

**AMENDED AND RESTATED**

**BY-LAWS**

**OF**

**WAYNE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION**

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**WAYNE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION**

**ARTICLE I - THE CORPORATION**

**SECTION 1. - NAME; ESTABLISHMENT.**

The Corporation shall be known as "Wayne Economic Development Corporation". The Corporation was originally formed as a not-for-profit local development corporation under Article 19 of the former Membership Corporation Law of the State of New York (the "State") and pursuant to a certificate of incorporation filed with the State on October 1, 1968. Upon authorization by the members of the Corporation, the Corporation was reincorporated under Section 1411 of the Not-for-Profit Corporation Law ("N-PCL") of the State pursuant to a Certificate of Reincorporation filed with the State on June 28, 2007, which was amended by a Certificate of Amendment filed with the State on January 29, 2010 (collectively the "Certificate").

**SECTION 2. - OFFICES.**

The principal office of the Corporation shall be located in the County of Wayne, New York. The Corporation may also have offices at such other places within the State of New York as the Board of Directors may from time to time determine or the activities of the Corporation may require.

**SECTION 3. - PURPOSES.**

The Corporation shall have such purposes as are now or hereafter set forth in the Certificate.

**SECTION 4. - PUBLIC AUTHORITIES ACCOUNTABILITY ACT**

The Corporation, as an affiliate of the Wayne County Industrial Development Agency (the "Agency"), shall comply with the provisions affecting local authorities contained within the New York Public Authorities Law, as amended (the "PAAA").

**ARTICLE II - MEMBERSHIP**

**SECTION 1. - COMPOSITION OF MEMBERSHIP.**

The sole member of the Corporation (the "Member") shall be the Agency, which from time to time may appoint additional non-voting members of the Board of Directors of the Corporation.

## SECTION 2. - RIGHTS AND POWERS OF THE MEMBER.

The Member shall have and exercise all the rights and powers of corporate membership created by the laws of the State of New York, the Certificate, and the By-laws of the Corporation.

## SECTION 3. - ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CORPORATION.

The Member shall hold an annual meeting of the Corporation within six months after the end of each fiscal year at a convenient time and place designated by the Member. At the annual meeting, the Member shall appoint Directors for positions where a new directorship is created, receive the annual report and transact such other business as may properly come before the meeting.

## SECTION 4. - ANNUAL REPORT OF THE CORPORATION.

Pursuant to subdivision 2(a) of Section 2800 of the Public Authorities Law of the State ("PAL"), the Executive Director, Deputy Executive Director, and Fiscal Officer of the Corporation shall submit a complete and detailed annual report (the "Annual Report") of the Corporation within ninety (90) days after the end of the Agency's fiscal year. Upon review and approval by the Member, the Annual Report shall be presented to the chief executive officer, the chief fiscal officer and the chairperson of the legislative body of the County of Wayne (the "County"), and the New York State Authority Budget Office within ninety (90) days after the end of the Agency's fiscal year. The Annual Report shall contain:

- (a) the Corporation's operations and accomplishments;
- (b) the Corporation's receipts and disbursements, or revenues and expenses, during such fiscal year in accordance with the categories or classifications established by the Corporation for its own operating and capital outlay purposes;
- (c) the Corporation's assets and liabilities at the end of its fiscal year including the status of reserve, depreciation, special or other funds and including the receipts and payments of these funds;
- (d) a schedule of the Corporation's bonds and notes outstanding, if any, at the end of its fiscal year, together with a statement of the amounts redeemed and incurred during such fiscal year as part of a schedule of debt issuance that includes the date of issuance, term, amount, interest rate and means of repayment. Additionally, the debt schedule shall also include all refinancings, calls, refundings, defeasements and interest rate exchange or other such agreements, and for any debt issued during the reporting year, the schedule shall also include a detailed list of costs of issuance for such debt;
- (e) a compensation schedule that shall include, by position, title and name of the person holding such position or title, the salary, compensation, allowance and/or benefits

provided to any officer, director or employee in a decision making or managerial position of such authority whose salary is in excess of one hundred thousand dollars;

