

CONNECTICUT GREEN BANK

BYLAWS

PURSUANT TO

Section 16-245n of the
Connecticut General Statutes

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ARTICLE I
NAME, PLACE OF BUSINESS

- 1.1. **Name of the Green Bank.** The name of the Green Bank shall be, in accordance with the Statute, the "Connecticut Green Bank".
- 1.2. **Office of the Green Bank.** The office of the Green Bank shall be maintained at such place or places within the State of Connecticut as the Board may designate.
- 1.3. **Green Bank Purpose and Function.** As stated in its Resolution of Purpose adopted on September 29, 2011, and revised on October 22, 2021, the purpose of the Green Bank is to: (i) stimulate, support and increase the use of clean energy, investment in clean energy projects and sources, demand for clean energy, the development of technologies that support clean energy, and the development of the state's energy-related economy and to mitigate the impact of climate change and (ii) finance, support and promote investment in environmental infrastructure and related enterprises.

The function of the Green Bank is to achieve the foregoing objectives to the fullest extent authorized or permitted by Section 16-245n of the Connecticut General Statutes, as amended, or any other provisions of the Connecticut General Statutes pertaining to the responsibilities or activities of the Green Bank.

Such functions for clean energy include but are not limited to: (1) implementing the Comprehensive Plan developed by the Green Bank pursuant to Section 16-245n(c)(1), as amended; (2) developing programs to finance and otherwise support clean energy investment in residential, municipal, small business and larger commercial projects, and

such others as the Green Bank may determine; (3) supporting financing or other expenditures that promote investment in clean energy sources to foster the growth, development, and commercialization of clean energy sources; and (4) stimulating demand for clean energy and the deployment of clean energy sources within the state that serve end-use customers in the state.

Such functions for **environmental infrastructure** include but are not limited to: (1) implementing the Comprehensive Plan developed by the Green Bank pursuant to Section 16-245(n)(c)(2)(B) of the Connecticut General Statutes, as amended; (2) developing programs to finance and otherwise support environmental infrastructure investment in residential, municipal, small business and larger commercial projects, and such others as the Green Bank may determine; and (3) supporting financing or other expenditures that promote investment in environmental infrastructure to foster the growth, development, and commercialization of environmental infrastructure and related enterprises.

ARTICLE II

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

- 2.1. **Powers.** The powers of the Green Bank are vested in and exercised by a Board of Directors which may exercise all such authority and powers of the Green Bank and do all such lawful acts and things as are necessary to carry out the Comprehensive Plan and the purposes of the Green Bank as provided in the Resolution of Purposes, or as are otherwise authorized or permitted by the Statute or other provisions of the General Statutes.

- 2.2. **Chairperson.** The Chairperson of the Board shall be appointed by the Governor. The Chairperson shall perform the duties imposed by the Statute, these Bylaws, and by resolution of the Board, and shall preside at all meetings of the Board which he or she attends. At each meeting the Chairperson shall submit such recommendations and information as the Chairperson may consider appropriate concerning the business, affairs, and policies of the Green Bank. The Chairperson shall serve at the pleasure of the Governor but no longer than the term of office of the Governor or until the Chairperson's successor is appointed and qualified, whichever is longer.
- 2.3. **Vice Chairperson.** The Board shall elect from its members a Vice Chairperson. The Vice Chairperson shall perform the duties imposed by the Statute, these Bylaws, and by resolution of the Board. In the absence or incapacity of the Chairperson, the Vice Chairperson shall perform all the duties and responsibilities of the Chairperson. In the absence or incapacity of the Vice Chairperson, or in case of his or her resignation or death, the Board shall elect its members an acting Vice Chairperson during the time of such absence or incapacity or until such time as the Board shall elect a new Vice Chairperson. The Vice Chairperson shall serve until a successor is elected by the Board.
- 2.4. **Secretary.** A Secretary may be elected by the Board. The Secretary shall perform the duties imposed by the Statute, these Bylaws, and by resolution of the Board. In the absence or incapacity of the Secretary, or in case of a resignation or death, the Board shall elect from their number an acting Secretary who shall perform the duties of the Secretary during the time of such absence or incapacity or until such time as the Board shall elect a new Secretary. The Secretary shall serve until a successor is elected by the Board.

