

THE CHEESECAKE FACTORY INCORPORATED

Corporate Governance and Nominating Committee Charter

(Amended and Restated as of October 28, 2021)

ARTICLE I

Purposes

The Board of Directors of The Cheesecake Factory Incorporated has established the Corporate Governance and Nominating Committee (the “Committee”) for the following purposes:

- To review periodically issues and developments related to corporate governance and, as appropriate, make recommendations to the Board of Directors with respect to corporate governance standards;
- To review the Company’s policies on environment, social, and governance (“ESG”) matters and corporate social responsibility (“CSR”) practices and make recommendations to the Board;
- To review and make recommendations to the Board of Directors with respect to stockholder corporate governance proposals;
- To evaluate and recommend to the Board of Directors the establishment and composition and chairpersons of committees of the Board of Directors;
- To facilitate periodic evaluations of the Board of Directors;
- To oversee and recommend programs and activities for the continuing education of members of the Board of Directors, and to determine the amount of the annual allowance for continuing education (with requests for participation in board education programs to be reimbursed by the Company to be pre-approved by the Chair of the Committee);
- To identify potential candidates for nomination or appointment as directors, including those to fill any vacancy on the Board of Directors, and to recommend to the Board of Directors director nominations to be presented for stockholder approval at the annual meeting; and
- To ensure that effective processes are in place to provide continuity of executive leadership and to assess if such leadership possesses sufficient depth and talent

to execute long term strategies.

ARTICLE II

Composition

1. *Members.* The Committee shall consist of as many members as the Board of Directors shall determine, but in any event not fewer than three members. The members of the Committee shall be appointed annually by the Board of Directors.
2. *Qualifications.* Each member of the Committee shall be “independent” as defined under the listing standards of the Nasdaq Stock Market.
3. *Chairperson.* The Chairperson of the Committee shall be appointed by the Board of Directors.
4. *Vacancies.* Any vacancies on the Committee shall be filled by the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE III

Authority and Operations

The Committee shall meet at least two times annually. The Committee shall periodically and as needed deliver to the Board a report on any significant actions taken by the Committee. The Committee shall conduct its business in the same manner as the Board of Directors conducts its business pursuant to the bylaws of the Company. The Committee shall have the authority to retain legal, financial or other advisors as the Committee may deem necessary or appropriate and such advisors shall report directly to the Committee. The same advisors may be engaged by other committees of the Board of Directors.

The Committee shall review the size and composition of the Board of Directors and its committees on an annual basis.

The Committee shall periodically assess the adequacy of this Charter and recommend any changes to the Board.

The Committee shall report regularly to the Board regarding the activities of the Committee.

In fulfilling its responsibilities, the Committee has the authority to delegate any or all of its responsibilities to a subcommittee of the Committee.

ARTICLE IV

Director Nominations

The Committee will identify individuals qualified to become members of the Board and ensure that the Board has the requisite expertise and that its membership consists of persons with sufficiently diverse and independent backgrounds. The Committee will also recommend to the Board the nominees for election to the Board at the next annual meeting of stockholders.

The criteria to be used by the Committee in recommending directors and by the Board in nominating directors are as set forth in the Company's Policies and Procedures Regarding Board of Directors Candidates. The Committee will periodically review and assess the effectiveness of the practices used in considering potential director candidates. Following this review, the Committee will present any recommendation for changes of the policy or procedures to the Board.

ARTICLE V

Other Corporate Governance Matters

The Committee will, from time to time as it deems appropriate, review and reassess the adequacy of the Company's Corporate Governance Guidelines and recommend any proposed changes to the Board for approval.

The Committee may make recommendations to the Board regarding governance matters, including, but not limited to, the Company's certificate of incorporation and bylaws.

ARTICLE VI

Succession Planning

The Committee shall assist the Chief Executive Officer and the Board of Directors in succession planning for key executive positions, in the following areas:

- Implementation of a succession plan for executive officer positions, including identification of potential internal candidates and assessment of development areas required to address both current and long term needs of the Company;
- Development of a process for periodic review of designated candidates' readiness and reporting results of such reviews to the Board of Directors on an annual basis;
- Preparation of a contingency plan for temporary emergency absences of the Chief

Executive Officer due to disability or other unexpected event; and

- Preparation of a long term continuity plan for succession to the Chief Executive Officer position, including identifying suitable candidates for appointment to management positions who could be developed as part of the Chief Executive Officer succession plan.