

# DALLAS DOWNTOWN ASSOCIATION

## BYLAWS

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### **ARTICLE I: Purpose**

The Dallas Downtown Association (DDA) fosters a vibrant historic downtown through restoration, economic vitality, arts, and community engagement by working together to ensure a sustainable and inclusive destination for all.

### **ARTICLE II: Powers**

- a. *General Powers:* The DDA shall carry on such activity and business as may be authorized for a corporation organized under the Oregon Nonprofit Corporation Act; provided, that the DDA shall not carry on any activities not permitted to be carried on by a corporation exempt from Federal income tax under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, or of any other provision of the Articles of Incorporation. The organization is organized exclusively for charitable purposes under IRC Section 501(c)(3), or corresponding section of any future federal tax code.
- b. *Investment Powers:* The DDA may invest both in assets secured by the DDA, and services provided by the DDA resulting in development, as program-related investments. The DDA shall use any returns from such investment for furtherance of the purposes for which the DDA is organized. No portions of the returns shall inure to the benefit of any sustainer, director, officer, or staff member of the DDA.

### **ARTICLE III: Boundaries and Sustainership**

- a. *Boundaries:* The official boundaries of the Dallas Downtown Association will encompass the same as the Downtown Urban Renewal District as defined by the City of Dallas.  
*Sustainership:* The DDA is a sustainership organization. Any individual, business, or organization desiring to become a sustainer of the DDA may file an application for sustainership in such form as the board of directors shall prescribe.
- b. *Contributions:* The board of directors may establish annual optional contributions as it deems appropriate. Such establishment of contributions shall include specification of acceptable method(s) of payment.

## **ARTICLE IV: Sustainership Meetings**

- a. *General Sustainership Meetings:* The general sustainership organization shall meet as determined by the board of directors, provided that at a minimum, a general sustainership annual meeting takes place in November. Special general meetings may be called by the board of directors. Meetings may be held by remote communication, subject to the provisions of ORS 65.205.
- b. *Annual Meeting:* The DDA annual meeting shall be in November, whether in person or by remote communication as the board of directors may direct. The purpose of the annual meeting shall be to present the board of director candidates for the DDA for the following year and present an overview of the previous year and goals for the following year.
- c. *Notice:* Notice of the annual meeting shall be provided no fewer than thirty (30) days before the meeting. Notice of all special meetings shall be provided no fewer than seven (7) days before the meeting, as per O.R.S. 65.214. Remote communication of the meeting can include, but not be limited to, email, phone, and text.

## **ARTICLE V: Directors**

- a. *Duties:* The board of directors shall manage, set policy for, and oversee the management of affairs of the DDA. They shall control its property, be responsible for its finances, formulate its policy, direct its affairs, and conduct DDA business. The board of directors may appoint an Executive Director, Program Manager, or other support staff as it deems appropriate. The board of directors may enter into contracts necessary to accomplish the DDA's goals.
- b. The board of directors shall consist of seven (7) to thirteen (13) directors, and at least two (2) ex officio non-voting directors: one (1) from the City of Dallas and one (1) being the current mayor of the City of Dallas. The board shall include all of the following:
  - i. At least one (1) Director from a downtown business
  - ii. At least one (1) Director from a non-retail business or nonprofit
  - iii. No more than one (1) Director from a single business
- c. *Term:* Each Director shall be elected to a three (3) year term. A term shall begin on January 1st following the election and end on December 31st of the term's third year. No director shall be elected to more than two (2) consecutive terms in succession.
- d. *Nominations:* When seeking new candidates for the Board of Directors, a

nominating committee shall be appointed by the board of directors. The committee's nominations shall be provided to the Secretary at least one (1) month prior to the annual meeting.