- (f) the projects undertaken by the Corporation during the past year;
- (g) a listing of (i) all real property of the Corporation having an estimated fair market value in excess of fifteen thousand dollars that the authority intends to dispose of; (ii) all such property held by the authority at the end of the period covered by the report; and (iii) all such property disposed of during such period. The report shall contain an estimate of fair market value for all such property held by the authority at the end of the period and the price received by the authority and the name of the purchaser for all such property sold by the Corporation during such period;
- (h) the Corporation's code of ethics; and
- (i) an assessment of the effectiveness of the Corporation's internal control structure and procedures.

Once completed, and prior to submission, the Executive Director, Deputy Executive Director, and Fiscal Officer of the Corporation shall certify that the financial information contained in the Annual Report is accurate, correct and does not contain any untrue statements. The Annual Report shall also be filed with the minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Member.

## **SECTION 5. - SPECIAL MEETINGS OF THE CORPORATION.**

Special meetings of the Corporation may be called at any time by the Executive Director and shall be called by the Secretary within fourteen (14) days of receipt of a written request from the Member. Such request shall state the purpose or purposes for the proposed meeting. Business transacted at a special meeting shall be confined to the purposes stated in the notice of such meeting.

## **SECTION 6. - PLACE OF MEETINGS; ORGANIZATION**

All membership meetings shall be held at the principal office of the Corporation or at such other convenient location as may be determined by the Member of the Corporation. At each membership meeting, the Executive Director, or, in his or her absence, a chairperson chosen by the Member, shall preside. The Secretary, or, in his or her absence, a person chosen by the Member, shall keep complete and accurate minutes of the meeting.

## **SECTION 7. - NOTICE OF MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS; OPEN MEETINGS**

(a) Notice of each membership meeting shall state the purpose or purposes for which the meeting is called, the place, date and time of the meeting and, unless it is the annual meeting, shall indicate that it is being issued by or at the direction of the person or persons calling the meeting. Such notice shall be given either personally or by mail to each director of the Member in accordance with the By-laws of the Member and in all events in such a manner as to comply with the Open Meetings Law of the State.

## **SECTION 8. ACTION BY THE MEMBER**

The actions of the Member shall be governed by the By-laws of the Member, as adopted and in affect at the time the action is undertaken or approved by the Member on behalf of the Corporation. Unless otherwise required by law or these By-laws, the vote of a majority of directors of the Member present at the time of a vote at a duly convened meeting, provided a quorum is then present, shall be the act of the Member.

## **SECTION 9. - PROPERTY RIGHTS OF MEMBERS**

The Member shall not have any rights or interests in or to the property or assets of the Corporation.

## **ARTICLE III - BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

### **SECTION 1. - POWER OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS.**

The Corporation shall be managed by its Board of Directors, which shall establish all general policies governing the operations of the Corporation. The Board of Directors shall elect among its membership a Chairman, Vice Chairman and Secretary to serve in such capacities as the Board may determine.

### **SECTION 2. - NUMBER, ELECTION AND TERM OF DIRECTORS.**

(a) The number of voting Directors shall be no less than three (3) but no more than nine (9), with the exact number of voting Directors to reflect the number of duly appointed members of the Agency. The voting Directors shall exercise all rights of Directors as described herein and in the Certificate or any applicable resolution. Up to an additional 13 individuals can be appointed by the Member to serve as non-voting Directors of the Board who shall serve for one year terms and act in an advisory capacity only to the voting Directors. The non-voting Directors shall hold that title merely in an advisory capacity to the voting Directors. The designation of non-voting Directors does not create any rights for any individual so designated to notice or other participation except at the request of the voting Directors; provided however, said non-voting Directors shall enjoy the benefits of any indemnification of directors as determined herein or as determined from time to time. As used in these By-laws, "the entire Board of voting Directors" means the total number of voting Directors that the Corporation would have if there were no vacancies on the Board.