- 2.5. **Treasurer.** A Treasurer may be elected by the Board and shall serve as an ex officio member of the Budget, Operations and Compensation Committee and the Audit, Compliance and Governance Committee with the primary responsibility of general financial oversight of the fiscal condition of the Green Bank. The Treasurer shall perform the duties imposed by the Statute, these Bylaws, and by resolution of the Board. In the absence or incapacity of the Treasurer, or in case of a resignation or death, the Board shall elect from their number an acting Treasurer who shall perform the duties of the Treasurer during the time of such absence or incapacity or until such time as the Board shall elect a new Treasurer. The Treasurer shall serve until a successor is elected by the Board.
- 2.6. **Delegation of Powers.** The Board may, by resolution, delegate to the President or other officers of the Green Bank such powers of the Green Bank as they believe are necessary, advisable, or desirable to permit the timely performance of the functions of the Green Bank and to carry out the plans, policies, procedures, and decisions of the Board, except that such delegation shall not include any duties or responsibilities required by the Statute or these Bylaws to be performed by the Chairperson or the Board or otherwise in conflict with law.
- 2.7. **Directors.** The Directors shall be appointed and serve as provided in the Statute. Each prospective Director will take an oath to the Board prior to commencing service as set forth below:

GREEN BANK OFFICIAL OATH

YOU DO SOLEMNLY SWEAR THAT YOU WILL SUPPORT THE CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES, AND THE CONSTITUTION OF THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT; AND THAT YOU WILL FAITHFULLY DISCHARGE, ACCORDING TO LAW, THE DUTIES OF A DIRECTOR OF THE CONNECTICUT GREEN BANK, INCLUDING ALL GOVERNANCE AND ETHICAL OBLIGATIONS, TO THE BEST OF YOUR ABILITIES; SO HELP YOU GOD.

**ARTICLE III
OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES**

- 3.1. **Officers.** The Board shall have the power to create positions for such officers as it may deem to be in the interests of the Green Bank, and shall define the powers and duties of all such officers. All such officers shall be subject to the orders of the Board and serve at its pleasure. Such officers shall include a President and may include a Director of Finance and Chief Investment Officer, a General Counsel and such other officers as the Board may determine to be appropriate. The Board shall be responsible for determining or approving compensation for each officer.
- 3.2. **President.** The Board shall hire a President. The President shall be the chief executive officer of the Green Bank and shall have such duties and responsibilities as may be determined by the Board, except that the duties and responsibilities of the office of President shall not include those required by the Statute or these Bylaws to be performed by the Chairperson or the Board or otherwise in conflict with law. The President shall be a non-voting, *ex officio* member of the Board pursuant to the Statute. The Board may delegate to such other person or persons all or part of the duties of the President. The President may, with the approval of the Board, assign or delegate to the officers and

employees of the Green Bank any of the powers that, in the opinion of the President, may be necessary, desirable, or appropriate for the prompt and orderly transaction of the business of the Green Bank.

- 3.3. **Acting President.** The Board may, by resolution adopted by a majority vote, appoint some other person to serve as Acting President and perform the duties of the President in the event of the death, inability, absence, or refusal to act of the President. The Acting President shall be subject to all of the same restrictions placed upon the President.
- 3.4. **Chief Investment Officer.** The Board may appoint a Chief Investment Officer (CIO). The CIO shall have such duties and responsibilities as may be determined by the Board, except that the duties and responsibilities of the office of CIO shall not include those required by the Statute or these Bylaws to be performed by the Chairperson or the Board or otherwise in conflict with law. The CIO shall not be a Director.
- 3.5. **General Counsel.** The Board may appoint a General Counsel. The General Counsel shall be the chief legal officer of the Green Bank and shall have such duties and responsibilities as may be determined by the Board, except that the duties and responsibilities of the office of General Counsel shall not include those required by the Statute or these Bylaws to be performed by the Chairperson or the Board or otherwise in conflict with law. The General Counsel shall not be a Director.
- 3.6. **Additional Officers and Other Personnel.** The Green Bank may from time to time employ such other personnel as it deems necessary to exercise its powers, duties, and functions pursuant to the Statute and any and all other laws of the State of Connecticut applicable thereto. The President shall develop a staffing plan which shall include without limitation a chart of positions and position descriptions for the Green Bank,

personnel policies and procedures, and related compensation levels. Such staffing plan may provide for officers of the Green Bank in addition to those specifically provided for in these Bylaws, and the appointment of such officers shall be in the discretion of the President, except as the Board may otherwise determine. The President shall deliver the staffing plan to the Budget, Operations, and Compensation Committee for its review and approval pursuant to Article V, Section 5.3.2 hereof.