- e. *Elections:* New directors shall be elected by the current board of directors within one month of the annual meeting. Elections may be conducted by ballot, or electronically as determined by the board of directors.
- d. *Vacancies:* A Director may resign at any time by giving written notice to the DDA President or Vice President. A vacancy in the board of directors may be filled for the balance of the unexpired term by action of a majority of the remaining directors. A Director elected by the board of directors to complete a resigning Director's term is still eligible to be elected and serve two (2) more three (3) year terms. (See Article V, Part C) A Director's unexcused absence from three (3) consecutive board of directors meetings shall cause the Director's position to be deemed vacant.
- e. *Meetings:* Deleted: The board of directors shall determine its meeting schedule, provided that it shall meet at least ten (10) times per year. Amended and replaced 11.13.2025: The board of directors shall determine its meeting schedule, provided that it shall meet at most ten (10) times per year. The President and/or any three (3) Directors may call a meeting of the board of directors. A majority of the whole body of the board of directors (at any given time) must be present to constitute a quorum for the purpose of voting. No notice to Directors is required for regular meetings of the Board. Notice of the date, time and place of special meetings shall be given to Directors at least two (2) days before the meeting.
- f. *Vote Requirements:* A majority of the current board shall be the majority needed to vote on matters to the DDA, so long as that number meets quorum requirements.
- g. *Compensation:* Individual Directors shall receive no compensation for their services as Directors, but the board of directors may, by resolution, authorize reasonable reimbursement for the expenses of a director incurred in the performance of their duties. Nothing herein shall preclude a director from serving the DDA in any other capacity and receiving reasonable compensation for such service.
- h. *Liability:* Individuals on the board of directors shall not be personally liable for the DDA's debts, liabilities, or other obligations.
- i. *Use of Electronic Mail or Other Electronic Means:* The board of directors may use electronic mail or other electronic means to discuss and take action as provided in ORS 65.212.

- j. *Board of Director Relationships:* Individuals who are related by blood or marriage, or who have a step-parent or step-child relationship, shall not be permitted to serve at the same time on the board of directors.

## **ARTICLE VI: Officers**

- a. *Officers:* The following officers shall be elected by the board of directors at the December board meeting: President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. Each officer shall serve a one (1) year term, until the election of their respective successors. A Director who is an officer at the end of his or her term as Director shall continue to hold his or her office until the election of his or her successor in office. It is possible for an officer to serve a second term, if elected by the board of directors. In the event that one officer resigns and another Director is elected to complete the officer's term, the new officer will have been considered to have served a full term at the end of that year, and will only be eligible to be elected to one (1) more one (1) year term.
- b. *Duties of the President:* The President shall be the principal officer of the DDA and shall preside at meetings of the board of directors and the general meeting. The President shall also have general supervision, direction, and control of affairs of the DDA. The President shall be entitled to vote in the same manner as other Directors. The President shall sign all documents pertaining to the DDA for which the President's signature is necessary.
- c. *Duties of the Vice President:* The Vice President shall perform the duties of the President in the absence of the President and serve in such other capacities as the President may direct.
- d. *Duties of the Secretary:* The Secretary shall record accurate minutes, preserve a permanent file for all records, conduct correspondence, notify the board of directors of meetings, and publicize the DDA activities and accomplishments.
- e. *Duties of the Treasurer:* The Treasurer shall have charge of all DDA monies. He or she shall report receipts and expenditures to the board of directors monthly, pay all authorized bills, and arrange for an independent review of financial matters as required by the bylaws. At the Annual Meeting, and at regular board of directors' meetings, the Treasurer shall provide a report and summary statement on the financial affairs of the DDA.

## **ARTICLE VII Committees**

- a. The DDA Board of Directors may appoint standing committees to support the

mission and goals of the DDA. Such committees include but are not limited to the following:

- i. Organization (Outreach)
- ii. Promotion
- iii. Design
- iv. Economic Vitality
- b. The board may authorize and define the duties of the committees identified in Part A, above, and such other committees and advisory boards as may be necessary for carrying out the purposes of the corporation.
- c. Each board standing committee must consist of at least one (1) or more Directors. Other participants of these committees, including the committee chair, need not be on the board of directors. The board may appoint individuals to serve on these standing committees or specify a method for selecting participants.
- d. The board may create one (1) or more advisory committees. The board may appoint individuals to serve on an advisory committee or specify a method for selecting participants. Participants of these committees need not be on the board of directors, but at least one (1) Director shall serve on each such committee. These advisory committees shall have no power to act on behalf of, or to exercise the authority of, the board, but may make recommendations to the board or to board committees and may implement board or board committee decisions and policies under the supervision and control of the board or a board committee.

