as the entering into of a new line of business or a variation from the Company's strategic plan.

To the extent the Board determines it to be appropriate, the Board will develop standards to be utilized by management in determining types of transactions that should be submitted to the Board for review and approval or notification.

Board Meetings

Number. The Board shall meet as frequently as it may determine necessary or appropriate in light of the circumstances, provided that the Board will have no less than four scheduled meetings each year. The Board may hold one or more special meetings during each year whenever called by the Chairperson, the Lead Independent Director or the Board. The Board may also act by unanimous written consent in lieu of a meeting.

Agenda. Information and data that are important to directors' understanding of the business to be conducted at a Board meeting generally should be distributed in writing to directors prior to each meeting. While the Chairperson, in consultation with the Lead Independent Director, will establish the agenda for each Board meeting, directors are encouraged to suggest the inclusion of additional items on the agenda.

Executive Sessions. To ensure free and open discussion and communication among independent directors of the Board, the independent directors of the Board will meet in regularly scheduled executive sessions at least twice a year, outside the presence of management. Executive sessions may be scheduled more frequently as necessary or desirable and may be called by the Chairperson, the Lead Independent Director, the Board or a majority of the independent directors. If a Lead Independent Director has been appointed, the Lead Independent Director will preside at executive sessions. If no Lead Independent Director has been appointed or the Lead Independent Director is absent, the independent directors shall designate the director who will preside at the executive sessions.

Committees of the Board

Standing Committees. The Company shall have at least the committees required by NASDAQ rules. The Board currently has a Corporate Governance and Nominating Committee, an Audit Committee, a Compensation Committee and a Risk Committee. Each of the Corporate Governance and Nominating Committee, Audit Committee and Compensation Committee must continue to conform to NASDAQ rules, and the Audit Committee must continue to conform to Rule 10A-3 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the "Exchange Act"). From time to time, the Board may form new committees as it deems appropriate and dissolve or otherwise reconfigure existing committees, subject to compliance with applicable law and NASDAQ rules. Each committee operates pursuant to its own written charter.

Independence and Qualifications of Standing Committee Members. Except as permitted by NASDAQ Rule 5605, all members of the Corporate Governance and Nominating Committee, Audit Committee and Compensation Committee must meet the criteria for independence established by NASDAQ rules. Audit Committee members also must meet the criteria for independence set forth in Rule 10A-3(b)(1) of the Exchange Act, and Compensation Committee members must satisfy the additional eligibility requirements imposed by NASDAQ rules. The

required qualifications for the members of each committee are set out in the respective committee's charter. A director may serve on more than one committee for which he or she qualifies.

Attendance. Each director will be provided advance notice of all committee or subcommittee meetings, whether or not such director serves on any such committee or subcommittee. Any director may attend any committee or subcommittee meeting as a non-voting observer (except for any meetings or portions of any meetings in which a director is deemed to have a conflict of interest); provided that any committee or subcommittee will have the right to hold sessions consisting only of members of such committee or subcommittee and invited guests present, as such committee or subcommittee considers appropriate.

Reliance on Management and Outside Advice

Access to Management. In performing its functions, the Board is entitled to rely in good faith on the advice, reports and opinions of management. Directors have complete access to the Company's senior management, although directors must use judgment to ensure that this contact is not distracting to the business operations of the Company. The Board encourages senior management to bring members of management to Board meetings when managers can provide additional insight into items being discussed because of personal involvement and substantial knowledge in those areas.

Independent Advice. The Board and any of its committees may hire independent advisors, including counsel, accountants, auditors and other experts, to assist in carrying out the duties of the Board or committees, and the Company will pay the reasonable fees and expenses of those advisors. The Board and each committee will have the authority to retain and approve the fees and retention terms of outside advisors it retains.

Contact with Other Constituencies

It is important that the Company speak to employees and outside constituencies with a single voice, and that management serve as the primary spokesperson. Thus, directors should refer inquiries from stockholders, analysts, the press or customers to appropriate members of senior management. If a situation does arise in which it seems necessary for a non-employee director to speak on behalf of the Company to one of these constituencies, the director should consult with the CEO.

Executive and Board Compensation

CEO Compensation. The Board, acting through the Compensation Committee, evaluates the performance of the CEO and the Company against the Company's goals and objectives and determines the compensation level of the CEO.

Management Compensation. The Board, acting through the Compensation Committee, evaluates and approves the proposals for overall compensation policies applicable to executive officers.

Non-Employee Director Compensation. The Board, acting through the Compensation Committee, should conduct at least once every three years a review of the components and amount of the compensation for non-employee directors in relation to other similarly situated companies.

Board compensation should be consistent with market practices but should not be set at a level that would call into question the Board's objectivity.

Management Succession Planning

The Board realizes the importance of continuity at the executive level of management and coordinates with the CEO to ensure that a succession plan is in place for selecting a successor to the CEO position as well as other executive officer positions, both in an emergency situation and in the ordinary course of business. The succession plan includes a formalized process governing long-term management development and succession, as well as an assessment of the experience, performance, skills and planned career paths for possible successors to the CEO or other executive officer position. The CEO reviews and discusses with the Compensation Committee, and the CEO and Compensation Committee reports to the Board annually with respect to, the development of the succession plan, and the Board reviews the plan.

Corporate Social Responsibility

The Company has a longstanding commitment to corporate social responsibility, including sustainability, environmental stewardship, employee health, safety and wellbeing, human rights, community impact, and cultivating an inclusive workforce. In support of this commitment, the Board, through its committees, reviews the Company's policies, practices, initiatives and disclosures, and provides guidance to management, with respect to corporate social responsibility matters.

Evaluating Board Performance

The Board, acting through the Committee, conducts a self-evaluation at least annually to determine whether it and its committees are functioning effectively. As part of this process, the Committee should periodically consider the mix of skills and experience that directors bring to the Board to assess whether the Board has the necessary tools to perform its oversight function effectively.

As set forth in each committee's charter, each committee of the Board, in consultation with the Committee, conducts a self-evaluation at least annually and reports the results to the Board.

Policy Statement

These Guidelines are a statement of policy and are not intended to change or interpret any federal or state law or regulation, including the Delaware General Corporation Law, or the Amended and Restated Articles of Incorporation or Bylaws of the Company. The Guidelines are subject to review by the Committee not less than annually and to modification from time to time by the Board.