- 3.7. **Signature Authority; Additional Duties.** The President and officers of the Green Bank shall have such signature authority as is provided in the Green Bank’s Operating Procedures, and as may from time to time be provided by resolution of the Board. The officers of the Green Bank shall perform such other duties and functions as may from time to time be required.

ARTICLE IV BOARD MEETINGS

- 4.1. **Regular Meetings.** Regular meetings of the Board or any Committee for the transaction of any lawful business of the Green Bank shall be held in accordance with a schedule of meetings established by the Board or such Committee, provided that the Board shall meet at least six (6) times per fiscal year through either a regularly scheduled or special meeting.
- 4.2. **Special Meetings.** The Chairperson may, when the Chairperson deems it expedient, call a special meeting of the Board for the purpose of transacting any business designated in the notice of such meeting. The Committee Chair of any Committee may, when the Committee Chair deems it expedient, call a special meeting of such Committee for the purpose of transacting any business designated in the notice of such meeting.

4.3. **Legal Requirements.** All meetings of the Board or any Committee shall be noticed and conducted in accordance with the applicable requirements of the Statute and the Connecticut Freedom of Information Act, including without limitation applicable requirements relating to the filing with the Secretary of the State of any schedule of regular meetings and notices of special meetings, meeting notices to Directors and Committee members, public meeting requirements, the filing and public availability of meeting agenda, the recording of votes and the posting or filing of minutes, the addition of agenda items at any regular meeting, and the holding of any executive session.

4.4. **Order of Business.** The order of business of any meeting of the Board or any Committee shall be as set forth in the agenda for such meeting, provided that the Board or Committee may vary the order of business in its discretion.

4.5. **Organization.**

4.5.1. At each meeting of the Board, the Chairperson, or in the absence of the Chairperson, the Vice Chairperson, or in the absence of both, a Director chosen by a majority of the Directors then present, shall act as Presiding Officer. The Secretary, or a staff member designated by the President, shall prepare or direct the preparation of a record of all business transacted at such meeting. Such record when adopted by the Directors at the next meeting and signed by the Chairperson or the Secretary shall be the official minutes of the meeting.

4.5.2. At each meeting of a Committee, the Committee Chair, or in the absence of the Committee Chair any other Committee member designated by the majority of the Committee members then present, shall act as Presiding Officer. The President, a staff member designated by the President, or any Committee

member chosen by the Presiding Officer, shall prepare or direct the preparation of a record of the business transacted at such meeting. Such record when adopted by a majority of the Committee members in attendance at the next meeting and signed by the Committee Chair shall be the official minutes of the Committee meeting.

4.6. **Attendance.** A Director or a member of a Committee may participate in a meeting of the Board or of such Committee by means of teleconference, videoconference, or similar communications equipment enabling all Directors and Committee members participating in the meeting to hear one another, and participation in a meeting pursuant to this Section shall constitute presence in person at such a meeting. Directors or their designees who miss more than three (3) consecutive meetings shall be asked to become more active on the Board. In the event of further absence, the Board may decide by majority vote to recommend to the appointing authority that the appointment be reconsidered.

4.7. **Quorum.**

4.7.1. A majority of the Directors then in office shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of any business or the exercise of any power of the Green Bank.

4.7.2. A majority of the Director-members of a Committee shall constitute a quorum, provided that, except in the case of an advisory committee, such quorum shall consist of a minimum of three (3) Directors, at least one (1) of which shall not be a State employee.

4.8. **Enactment.** When a quorum is present, an affirmative vote of a majority of Directors in attendance at Board or Committee meetings shall be sufficient for action, including the passage of any resolution, except as may otherwise be required by these Bylaws or

applicable law. Non-Director members of any Committee may participate in the Committee's discussions and deliberations and may join in the Committee's recommendations to the Board, but shall not have a vote on any matters as to which the Committee is exercising the powers of the Board, including without limitation, any funding decisions.