## **ARTICLE VIII: Finances and General Provisions**

- a. *Fiscal Year:* The fiscal year of the DDA shall begin on the first day of January and end on the last day of December.
- b. *Signing Authority:* All checks, drafts, and other instruments used for payment of money and all instruments of transfer of securities shall be signed by an officer designated by the board of directors.
- c. *Financial Report:* A financial report by an independent reviewer (not a Director) shall be prepared annually, and copies made available to sustainers by a request to the board of directors, in accordance to O.R.S 65.774.
- d. *Earnings:* No part of the net earnings of the DDA shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to, its sustainers, directors, officers, or other private persons, except that the DDA shall be authorized and empowered to pay for reasonable expenses for the furtherance of the purposes of this organization.

- e. *Dissolution:* Upon the dissolution of this organization, assets shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of IRC Section 501(c)(3), or corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or shall be distributed to the federal government, or to a state or local government, for a public purpose.

## **ARTICLE IX: Books and Records**

- a. Correct books of account of the activities and transactions of the DDA will be maintained and stored. These shall include a minute book, which shall contain a copy of the Certificate of Incorporation, a copy of these bylaws, and all minutes of the meetings of the board of directors, and all financial statements and income tax returns or Forms 990 of the Corporation. This will be true of all documents prior to December 31, 2020. As of January 1, 2021, all documents will be scanned and saved electronically. Any ballots from voting will be scanned and saved both in hardcopy and digital format.

## **ARTICLE X: Indemnification**

- a. The DDA may indemnify any officer or Director, or former officer or Director, their heirs or assigns, for any and all judgments, settlement amounts, attorneys' fees and litigation expenses incurred by reason of his or her capacity or former capacity as officer or Director of the DDA. The DDA may advance expenses where appropriate. Payments of indemnification shall be reported at the next annual meeting. The provisions of this section also apply to any cause of action arising prior to the adoption of these bylaws. The rights of indemnification set forth herein are not exclusive.
- b. An officer or Director is not entitled to indemnification if the cause of an action is brought by the DDA itself against the officer or Director, or if it is determined in judgment that the officer or Director was derelict in the performance of his or her duties, or had reason to believe his action was unlawful.
- c. No Director, trustee, or any uncompensated officer of the DDA shall be personally liable to the DDA or its sustainers for monetary damages for conduct as a Director, trustee, or any uncompensated officer provided that this Article shall not eliminate the liability of a Director or any uncompensated officer for any act or omission occurring prior to the date when this Article becomes effective and for any act or omission for which elimination of liability is not permitted under the Oregon Nonprofit Corporation Act.

## **ARTICLE XI: Standards of Conduct**

- a. Each Director shall discharge his or her duties on behalf of the DDA in good faith, with the care an ordinarily prudent person in a like position would exercise under similar circumstances and in a manner the Director reasonably believes to be in the best interests of the DDA. The board of directors may adopt a Conflict of Interest Policy, which policy shall supplement the provisions of the bylaws relating to conflicts of interest.
- b. In discharging the duties of a Director, a Director shall be entitled to rely on information, opinions, reports and statements, including financial statements and other financial data, prepared or presented by one or more officers or employees of the DDA whom the Director reasonably believes to be reliable and competent in the matters presented; legal counsel, public accountants, or other persons as to matters the Director believes are within such person's professional or expert competence; and a committee of the board of directors of which the Director is not a participant, as to matters within its jurisdiction, if the Director reasonably believes the committee merits confidence. A Director shall not be liable to the DDA or any other person for any action taken or not taken as a Director, if he or she shall have acted in good faith in compliance with this Article.
- c. For the purpose of this Article, a conflict of interest transaction is a transaction with the DDA in which the Director has a direct or indirect interest; provided that the status of a being a Director and a resident of the City of Dallas, Polk County or State of Oregon shall not, in and of itself, constitute a conflict of interest.
- d. A Director shall declare to the board of directors any conflict of interest or potential conflict of interest on their part which they know or have reason to know, concerning any proposed action of the board of directors. A transaction in which a Director may have a conflict of interest may be approved by the vote of the board of directors or a committee thereof if the material facts of the transaction and the Director's interest are disclosed or known to the board of directors or committee; or by obtaining the approval of the Attorney General of the State of Oregon or any Circuit Court of the State of Oregon in an action in which the Attorney General is joined as a party. A conflict of interest transaction shall not be avoidable nor the basis for imposing liability on a Director if the transaction is fair to the DDA at the time it is entered into or approved as provided herein. For the purposes of this Section, a Director shall be deemed to have an indirect interest in a transaction if another entity in which the Director has a material interest or in which the Director is a general partner is a

party to the transaction; or another entity of which the Director is a director, officer or trustee is a party to the transaction and the transaction is or should be considered by the board of directors of the DDA.