(b) Each position of voting Director of the Corporation shall be filled, ex officio, by the duly appointed and serving members of the Agency, as may be appointed from time to time by the governing body of the County of Wayne.

### **SECTION 3. - RESIGNATIONS AND REMOVAL OF DIRECTORS.**

(a) Any Director of the Corporation may resign at any time by giving written notice to the Executive Director or the Secretary. Such resignation shall take effect at the time

specified therein or, if no time is specified, then on delivery. Acceptance of the resignation shall not be necessary to make it effective.

(b) Any Director may be removed from the Board with or without cause by the affirmative vote of a majority of the directors of the Member.

#### **SECTION 4. - NEWLY CREATED DIRECTORSHIPS AND VACANCIES.**

Newly created directorships resulting from an increase in the number of directors of the Member, and vacancies occurring for any reason, shall be filled in accordance with Agency director appointments made by the County. An Agency director elected to fill a vacancy caused by resignation, death, disability or removal of an Agency director shall hold office for the unexpired term of his or her predecessor in office and until a successor is appointed by the County and takes office.

#### **SECTION 5. - ANNUAL MEETING.**

The annual meeting of the Board of Directors shall be held after the annual meeting of the Corporation described in Article II, Section 3 above at a convenient time and location designated by the Board. Written notice of the annual meeting shall be mailed or delivered to each voting Director of the Corporation prior to the meeting.

#### **SECTION 6. - ANNUAL REPORT.**

The Executive Director, Deputy Executive Director, and Fiscal Officer shall present at the annual meeting of the Board of Directors a copy of the annual report described in Article II, Section 4 above.

#### **SECTION 7. - SPECIAL MEETINGS AND NOTICE.**

Special meetings of the Board of Directors may be called at any time by the Executive Director or any other officer of the Corporation. Written notice shall be mailed or delivered to each voting Director of the Corporation prior to the meeting. Said notice shall state the purposes, time and place of the special meeting and that no business other than that specified in the notice may be transacted.

#### **SECTION 8. - WAIVERS OF NOTICE.**

Notice of a meeting need not be given to any voting Director who submits a signed waiver of notice whether before or after the meeting, or who attends the meeting without protesting, prior thereto or at its commencement, the lack of notice to him or her.

#### **SECTION 9. - PLACE OF MEETINGS.**

The Board of Directors may hold its meetings at such place or places within or outside the State of New York as the voting Directors may from time to time by resolution determine.



## SECTION 10.- OPEN MEETINGS

To the extent required by law, the Corporation shall comply with the Open Meetings Law of the State of New York, as set forth within Article 7 of the Public Officers Law.

## SECTION 11. - FREEDOM OF INFORMATION

To the extent required by law, the Corporation shall comply with the Freedom of Information Law of the State of New York, as set forth within Article 6 of the Public Officers Law.

## SECTION 12. - QUORUM AND ADJOURNED MEETINGS.

(a) A majority of the entire Board of voting Directors shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at meetings of the Board. When a quorum is once present to organize a meeting, it shall not be broken by the subsequent withdrawal of any Director(s).

(b) A majority of the voting Directors present, whether or not a quorum is present, may adjourn any Board meeting to another time and place. If a quorum is present at the adjourned meeting, any business may be transacted that might have been transacted on the original date of the meeting. Notice of the adjourned meeting shall be given to all voting Directors.

## SECTION 13. - ACTION BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

Any corporate action to be taken by the Board of Directors means action at a meeting of the Board. Each voting Director shall have one vote regarding any corporate action to be taken by the Board. Except as otherwise provided by law or these By-laws, the vote of a majority of the voting Directors present at the time of the vote at a duly convened meeting at which a quorum is present shall be the act of the Board of Directors. All references to actions of the Board of Directors herein and in the Certificate of Incorporation shall mean the affirmative vote of a majority of the voting Directors present at the time of the vote at a duly convened meeting at which a quorum is present.

## SECTION 14. - ORGANIZATION.

At each meeting of the Board of Directors, the Chairman, or, in his or her absence, the Executive Director shall preside. The Secretary of the Board of Directors, or, in his or her absence, a person chosen by a majority of the voting Directors present, shall keep complete and accurate minutes of the meeting.