- 4.9. **Designation of Substitutes for Directors.** If authorized by the Statute, then a Director may appoint a designee to serve as the Director's representative on the Board with full power to act and to vote on that Director's behalf. For the purposes of maintaining consistency and efficiency in Board matters, alternating attendance between the Director and his or her designee is strongly discouraged. If not authorized by statute, then a Director may not name or act through a designee. An authorized appointment of a designee shall be made by filing with the Board a short bio of the designee, the designee's CV, and a certificate substantially similar to the following:

"Certificate of Designation

I, _____, a member of the Board of Directors of the Connecticut Green Bank, do hereby designate _____ [Name & Title] to represent me at the meetings of the Board or committees thereof with full powers to act and vote on my behalf. This designation shall be effective until expressly revoked in writing.

[Name]"

ARTICLE V COMMITTEES

- 5.1. **Delegation Generally.** The Board may delegate any and all things necessary or convenient to carry out the purposes of the Green Bank to three (3) or more Directors, provided that at least one (1) of which shall not be a State employee, and, to the extent of powers, duties, or functions not by law reserved to the Board, to any officer or employee of the Green Bank as the Board in its discretion shall deem appropriate.
- 5.1.1. **Appointments; Quorum; Transaction of Business; Recordkeeping.**
- 5.1.2. **Appointments.** The Chairperson shall appoint all Committee Chairs. The Committee Chair need not be a Director on the Deployment Committee any *ad hoc* committee, or an advisory committee.
- 5.1.3. **Quorum.** If necessary to achieve a quorum at any meeting of a Committee other than an advisory committee, then the Chairperson or the Vice Chairperson may sit, participate, and vote as an alternate member of such committee at such meeting.
- 5.1.4. **Report of Committee Actions.** Each Committee shall report to the Board on such Committee's actions and activities at the Board meeting next following each Committee meeting.
- 5.1.5. **Recordkeeping.** Committee recordkeeping shall be in accordance with Article IV, Section 4.5.2 hereof.
- 5.2. **Standing Committees.** The Green Bank shall have four (4) Standing Committees of the Board consisting of an Audit, Compliance, and Governance Committee, a Budget, Operations, and Compensation Committee, a Deployment Committee, and a Joint Committee of the Energy Conservation Management Board and the Connecticut Green

Bank. Each Standing Committee may form subcommittees in its discretion, but no such subcommittee shall exercise powers of the Board unless authorized by the Board to do so.

5.2.1. **Audit, Compliance, and Governance Committee.** The Audit, Compliance, and Governance Committee shall consist of no less than three (3) Directors appointed by the Chairperson on a biennial basis, at least one (1) of which shall not be a State employee. The principal functions, responsibilities, and areas of cognizance of the Audit, Compliance, and Governance Committee shall be as follows: (i) recommendation to the Board as to the selection of auditors; (ii) meetings with the auditors to review the annual audit and formulation of an appropriate report and recommendations to the Board with respect to the approval of the audit report; (iii) review of the audit and compliance findings of the Auditors of Public Accounts, and meetings with the staff auditors there as appropriate; (iv) review with the auditors, President, and senior finance staff of the adequacy of internal accounting policies, procedures and controls; (v) review of the sufficiency of financial and compliance reports required by statute; (vi) recommendation to the Board as to the selection of the Green Bank's ethics liaison and ethics compliance officer(s); (vii) review of the adequacy of employee education and training on ethics and related legal requirements; (viii) review and approval of, and in its discretion recommendations to the Board regarding, all governance and administrative matters affecting the Green Bank, including but not limited to matters of corporate governance, corporate governance policies, committee structure and membership, management qualifications and evaluation, and Board and

Standing Committee self-evaluation; (ix) oversight of the Green Bank's legal compliance programs, including but not limited to compliance with state contracting and ethics requirements; (x) management succession planning; (xi) oversight of any Director conflict of interest matters; (xii) as-needed review of any staff recommendations to the Board regarding the Green Bank's regulatory or policy initiatives including but not limited to the Comprehensive Plan and other clean energy regulatory or policy evidentiary matters before the Public Utilities Regulatory Authority and other state and federal commissions and tribunals that may affect clean energy and environmental infrastructure development and/or the Green Bank's statutory mandate; (xiii) acting as a resource to the appointing authorities with respect to the identification and recruitment of qualified and interested private sector Director candidates; and (xvi) the exercise of such authority as may from time to time be delegated by the Board to the Audit, Compliance, and Governance Committee within its areas of cognizance.