- e. A conflict of interest transaction shall be authorized, approved, or ratified by the affirmative vote of a majority of the Directors who have no direct or indirect interest in the transaction. No conflict of interest transaction may be authorized, approved, or ratified by a single Director. If a majority of the Directors, who have no direct or indirect interest in a transaction vote to authorize, approve, or ratify such transaction, a quorum shall be deemed present for the purpose of taking action under this Article.
- f. No Director shall obtain a loan of money or a guarantee of an obligation from or by the DDA.
- g. No Director, officer or employee shall grant or make available to any person any consideration, treatment, advantage, or favor beyond that which it is the general practice to grant or make available to all members of the public similarly entitled thereto.
- h. No Director, officer or employee shall request, use, or permit the use of any corporate owned or corporate supplied property, vehicles, equipment, material, labor, or service for the personal convenience or the private advantage of such Director or of any other person. This provision shall not be deemed to prohibit any Director, officer, or employee from requesting, using, or permitting the use of such corporate owned and corporate supplied property, vehicles, equipment, material, labor, and service which it is the general practice to make available to the public at large or which are provided as a matter of stated policy for the use of Directors, officers, and employees in the conduct of official business.
- i. No Director, officer, or employee shall request or use any privilege or advantage derived from his or her employment by, or appointment to, the DDA that has not been authorized by the board of directors. Any question respecting such authorization shall be determined by the board of directors prior to the exercise of such privilege or advantage.
- j. No Director, officer, or employee shall appear on behalf of any private person other than himself or herself before the DDA.
- k. No Director, officer, or employee shall give or accept any gift, whether in the form of money, thing, favor, loan, or promise, that would not be offered or given to or by him or her, if he or she were not a Director, officer, or employee. This provision shall

not apply to gifts of nominal value given or received as tokens of appreciation and gifts to officers or employees (other than Directors) conferred by the board of directors.

1. No Director, officer, or employee shall, except in the ordinary course of his or her assigned duties, or without prior formal authorization of the public body having jurisdiction, disclose any confidential information concerning any other Director, officer, or employee, or any other person, or any property or affairs of the DDA. Whether or not it shall involve disclosure, no Director, officer, or employee shall use or permit the use of any such confidential information to advance the financial personal interest of such Director or any other person.
- m. Questions arising under this Article shall be regulated and acted upon by the Directors of the DDA. Upon the sworn complaint of any person alleging facts which, if true, would constitute improper conduct under the provisions of this Article or the Oregon Nonprofit Corporation Act, the Directors shall conduct a hearing, in accordance with all the requirements of due process of law, and make a determination concerning the propriety of the conduct of the Director, officer, or employee complained of. No Director who is charged shall participate in any portion of such proceedings and, if a majority of the board of directors are so charged, the Directors shall request an investigation and recommendation conducted under the auspices of the District Attorney of Polk County, Oregon, or the Oregon Attorney General.
- n. Upon the written request of the Director, officer, or employee concerned, the Directors shall render a written advisory opinion based upon the provisions of this Article.
- o. In the event that the Directors shall make a determination that the conduct of any official or employee was improper, the Directors may, based upon their written findings, conclusions, and determinations, institute appropriate action for censure, suspension, or removal from office of said Director, officer, or employee. Additionally, should the Directors feel such action is necessary, they may refer the matter to appropriate counsel for legal action.

## **ARTICLE XII: Amendments**

- a. *Authority:* The DDA Board of Directors shall have the power to alter, amend, or repeal the bylaws or adopt new bylaws, provided that no such action may be taken if it would in any way adversely affect the DDA's qualifications under the Internal

Revenue Code, corresponding provisions of any subsequent Federal tax law, or the provisions of the Oregon Nonprofit Corporation Act.

- b. *Proposals*: Changes to the bylaws may be proposed by the board of directors.
- c. *Timing*: All proposed amendments shall be voted on by the board and require a majority for approval.

These are the true and current bylaws of the DDA on this date by a vote of the board of directors.

DDA President

Jason Snover 

Date

12/12/27

DDA Board of Director

Date 12/17/2024