## SECTION 15. - ATTENDANCE AT MEETINGS.

Attendance at each meeting of the Board shall be recorded by the Secretary in the minutes thereof.

## SECTION 16. - COMPENSATION.

The Directors shall serve without compensation. All Directors may be reimbursed for reasonable expenses incurred in the performance of corporate duties.

## SECTION 17. - PROPERTY RIGHTS.

No Director of the corporation shall, by reason of that position, have any rights to or interest in the property or assets of the Corporation.

## ARTICLE IV - COMMITTEES

### SECTION 1. - STANDING COMMITTEES.

(a) The Standing Committees of the Board shall be as described in subparagraph (b) below. Except as otherwise provided by these By-laws, each Standing Committee shall consist of at least three voting Directors. No Standing Committee shall have authority as to the following matters:

- (i) The submission to the Members of any action requiring its approval;
  - (ii) The filling of vacancies on the Board of Directors or any committee;
  - (iii) The amendment or repeal of these By-laws or the adoption of new By- laws;
- or
- (iv) The amendment or repeal of any resolution of the Board which by its terms is not so amendable or repealable.

(b) The Corporation shall have the following four Standing Committees pursuant to Section 2824 of PAAA:

- (i) Audit/Finance Committee
- (iv) Governance Committee.

### SECTION 2. - SPECIAL COMMITTEES.

The Board of Directors, by resolution adopted by a majority of the entire Board of voting Directors, may create Special Committees, which shall have only the powers specifically delegated to them and shall in no case have powers which are not authorized for Standing Committees. The members of Special Committees shall be appointed by the Executive Director from among the Directors, with the approval of the Board.

### SECTION 3. - MEETINGS.

Meetings of committees shall be held at such times and places as shall be fixed by the respective committee chairmen, or by vote of a majority of all of the members of the committee. Written notice shall be mailed or delivered to all members of the committee prior to each meeting. Written minutes of the proceedings shall be kept at all committee meetings and shall be submitted at the next meeting of the Board. The Executive Director, or his or her designee, may attend all committee meetings.

#### **SECTION 4. - QUORUM.**

Unless otherwise provided by resolution of the Board of Directors, a majority of all of the members of a committee shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

#### **SECTION 5. - MANNER OF ACTING.**

Any corporate action to be taken by a committee shall mean such action to be taken at a meeting of the committee. Action by a committee shall be taken by majority vote at a meeting.

### **ARTICLE V - OFFICERS**

#### **SECTION 1. - EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR; DEPUTY EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR; OTHER OFFICERS.**

The Corporation shall have a Chief Executive Officer (CEO)/ Executive Director, a Chief Operations Officer (COO)/ Deputy Executive Director, a Chief Financial Officer (CFO)/ Fiscal Officer, and other officers and assistant officers as the Board of Directors may determine. Pursuant to subdivision 3 of Section 2824 of the PAL, no Director, including the Chairperson, shall serve as the Corporation's Chief Executive Officer (CEO)/ Executive Director, a Chief Operations Officer (COO)/ Deputy Executive Director, a Chief Financial Officer (CFO)/ Fiscal Officer, or hold any other equivalent position while also serving as a member of the Board. The officers shall have such duties as may be prescribed by these By-laws and the Board of Directors.

#### **SECTION 2. - TERMS OF OFFICERS.**

The officers shall be elected by the voting Directors at its annual meeting. Unless a shorter term is provided in the resolution of the Board electing such officer, the term of office of each officer shall extend for one year after his or her election and until a successor is elected or appointed and qualified. Officers shall be eligible to serve an unlimited number of consecutive terms.

#### **SECTION 3. - ADDITIONAL OFFICERS.**

Additional officers may be elected for such period, have such authority and perform such duties, either in an administrative or subordinate capacity, as the Board of Directors may from time to time determine.