5.2.2. **Budget, Operations, and Compensation Committee.** The Budget, Operations, and Compensation Committee shall consist of no less than three (3) Directors appointed by the Chairperson on a biennial basis, at least one (1) of which shall not be a State employee. Additionally, the Chairperson or the Vice Chairperson shall be a non-voting *ex officio* member of the committee, subject to the provisions of Article V, Section 5.2.2 hereof. The principal functions, responsibilities, and areas of cognizance of the Budget, Operations, and Compensation Committee shall be as follows: (i) to recommend and monitor

compliance with prudent fiscal policies, procedures, and practices to assure that the Green Bank has the financial resources and financial strategy necessary to carry out its statutory responsibilities and mission, including oversight of the Green Bank's budget process, asset and liability management, asset risk management, insurance and loss prevention, and performance measurement; (ii) recommendation to the Board as to approval of the annual operating budget and plan of operation; (iii) oversight of space planning and office leases, systems, and equipment, and procedures and practices with respect to purchasing; (iv) to recommend the establishment of and monitor compliance with policies, programs, procedures, and practices to assure optimal organizational development,, the recruitment and retention of qualified personnel and the just and fair treatment of all employees of the Green Bank, including employment policies and practices, employee training, development, evaluation and advancement, employee compensation and benefits, and matters of employee separation and severance; (v) recommend the adoption of a formal compensation philosophy, (vi) annually review compensatory time to assure compliance with Green Bank's policy; (vii) annually review paid or reimbursable education assistance to assure compliance with Green Bank's policy; (viii) review and approval of the Green Bank staffing plan as developed by the President; (ix) with respect to reallocation of amounts between approved budget line items in excess of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) but not exceeding seventy-five thousand dollars (\$75,000) in total, approval of such reallocation; (x) with respect to increases to the operating budget or unbudgeted

disbursements in amounts in excess of ten thousand (\$10,000) but not exceeding seventy-five thousand (\$75,000), approval of such increases; and (xi) the exercise of such authority as may from time to time be delegated by the Board to the Budget, Operations, and Compensation Committee within its areas of cognizance.

- 5.2.3. **Deployment Committee.** The Deployment Committee shall consist of no more than six (6) members total, consisting of no less than three (3) Directors and up to three (3) non-Directors, all appointed by the Chairperson on a biennial basis, and at least one (1) of the Director-members shall not be a State employee. Additionally, the State Treasurer, or her or his designee, shall be a voting *ex officio* member of the committee. Additionally, the Chairperson or the Vice Chairperson shall be a non-voting *ex officio* member of the committee, subject to the provisions of Article V, Section 5.2.2 hereof. The non-Director members of the Deployment Committee shall each have expertise in at least one of the following areas: project finance, clean energy or environmental infrastructure investment, investment banking, commercial lending, tax-exempt or tax-advantaged financing or municipal banking, or clean energy or environmental infrastructure policy. The principal functions, responsibilities, and areas of cognizance of the Deployment Committee shall be as follows: (i) to recommend and monitor compliance with program, project, and investment guidelines, criteria, policies, and practices supporting the Green Bank's statutory mission and management of such by the Green Bank's professional staff; (ii) with respect to loans, loan guarantees, loan loss reserves, credit enhancements, debt

support programs, debt, debt-like, grants, equity, near-equity, and related measurement and verification studies and evaluation audit funding requests between five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000) and two million five hundred thousand dollars (\$2,500,000), evaluation and approval of such requests on behalf of the Board so long as such approval is within the Green Bank's approved Operations and Program Budget; (iii) with respect to loans, loan guarantees, loan loss reserves, credit enhancements, debt support programs, debt, debt-like, grants, equity and near-equity funding requests which exceed two million five hundred thousand dollars (\$2,500,000), evaluation of such requests and recommendation to the Board regarding such requests; (iv) oversight of policies and practices relating to the evaluation and recommendation of initial investments, follow-on investments, investment modifications and restructurings, and the sale or other disposition of investments by the Green Bank's professional investment staff; (v) oversight of policies and practices relating to investment management by the Green Bank's professional investment staff, including implementation of investment exit strategies; (vi) except to the extent of any investment powers expressly reserved to the Board itself in any resolution of the Board, to approve on behalf of the Board investments, follow-on investments, investment modifications and restructurings, and the sale or other disposition of investments; (vii) to review and recommend to the Board the issuance of bonds, notes or other obligations of the Green Bank, and upon such approval, to sell, issue and deliver such bonds, notes or obligations on behalf of the Green Bank; (viii) on a periodic basis, but

