

# THE REAL ESTATE INSTITUTE OF QUEENSLAND LIMITED

#### **NOTICE OF ELECTION – BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

In accordance with the <u>Constitution</u> and <u>By-laws</u> of The Real Estate Institute of Queensland Limited (**the Institute**), notice is hereby given of the intention to conduct an election for the following Member Director positions:

- 1 x Female Regional Director; and
- 1 x Young Director.

To be eligible as a candidate for election as a Young Director or Female Regional Director, to the Institute's Board of Directors for a period of 3 years (subject to the rotation requirements set out in the Constitution) commencing at the conclusion of the 2024 Annual General Meeting, an individual must be a member of one of the following classes described in By-laws 5 to 8:

- 1. Life
- 2. Fellow
- 3. Practising
- 4. Associate.

Additional eligibility criteria for Young Director are set out in Clause 5.2(f) of the Constitution and additional eligibility criteria for Female Regional Director are set out in Clause 5.2(g) of the Constitution.

Please refer to the **enclosed** explanatory note for more detailed information about the duties and responsibilities of Directors.

Further queries in respect of the above should be directed to the Company Secretary.

Nominations should be lodged by one of the following options on the enclosed form:

## Posted to:

The Returning Officer

The Real Estate Institute of Queensland Limited

PO Box 3447

TINGALPA DC 4173

## Hand delivered to:

The Returning Officer

The Real Estate Institute of Queensland Limited

Level 1, 50 Southgate Avenue

**CANNON HILL QLD 4170** 

# **Lodged Electronically via Email to:**

The Returning Officer at <a href="mailto:company.secretary@reiq.com.au">company.secretary@reiq.com.au</a>

NOMINATIONS MUST BE IN THE HANDS OF THE RETURNING OFFICER BY
NOT LATER THAN 4.00PM FRIDAY 20 SEPTEMBER 2024
NOMINATIONS SUBMITTED TO THE RETURNING OFFICER AFTER THIS TIME AND DATE WILL NOT BE
ACCEPTED.

Katrina Beavon Company Secretary 23 August 2024



# INFORMATION FOR INTENDING CANDIDATES

## FOR ELECTION AS MEMBER DIRECTORS

To be eligible as a candidate for election to a vacant Member Director position of the Institute's Board of Directors for a 3-year term (subject to the rotation requirements of the Constitution) commencing at the conclusion of the 2024 Annual General Meeting (**AGM**), an individual must firstly be a Life, Fellow, Practising or Associate member (as defined under the REIQ By-Laws) and meet eligibility criteria for a general Member Director set out in Clauses 5.2(a) and (c) of the Constitution. At this election, candidates for the Young Director position must also satisfy Clause 5.2(f) of the Constitution and candidates for the Female Regional Director position must also satisfy Clause 5.2(g) of the Constitution.

#### The Institute

The Institute is a company limited by guarantee and accordingly, any candidate intending to nominate for a position on the Board of Directors should be aware that they are required to act in accordance with the *Corporations Act 2001*, and ideally will have undertaken, or be prepared to undertake, a course conducted by the Australian Institute of Company Directors.

#### The Board of Directors

The Constitution provides that the Institute's Board of Directors must not have more than 9 Directors comprising:

- (a) not more than 6 Member Directors; and
- (b) not more than 3 Non-Member Directors.

New Member Directors meeting either the Young Director or Female Regional Director criteria will be elected for a 3-year term (subject to the rotation requirements of the Constitution) commencing at the conclusion of the 2024 AGM. Non-Member Directors are appointed by the Board of Directors for a term not exceeding 3 years.

The current Member Directors who will retire at the conclusion of the 2024 AGM are:

- (a) Mr Joshua Kindred; and
- (b) Ms Linda Bland.



# **Young Director**

In accordance with the Constitution, a Young Director means:

- (a) a Member Director who satisfies the criteria set out in Clauses 5.2(a) to 5.2(c) and 5.2(f); or
- (b) appointed to fill a vacancy in accordance with Clause 5.4(c)(iv).

To be eligible to nominate for election as a Young Director, the person must, at the time of election, be thirty-five years of age or younger.

# **Female Regional Director**

In accordance with the Constitution, a Female Regional Director means:

- (a) a Member Director who satisfies the criteria set out in Clauses 5.2(a) to 5.2(d) and 5.2(g); or
- (b) a person appointed to fill a Regional Director vacancy in accordance with Clause 5.4(c)(iii).

To be eligible to nominate for election as Female Regional Director, the person must, at the time of nomination and election, not be male or identify as male and reside in a Zone which is located in a Regional Area.

In accordance with the Constitution, Regional Areas are Zones in Queensland which are not included in the South East Queensland Area. Zones defined as Regional Areas exclude those located either wholly or predominately within the local government area boundaries of Noosa Shire, Somerset Regional, Sunshine Coast Regional, Moreton Bay Regional, Lockyer Regional, Ipswich City, Brisbane City, Redland City, Logan City, Gold Coast City and Scenic Rim Regional areas.