#### SECTION 4. - REMOVAL OF OFFICERS.

Any officer may be removed by vote of the voting Directors, with or without cause, at any time, provided there is a quorum of not less than a majority of the entire Board of voting Directors present at the meeting at which such action is taken.

#### SECTION 5. - RESIGNATION.

Any officer may resign at any time by giving written notice to the Board of Directors or the Executive Director or the Secretary. Any such resignation shall take effect at the time specified therein, or, if no time is specified, then on delivery. Acceptance of the resignation shall not be necessary to make it effective.

#### SECTION 6. - VACANCIES.

A vacancy in any office of the Corporation shall be filled by the majority vote of the entire Board of voting Directors.

#### SECTION 7. – Chief Executive Officer (CEO)/ Executive Director

The Corporation shall appoint a Chief Executive Officer by resolution. The Chief Executive Officer of the Agency shall have general supervision and management of the Corporation and all Corporation staff and employees shall report to the Chief Executive Officer. The Chief Executive Officer shall be charged with the management of all projects of the Corporation and leading the Corporation in carrying out its Mission Statement. Except as may otherwise be authorized by a resolution adopted by the Board, the Chief Executive Officer shall execute all agreements, bonds, notes, contracts, agreements, deeds, leases and any other instruments of the Corporation. The Chief Executive Officer shall assist the Chairman with such matters as the Chairman or the Board may request in furtherance of the Corporation's public purposes. The Chief Executive Officer shall also perform all other duties customarily incident to the office of a Chief Executive Officer of a public benefit corporation and public authority of the State of New York and such other duties as from time to time may be assigned by the Board.

#### SECTION 8. - Chief Operations Officer (COO)/ Deputy Executive Director

The Corporation shall appoint a Chief Operations Officer by resolution. The Chief Operations Officer of the Corporation shall be charged with the day to day management of the Corporation and shall report to the Chief Executive Officer. The Chief Operations Officer shall cause the preparation and distribution of all annual reports required by the PAAA and as may otherwise be required by the Office of the Comptroller of the State of New York. The Chief Operations Officer shall be the Freedom of Information Officer of the Corporation in accordance with the provisions of the New York State Freedom of Information Law, Article 6 of the New York Public Officers Law. Except as may otherwise be authorized by a resolution of the Board, if the office of the Chief Executive Officer shall be vacant the Chief Operations Officer of the Corporation shall be the Acting Chief Executive Officer of the Corporation until such time as the Board has appointed a replacement Chief Executive Officer.

#### Section 9. – Chief Financial Officer (CFO)/ Fiscal Officer

The Corporation shall appoint a Chief Financial Officer by resolution. The Chief Financial Officer shall assist the Chief Executive Officer and the Chief Operations Officer in the carrying out of the

Agency's Mission Statement and in fulfillment of the Corporation's public purposes under the PAAA. The Chief Financial Officer shall keep and maintain the books and accounts of the Corporation and shall have charge and custody of, all funds and securities of the Corporation, and shall deposit all such funds in the name of and to the credit of the Corporation in such banks, trust companies, or other depositories as shall be selected by the Board. The Chief Financial Officer of the Corporation, in consultation with the Chief Executive Officer and Chief Operations Officer of the Corporation shall cause the preparation of the annual budget of the Corporation for submission to the Board for approval and he or she shall cause the distribution of all copies of the annual budget of the Agency to all persons required by the PAAA. The Chief Financial Officer shall assist the Audit/Finance Committee of the Board in carrying out their functions.

## **SECTION 10. – Compliance Officer**

The Corporation shall appoint a Compliance Officer by resolution, who may be the Chief Executive Officer or any other employee of the Corporation. The Compliance Officer shall be responsible for insuring that the Corporation complies with all financial and other reporting requirements imposed by structure, including those requirements in the General Municipal Law and the Public Authorities Law of New York State. The Compliance Officer shall be the “Contracting Officer” (as such term is defined in Section 2895 of New York's Public Authorities Law) for disposition of real and personal property in accordance with the provisions of the PAAA.