not less frequently than annually, to review and recommend to the Board the establishment and modification of a provision for losses with respect to loans, loan guarantees, loan loss reserves, credit enhancements, debt support programs, debt, debt-like instruments, and any other extensions of credit or the undertaking of risk where it is determined the Green Bank (a) may not recover its investment of capital or its expected rate of return, (b) is contractually or otherwise obligated to pay or commit additional Green Bank capital to such transactions without a reasonable expectation for the return of such capital, or (c) is for any other reason more likely than not to suffer a loss due to an investment or program and (ix) the exercise of such other authority as may from time to time be delegated by the Board to the Deployment Committee within its areas of cognizance.

5.2.4. Joint Committee of the Energy Conservation Management Board and the

Connecticut Green Bank. The Standing Committee Related to the Joint Committee of the Energy Conservation Management Board and the Board of Directors of the Green Bank shall consist of no more than (2) voting Directors and (2) nonvoting members who shall be appointed by the Chairperson on a biennial basis to serve on both this Standing Committee and the Joint Committee. Said Directors of this Standing Committee shall be charged with joining with four (4) members, no more than (2) voting Directors and (2) nonvoting members, from the Energy Conservation Management Board to form the Joint Committee as required pursuant to 16-245m(d)(2) of the General Statutes.

5.2.4.1. The principal functions, responsibilities and areas of cognizance of this Standing Committee shall be as follows: (i) to work with the Joint Committee to examine opportunities to coordinate the programs and activities contained in the plan developed under section 16-245n (c) of the General Statutes with the programs and activities contained in the plan developed under section 16-245m(d)(1) of the General Statutes; and (ii) to work with the Joint Committee to provide financing to increase the benefits of programs funded by the plan developed under section 16-245m(d)(1) of the General Statutes so as to reduce the long-term cost, environmental impacts and security risks of energy and environmental infrastructure in the state.

5.2.4.2. This Standing Committee, in consultation with and upon approval of the Joint Committee, is authorized to vote and allocate funding in an amount not to exceed three hundred thousand dollars (\$300,000.00) per program or project so long as such program or project is within the Green Bank's approved Operations and Program Budget, consistent with the Green Bank's Comprehensive Plan, within an approved program of the Board or Deployment Committee and consistent with the credit and investment guidelines, criteria, policies, and practices approved by the Board. No resolution of the Joint Committee to approve an expenditure of funds may be approved without an affirmative vote of at least two (2) voting Directors of the Connecticut Green Bank.

5.2.4.3. Notwithstanding anything contained in these Bylaws to the contrary, the Joint Committee may adopt its own bylaws which shall govern the conduct and operations of the Joint Committee. If there are conflicting provisions between these Bylaws and any bylaws adopted by the Joint Committee, these Bylaws shall be controlling.

5.2.5. Additional Standing Committees or *ad hoc* committees of the Board may be formed by the Board at its discretion by resolution setting forth the purposes and responsibilities of such additional Standing Committee or *ad hoc* committee. Each additional Standing Committee or *ad hoc* committee shall have at least three (3) members who are Directors, at least one (1) of which shall not be a State employee.

5.3. Advisory Committees.

5.3.1. The Board may form such advisory committees as the Board in its discretion may determine to be appropriate to advise and assist the Board, any Standing Committee of the Board, or management of the Green Bank in the performance of its statutory responsibilities. Such advisory committees may include as members such individuals as may be knowledgeable in the subject matter whether or not Directors or employees of the Green Bank.

5.3.2. Members of an advisory committee who are not Directors or employees of the Green Bank shall be considered "members of an advisory board" for purposes of the Connecticut Code of Ethics for Public Officials.