# The Role of the Board

The role of the Board of Directors is to establish strategic objectives and goals for the operation of the Institute and to oversee its management.

The principal functions and responsibilities of the Board include:

- establishing the strategic objectives and direction of the Institute;
- overseeing and monitoring organisational performance;
- establishing and determining the powers and functions of committees;
- enhancing and protecting the reputation of the Institute;
- meeting regulatory obligations;
- governing the Institute by establishing broad policies and objectives;
- selecting, appointing, supporting and reviewing the performance of the Chief Executive Officer;
- approving budgets and ensuring the availability of financial resources.

# **Chair and Deputy Chair of the Board**

The Directors elect a Member Director to perform outward facing functions such as member and stakeholder relations and either a Member Director or Non-Member Director as Deputy Chair to chair Board meetings for such period as the Directors resolve.



#### The Role of Individual Directors

The Institute's Directors, in common with all company directors, have full responsibility for the overall successful operations of the Institute, including:

- financial operations and solvency;
- all matters as prescribed by law; and
- the strategic direction of the Institute.

Directors have no individual authority nor do they participate in the day-to-day management of the Institute.

# **Deputy Chair**

The primary function of the Deputy Chair is to chair Board meetings, facilitate the governance processes, ensure that the Board accomplishes its role as expressed in the Constitution and to be the major point of contact between the Board and Management. The Deputy Chair will ensure that all new Directors undertake an appropriate on-boarding program.

#### **Board Committees**

The Board may decide to create one or more committees at its discretion. These committees may be standing committees, which have a permanent role, or temporary committees, which are established to achieve a specific purpose. Currently, the Board's standing committees are as follows:

- Finance Audit & Risk Management Committee, which reviews the integrity of the Institute's financial reporting, oversees the independence of the external auditors, monitors the financial policies and operations including investment policies and oversees the risk management system within the Institute; and
- Remuneration and Nominations Committee, which assists the Board to discharge its corporate governance responsibilities with regard to remuneration, recruitment, appraisal, rotation, appointments, oversight of the CEO and management, and employment policies.

# **Legal Liability of Directors**

Directors have a fiduciary responsibility to the Institute and are accountable for the property entrusted to their care and control. Consent to be a director should only be given if a person is prepared to devote the attention and effort to Institute affairs required to fulfil the responsibilities involved.

Directors are generally protected from liability for errors of judgement as long as their actions are responsible and in good faith, with the best interest of the Institute as the foremost objective.

Australia has legislation which specifies the standard of care required by directors of corporations. These laws usually require that directors discharge their duties "in good faith and with that degree of diligence, care and skill which a reasonably prudent person would exercise under similar conditions in like positions".



#### **Time Commitments**

The Board determines the date, time, place and frequency of meetings. Past practice has been to meet 8 times per year, usually on the last Friday of the month at REIQ's Brisbane premises. The Board to be formed at the conclusion of the 2024 AGM is at liberty to vary these practices.

Special board meetings may also be convened on the request of:

- the Chair or Deputy Chair of the Board;
- the Chief Executive Officer; or
- the Company Secretary on request of any 2 Directors.

Meetings last approximately 4 hours but may be extended due to the volume or complexity of business to be conducted. Additional time commitments will apply to Directors who sit on Board Committees.

In addition to attendance at Board meetings, Directors are expected to participate in a range of events hosted by the Institute including, conferences, training events, forums and other significant functions. Directors are also expected to act as advocates of the Institute by promoting its activities and interests. In some circumstances, Directors may also be required to act as representatives of the Institute at events and when dealing with the public.

Given the level of commitment required of a Director, intending candidates should nominate only if they are prepared to devote the necessary time and dedication to the position and is willing to dedicate time to complete the AICD Director Short Course.

## **Director Protection**

The Institute holds current Professional Indemnity Insurance and Directors and Officers Liability insurance policies.

# **Director Remuneration and Expenses**

The members in general meeting set remuneration for Directors.

Directors are currently entitled to be paid remuneration of \$24,308 per annum, plus applicable superannuation. An additional amount may be paid to the Chair and Deputy Chair on account of their extra duties.

The Institute pays for or reimburses all travel, accommodation and out-of-pocket expenses incurred by Directors travelling on authorised Institute business.



#### **Director Induction**

All new Directors are given an induction into their role as soon as possible after the AGM. Information conveyed to new Directors includes:

- details of Directors' responsibilities to the Institute;
- details of all relevant legal requirements including:
  - corporations law;
  - Tax Office requirements;
  - other major statutory bodies;
- a copy of the Institute's Board Charter;
- guidelines on Board processes;
- details of past, recent and likely future developments relating to the Board including anticipated regulatory changes;
- background information on and contact information for key people in the organisation;
- an analysis of the current position of the Institute including:
  - core competencies of the Institute;
  - details of past financial performance;
  - current financial position;
  - any other important operating information; and
  - a synopsis of current strategic directions.

Following the AGM, each Director will receive a formal letter of appointment.