## **SECTION 11. – Additional Personnel**

The Corporation may from time to time employ such personnel as, upon the recommendation of the Chief Executive Officer, the Corporation deems necessary to exercise the Corporation's powers, duties and functions as prescribed by the PAAA, and all other laws of the State of New York applicable thereto. The selection and compensation of all personnel shall be determined by the Corporation subject to the laws of the State of New York.

## **SECTION 12. – Municipal Personnel**

The Corporation may, with the consent of the Board and the Wayne County Board of Supervisors, use the agents, employees, and facilities of Wayne County. In such event, the Corporation will, by resolution, enter into a contract with Wayne County providing the terms upon which Wayne County will provide the use of its agents, employees, and facilities to the Corporation and the compensation, if any, that the Corporation shall pay to Wayne County for the use by the Corporation of Wayne County's agents, employees and facilities.

## **ARTICLE VI - CONTRACTS, CHECKS, DRAFTS AND BANK ACCOUNTS**

### **SECTION 1. - EXECUTION OF CONTRACTS.**

The Board of Directors, except as these By-laws otherwise provide, may authorize any officer or officers, agent or agents, employee or employees, in the name of and on behalf of the Corporation, to enter into any contract or execute and deliver any instrument, and such authority may be general or confined to specific instances; but, unless so authorized by the Board of Directors, or expressly authorized by these By-laws, no officer, agent or employee shall have any power or authority to bind the Corporation by any contract or engagement or to pledge its credit or to render it liable pecuniarily in any amount for any purpose.

## SECTION 2. - LOANS.

No loans shall be contracted on behalf of the Corporation unless specifically authorized by the Board of Directors.

## SECTION 3. - CHECKS, DRAFTS, ETC.

All checks, drafts and other orders for the payment of money out of the funds of the Corporation, and all notes or other evidences of indebtedness of the Corporation, shall be signed by the Chief Executive Officer along with the second signature of a member of the Board, in such manner as determined by resolution of the Board.

## SECTION 4. - DEPOSITS.

All funds of the Corporation not otherwise employed shall be deposited from time to time to the credit of the Corporation in such banks, trust companies or other depositories as the Executive Director, Deputy Executive Director, and Fiscal Officer may recommend and the Board of Directors approves.

## SECTION 5. - INVESTMENTS.

The Board of Directors may authorize the Corporation to contract with an investment advisor and custodian to manage its investments in accordance with an investment policy established by the Board.

# ARTICLE VII - GENERAL

## SECTION 1. - SEAL.

The corporate seal shall have inscribed thereon the name of the Corporation, the year of its organization, and the words "Corporate Seal, New York." The seal may be used by causing it or a facsimile thereof to be impressed or affixed or otherwise reproduced.

## SECTION 2. - BOOKS AND RECORDS.

There shall be kept by the Corporation (1) correct and complete books and records of account, (2) minutes and statements of written action by the Members, (3) minutes of the proceedings of the Board of Directors and its committees, (4) a current list of the Members, Directors and officers of the Corporation and their residence addresses, (5) a copy of the Certificate, and (6) a copy of these By-laws.

## SECTION 3. - INDEMNIFICATION.

The Corporation shall indemnify each Member, each Director, each officer, and, to the extent

authorized by the Board of Directors, each other person authorized to act for the Corporation or on its behalf, to the full extent to which indemnification is permitted under the Not-For-Profit Corporation Law.

#### **SECTION 4. - INTERESTED DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS.**

The Board of Directors may adopt a policy regarding conflicts of interest which shall apply to all directors and officers.

### **ARTICLE VIII - FISCAL YEAR**

The fiscal year of the Corporation shall commence on the first day of January of each calendar year and end on the last day of December.

### **ARTICLE IX - RULES OF ORDER AND BYLAW CHANGES**

#### **SECTION I. - RULES OF ORDER.**

Meetings of the Members and the Board of Directors and its committees shall be governed by Robert's Rules of Order, except in cases otherwise provided for by these By-laws.

#### **SECTION 2. - BYLAW CHANGES.**

These By-laws may be amended, repealed or adopted only by the Member of the Corporation.