5.3.3. Public confidence in the recommendations and other actions of an advisory committee requires that advisory committee members avoid both actual

conflicts of interest and situations that might give the appearance of a conflict of interest. It is to be expected, however, that many advisory committee members will have outside business or professional interests relating to the Green Bank's statutory mission. It is not intended that such outside business or professional interests be considered a conflict of interest, provided that an advisory committee member shall not participate in any deliberation or vote, and shall not take any other affirmative action as an advisory committee member, with respect to a matter in which such member has an interest which is in substantial conflict with the proper discharge of the duties and responsibilities of membership on the advisory committee. For this purpose, the determination of whether an advisory committee member has an interest which is in substantial conflict with the duties and responsibilities of membership on the advisory committee shall be made in the same manner as provided in Section 1-85 of the Connecticut General Statutes for conflicting interests of public officials. In addition to disclosures required by law, the existence and nature of any such substantial conflict shall be promptly disclosed to the Committee Chair.

ARTICLE VI

FISCAL YEAR

- 6.1. **Fiscal Year.** The fiscal year of the Green Bank shall extend from July 1 through the following June 30 except as the same may be otherwise determined by resolution of the Board.

ARTICLE VII
CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

- 7.1. Public confidence in the recommendations and other actions of the Board and Committees requires that Directors avoid both actual conflicts of interest and situations that might give the appearance of a conflict of interest. Given the statutory qualifications for membership on the Board, it is to be expected, however, that some Directors, or Directors' immediate family members, will have outside business or professional interests relating to the Green Bank's statutory mission. It is not intended that such outside business or professional interests be considered a conflict of interest, provided that a Director shall not participate in any deliberation or vote, and shall not take any other affirmative action as a Director or Committee member, with respect to a matter in which such Director or immediate family member has an interest which is in substantial conflict with the proper discharge of the duties and responsibilities of membership on the Board or such Committee. For this purpose, the determination of whether a Director or immediate family member has an interest which is in substantial conflict with the duties and responsibilities of membership on the Board or a Committee shall be made in the manner provided in Section 1-85 of the Connecticut General Statutes for conflicting interests of public officials. The existence and nature of any potential conflict of interest shall be promptly disclosed to the Chairperson (or, in the case of the Chairperson, to the Vice Chairperson) and otherwise as may be required by Section 1-86 of the Connecticut General Statutes.
- 7.2. With respect to potential conflicts of interest, as defined in Section 1-86(a) of the Connecticut General Statutes and pursuant thereto and pursuant to Section 1-81-30(c) of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies, the Member shall either (1) excuse

himself or herself from participating in any deliberation or vote on the matter and may not otherwise take any affirmative action on the matter or (2) shall prepare a written statement prepared under penalty of false statement describing the matter requiring action and the nature of the potential conflict and explaining why, despite the potential conflict, such Member is able to vote and otherwise participate fairly, objectively, and in the public interest, and shall deliver a copy of such statement to the Office of State Ethics and shall enter a copy of the statement in the minutes of the Board or committee, as applicable.

7.3. In addition to the steps described in Section 7.1 and 7.2, above, a conflicted or potentially conflicted Director:

7.3.1. is strongly encouraged to leave the room during discussion and vote on the matter at hand; and

7.3.2. shall not participate in such discussion and vote; and

7.3.3. shall not have access to non-public confidential information regarding the matter at hand.

ARTICLE VIII COMPENSATION

8.1. No Director or Committee member shall at any time receive or be entitled to receive any compensation for the performance of his or her duties as a Director, but may be reimbursed by the Green Bank for reasonable and necessary expenses incurred in the performance of such duties.

ARTICLE IX

RESTRICTIONS ON DIRECTORS AND EMPLOYEES LEAVING GREEN BANK

9.1. Green Bank Directors and employees are required to comply with the Code of Ethics provisions pertaining to post-state activity and to familiarize themselves with the statutes pertaining to post-state service restrictions which can be found at Connecticut General Statutes Sections 1-84a and 1-84b and in the *Guide to the Code of Ethics for Public Officials and State Employees*.

ARTICLE X

PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY

10.1. Robert's Rules of Order, current revised edition, shall govern the proceedings of the Board when not in conflict with these Bylaws.

ARTICLE XI

AMENDMENT

11.1. **Amendment or Repeal.** These Bylaws may be amended or repealed or new Bylaws may be adopted by the affirmative vote of a Super Majority of the Directors then in office. The Green Bank may adopt rules for the conduct of its business, and the adoption of such rules shall not constitute an amendment of these Bylaws.