# THE REAL ESTATE INSTITUTE OF QUEENSLAND LIMITED

# YOUNG DIRECTOR & FEMALE REGIONAL DIRECTOR

# **NOMINATION FORM**

NOTE: CANDIDATES ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR ENSURING THAT THIS NOMINATION FORM IS COMPLETED IN ITS ENTIRETY

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(PLEASE PRINT FULL NAME)		
being an eligible candidate, hereby nominate for election to one of the following Director positions:		
Young Director  OR		
Female Regional Director		
NOTE: NOMINEES ARE NOT PERMITTED TO STAND FOR ELECTION FOR MORE THAN ONE OF THE ABOVE DIRECTOR POSITIONS – PLEASE SELECT ONLY 1 BOX – IF YOU SELECT MORE THAN 1 BOX, YOUR NOMINATION WILL BE DEEMED BY THE COMPANY SECRETARY TO BE INVALID AND DISCARDED ACCORDINGLY		
I hereby declare the following:		
(a) My date of birth is:		
(b) My usual residential address is:		
(c) At the time of making this nomination, I meet the eligibility criteria for one of the following Director positions and will continue to do so if elected to said position:		
Young Director as provided for under Clause 5.2(a) to (c) and (f) of the Constitution; or		
Female Regional Director as provided for under Clause 5.2 (a) to (d) and (g) of the Constitution.		
(d) I am in a position to meet my obligations as a Director of the Institute if so elected.		
Signature of Nominee:		
Firm or Company:		
Date:		

**IMPORTANT: Please complete following pages** 

**Note:** Please ensure that a photograph of yourself is included with this Nomination Form.



## QUESTIONS FOR CANDIDATES NOMINATING FOR REIQ BOARD ELECTION

The REIQ members entrust the governance of our organisation to the REIQ Board.

Candidates nominating for election to Board positions are seeking election to a role that involves significant responsibility to look after members' interest. This requires them to assume and discharge fiduciary responsibilities to REIQ members, to make key strategic decisions and oversee the complex operations of the organisation and to comply with the requirements of the *Corporations Act 2001* (Cth) and other relevant legislation.

Candidates are therefore required to provide some brief information about themselves to enable members to make an informed decision on the most suitable candidates for this important role. Your responses to these questions will be provided to all members to inform their voting.

The Board recognises the importance of having the right mix of skills, knowledge and experience in the board room to ensure the continued success of our organisation. To this end, based on the Board's current skillset, it is desirous (but not essential) for candidates to have specific skills or experience in the following areas to assist in achieving a number of strategic objectives set out in the REIQ Strategic Plan 2025-27:

- strong understanding of the real estate industry trends, challenges and opportunities;
- customer success; and/or
- information communication technology/digital transformation.

Please provide your answers to the following questions.

#### RESPONSES TO ALL QUESTIONS MUST FIT ON ONE A4 PAGE.

- Question 1. What are 3 key issues of importance to the real estate profession in Queensland you would promote and support as a Director of the REIQ?
- Question 2. Please describe your background and experience in the real estate profession including any positions held and contributions made to the REIQ.
- Question 3. Describe your academic and professional qualifications.
  - Please list any professional skills and experiences beyond the real estate profession that would assist you in undertaking the role of a Director of the REIQ.
- Question 4. Outline any experience you have, or any professional training that you have completed in the role of a company director that would assist you in undertaking the duties of an REIQ Director. This might include specific technical competencies / training you have completed; experience in managing areas of major risk to an organisation or business; governance roles outside the corporate world, for example as a member of a sporting club/community committee or school P&F.
- Question 5. Please describe anything else you would like REIQ members to know about you and your ability to take on the role of a Director of the REIQ.

# **PLEASE NOTE:**

Answers to the above questions should be submitted at the same time as lodgement of your completed nomination form. The REIQ reserves the right to make non-substantive changes to responses where such changes are necessary to ensure compliance with the prescribed length limit and/or consistency with formatting of material to be provided to members to inform voting choices. We reserve the right to omit any statements that breach By-law 19.



#### **DECLARATION**

By-law 19(8) provides the following:

A nomination paper may be accompanied by:

- (a) a short curriculum vitae for the nominee; and
- (b) the nominee's answers and/or submissions in relation to other content or questions the Board deems relevant from time to time.

This material may be sent to eligible voters by the Company Secretary, along with the election notice.

By-law 19(9) provides the following:

A candidate's promotion for election to the Board must:

- (a) be limited to self-promotion only;
- (b) not contain any negative or derogatory statements about other candidates or past directors of the Institute;
- (c) not contain statements which may be considered to be defamatory; and
- (d) not be of a character that will bring or, may potentially bring, the reputation of the Institute or the real estate industry into disrepute.

I certify, to the best of my knowledge, that the above particulars are true and correct and that I satisfy the eligibility criteria set out in Clause 5.2 (including Clause 5.2(f), or Clause 5.2(g) if relevant) of the Constitution and acknowledge and agree that my nomination paper and promotion for election to the Board will comply with all relevant By-laws of the Institute, including but not limited to, By-laws 19(8) and 19(9) set out above.

Full Name of Candidate:	
Signature of Candidate:	
Date:	