



**Acacia Research
Corporation Second
Amended and Restated
Nominating, Governance and Sustainability**

Effective as of March 10, 2022

The Board of Directors (the “Board”) of Acacia Research Corporation (the “Company”) has established a standing committee to be known as the Nominating and Governance Committee (the “Committee”).

Purpose

The purpose of the Committee is to oversee the Company’s director nomination process and corporate governance functions, including primary responsibility for identifying and nominating candidates for election to the Board of Directors of the Company, and any related matters required by the federal securities laws. In particular, the Committee is appointed by the Board to:

- Identify individuals qualified to become Board members.
- Recommend director nominees to the Board for election at the annual meeting of stockholders.
- Develop and recommend to the Board a set of corporate governance principles applicable to the Company.
- Oversee and administer the Company’s Corporate Code of Conduct.
- Monitor and review the overall adequacy of, and provide oversight with respect to, the Company’s Environmental, Social & Governance (ESG) strategy, initiatives, policies and systems, and climate related risks and opportunities, which will include receiving periodic reports regarding the Company’s ESG efforts and progress from members of management responsible for implementation and oversight of these strategies, initiatives, policies and systems and adopting and implementing such initiatives, policies and systems as the case may be.

Authority

The Committee has authority to take appropriate actions necessary to discharge its responsibilities. Such authority includes but is not limited to the power to:

- Retain outside counsel, accountants, outside advisors, consultants, or others to assist in the conduct of an investigation or as it determines appropriate to advise or assist in the performance of its duties and responsibilities under this Charter. The Committee shall set the compensation, and oversee the work, of any such outside counsel, accountants, outside advisors, consultants or others. The Committee shall receive appropriate funding from the Company, as determined by the Committee in its capacity as a committee of the Board, for the payment of compensation to any such outside counsel, accountants, outside advisors or consultants.
- Seek any information it requires from employees or external parties. Employees and external parties will be directed to cooperate and comply with the Committee's requests.
- Meet with Company officers, external auditors, or outside counsel, as necessary.

Composition

The Committee shall be composed of such number of directors as may be appointed by the Board, but shall have at least two members, each of whom shall meet the independence requirements of the Nasdaq Stock Market LLC rules and the rules of the Securities and Exchange Commission, as determined by the Board. Such members shall be outside directors who are independent of Company management and in a better position to provide the independent point of view crucial to this Committee's effectiveness.

The Board shall appoint the members of the Committee to serve until their successors have been duly designated and shall appoint one member to serve as the chair of the Committee.

Meetings

The Committee shall meet as often as may be deemed necessary or appropriate in its judgment, either in person or telephonically, and at such times and places as the Committee shall determine, such meetings to be called by the chair or at least two other members of the Committee. The Committee shall make regular reports to the Board with respect to its activities.

The Committee may adopt rules for its meetings and activities. In the absence of any such rules, Committee actions shall be governed by the Company's bylaws and applicable law. In all cases, a quorum of the Committee shall be a majority of the persons then serving as members of the Committee. Minutes shall be regularly kept of the Committee's proceedings, by a person appointed by the Committee to do so.

Responsibilities

Among its specific responsibilities, the Committee shall:

- Establish criteria and qualifications for Board membership, including standards for assessing independence. These criteria and qualifications shall include, among other things:

- the highest ethical standards and integrity;
- a willingness to act on and be accountable for Board decisions;
- an ability to provide wise, informed, and thoughtful counsel to top management on a range of issues;
- a history of achievement that reflects high standards for the director candidate and others;
- loyalty and commitment to driving the success of the Company;
- the independence requirements imposed by the Securities and Exchange Commission and the Nasdaq Stock Market LLC, as such may be promulgated from time to time; and
- a background that provides a portfolio of experience and knowledge commensurate with the Company's needs.

In the event that the Committee determines such action to be necessary, it has the authority, in its sole discretion, to retain and terminate a search firm for the purpose of identifying and recruiting director candidates. The Committee shall have the sole authority to approve the search firm's fees and other retention terms.

- Identify and consider candidates, including those recommended by stockholders and others, to fill positions on the Board pursuant to the procedures described in the Company's proxy statement, and assess the contributions and independence of incumbent directors in determining whether to recommend them for reelection to the Board.
- Recommend to the Board candidates for election or reelection at each annual meeting of stockholders.
- Annually review the Company's corporate governance processes, and its governance principles, including such issues as the Board's organization, membership terms, and the structure and frequency of Board meetings, and recommend appropriate changes to the Board.
- Administer the Company's Corporate Code of Conduct and annually review and assess the adequacy of the Corporate Code of Conduct and recommend any proposed changes to the Board. Specifically, the Committee shall discuss with management their compliance with the Corporate Code of Conduct, including any insider and affiliated party transactions, and the Company's procedures to monitor compliance throughout the Company with the Corporate Code of Conduct.
- Review periodically with the Company's Chief Executive Officer and the Board, the succession plans relating to positions held by senior executives, and make

recommendations to the Board regarding the selections of individuals to fill these positions.

- Oversee the continuing education of Company directors and the orientation of new directors.
- Monitor the functions of the Board and its committees, as set forth in their respective charters, and coordinate and oversee annual evaluations of the Board's performance and procedures, including an evaluation of individual directors, and of the Board's committees.
- To review and discuss with management disclosure of the Company's corporate governance practices, including information regarding the operations of the Committee and other Board committees, director independence and the director nominations process, and to recommend that this disclosure be included in the Company's proxy statement or annual report on Form 10-K, as applicable.
- Assess annually the performance of the duties specified in this Charter by the Committee and its individual members.
- Review and evaluate the Company's programs, practices and reporting relating to ESG (Environmental, Social and Governance) issues, including the Company's Human Rights, Environmental, and related policies, and impacts to support the sustainable growth of the Company's business.
- Review and evaluate the Company's programs, practices and reporting relating to climate-related risks and opportunities.