ARTICLE XII

DEFINITIONS

12.1. **Definitions.** Unless the context shall otherwise require, the following words and terms shall have the following meanings:

- 12.1.1. "Green Bank" means the Connecticut Green Bank, as created and existing pursuant to the Statute.
- 12.1.2. "Board" means the board of directors of the Green Bank appointed and serving pursuant to the Statute.
- 12.1.3. "Carbon offsets" means any activity that compensates for the emission of carbon dioxide or other greenhouse gases by providing for an emission reduction elsewhere.
- 12.1.4. "Chairperson" means the Chairperson of the Board appointed pursuant to the Statute.
- 12.1.5. "Clean Energy" means solar photovoltaic energy, solar thermal, geothermal energy, wind, ocean thermal energy, wave or tidal energy, fuel cells, landfill gas, hydropower that meets the low-impact standards of the Low-Impact Hydropower Institute, hydrogen production and hydrogen conversion technologies, low emission advanced biomass conversion technologies, alternative fuels, used for electricity generation including ethanol, biodiesel or other fuel produced in Connecticut and derived from agricultural produce, food waste or waste vegetable oil, provided the Commissioner of Energy and Environmental Protection determines that such fuels provide net reductions in greenhouse gas emissions and fossil fuel consumption, usable electricity from combined heat and power systems with waste heat recovery systems, thermal storage systems, other energy resources and emerging technologies which have significant potential for commercialization and which do not involve the combustion of coal, petroleum or petroleum products, municipal solid waste or

nuclear fission, financing of energy efficiency projects, projects that seek to deploy electric, electric hybrid, natural gas or alternative fuel vehicles and associated infrastructure, any related storage, distribution, manufacturing technologies or facilities and any Class I renewable energy source.

- 12.1.6. "Committee" means any committee of or formed by the Board, including any Standing Committee, *ad hoc* committee, or advisory committee.
- 12.1.7. "Committee Chair" means the Chairperson of a Committee.
- 12.1.8. "Comprehensive Plan" means the plan developed by the Green Bank pursuant to section 16-245n(c) of the General Statutes.
- 12.1.9. "Connecticut Freedom of Information Act" means the Connecticut Freedom of Information Act, Connecticut General Statutes § 1-200 *et seq.*, as amended.
- 12.1.10. "Director" means a voting member of the Board appointed pursuant to the Statute.
- 12.1.11. "Ecosystem services" means benefits obtained from ecosystems, including, but not limited to, (A) provisioning services such as food and water, (B) regulating services such as regulation of floods, drought, land degradation and disease, and (C) supporting services such as soil formation and nutrient cycling; and
- 12.1.12. "Environmental infrastructure" means structures, facilities, systems, services and improvement projects related to (A) water, (B) waste and recycling, (C) climate adaptation and resiliency, (D) agriculture, (E) land conservation, (F) parks and recreation, and (G) environmental markets, including, but not limited to, carbon offsets and ecosystem services.
- 12.1.13. "General Statutes" means the Connecticut General Statutes, as amended.

- 12.1.14. "Majority", whether capitalized or lowercase, means one more than half.
- 12.1.15. "President" means the President of the Green Bank hired by and serving at the pleasure of the Board of Directors of the Green Bank.
- 12.1.16. "Presiding Officer" has the meaning attributed to that term in Article IV, Section 4.5 of these Bylaws.
- 12.1.17. "Resolution of Purposes" means a resolution of the Board adopted pursuant to the penultimate sentence of Section 16-245n(d) of the General Statutes.
- 12.1.18. "Secretary" means the Secretary of the Board elected pursuant to the Statute and these Bylaws.
- 12.1.19. "Standing Committee" means a Standing Committee established by these Bylaws or another standing committee appointed by the Board for a specified period of time for the purpose of carrying out one or more functions of the Green Bank.
- 12.1.20. "Statute" means Connecticut General Statutes § 16-245n, as amended.
- 12.1.21. "Super Majority" means two thirds rounded up to the next whole integer.
- 12.1.22. "Vice Chairperson" means the Vice Chairperson of the Board elected pursuant to these Bylaws.

ARTICLE XIII

AUTHORITY

- 13.1. These Bylaws are adopted pursuant to the Statute and effective as of October 22, 2021.