# BY-LAWS OF THE FOUNDATION OF THE ROTARY CLUB OF HONOLULU

AS AMENDED THROUGH

June 2021

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## **NAME**

1.1 The name of the corporation is the Foundation of the Rotary Club of Honolulu (hereafter the "Foundation").

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## Article II

# **PURPOSE**

2.1 The Foundation is organized and shall be operated exclusively to support the charitable and educational missions of the Rotary Club of Honolulu ("RCOH"). In furtherance of these purposes, the Foundation has all powers granted to a nonprofit corporation under the Nonprofit Corporations Act of the State of Hawai'i, Chapter 414D of the Hawai'i Revised Statutes, and the power to do all things necessary, proper, and consistent with maintaining its tax-exempt status under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code (hereafter the "Code"). Notwithstanding any other provision of these Bylaws, the Foundation shall neither have nor exercise any power, nor shall it engage directly or indirectly in any activity that would invalidate its status as a corporation that is exempt from federal income taxation as an organization described in Section 501(c)(3) of the Code.

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#### **MEMBERS**

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(hereafter the "Members").

# BOARD OF TRUSTEES

4.1 <u>Board of Trustees</u>. The governing body of the Foundation shall be the Board of Trustees (hereaft ker "Board"). Trustees shall receive no compensation for their services provided as trustees. Any expenditure or donation in furtherance of the exempt purposes of the Foundation shall be considered by the Board only after such expenditure or donation shall have been recommended to it by the Board of Directors of the RCOH. After such recommendation, the Board of Trustees shall have the authority to consider and approve such expenditure or donation without consideration by the Members.

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- 4.2 <u>Trustees</u>. The Board of Trustees shall consist of nine (9) members. The terms of the <u>Trustees</u> shall be divided into three classes such that the terms of one-third of the trustees shall expire at the next annual election of trustees, one-third at the second next annual election of trustees, and one-third at the third next annual election of trustees. Thereafter, as the term of office of each trustee expires, a successor shall be elected by the <u>Members</u> of the Foundation, at the annual meeting of the Foundation, Each <u>Trustee</u> shall hold office for a term of three years and until a successor is elected and qualified. Election of trustees shall be either by written or electronic ballot, or by voice vote of the FoundationMembers.
- 4.3 Resignation. Except as otherwise required by law, any trustee may resign at any time by giving written notice to the Board of Trustees, the President, or the Secretary. Such resignation shall take effect at the time specified in such notice, or on receipt of the notice if no time is specified. Unless otherwise specified in the notice of resignation, no acceptance of such resignation shall be necessary to make it effective.
- <u>4.4</u> Removal. Any individual trustee may be removed from office by a majority vote of the <u>Trustees</u> at a duly noticed meeting, or by vote of the Foundation <u>Members</u> at a meeting of the Foundation Members.
- 4.5 <u>Vacancies</u>. Any vacancy occurring in the Board of Trustees resulting from the death, resignation, or removal of a trustee or other cause, including a vacancy resulting from an increase in the number of trustees comprising the Board, shall be filled by vote of the Foundation Members at a meeting of the Foundation Members. A trustee appointed to fill any vacancy of a trustee shall hold office for the unexpired term of his or her predecessor in office and until his or her successor has been elected and qualified. No reduction of the number of trustees shall have the effect of removing any trustee prior to the expiration of his or her term of office.

# Article V

# **OFFICERS**

- 5.1 Officers. Officers of the Foundation shall be elected by the Board of Trustees annually at the first meeting of the Board of Trustees following the annual meeting of the Members. The officers shall consist of a President, Vice-President, Treasurer, and Secretary. The officers shall serve for one year and until their successors have been duly elected. No person shall hold more than one office simultaneously.
- <u>5.2 President</u>. It shall be the duty of the <u>President</u> to preside at meetings of the Foundation and its Board of Trustees and to perform such other duties as ordinarily pertain to the office.
- <u>5.3</u> <u>Vice-President.</u> It shall be the duty of the Vice-President to preside at meetings of the Foundation and its <u>Board</u> of <u>Trustees</u> in the absence of the President. The

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president may expand the duties of the Vice-President from time to time, and the President may designate the Vice-President to conduct Board meetings, committee meetings, and meetings of the Foundation Members.

- Secretary. It shall be the duty of the Secretary to oversee the Foundation's Administrator who will keep the records of membership, record the attendance at meetings, send out notices of meetings of the Foundation Members, Board, and committees, record and preserve the minutes of such meetings, make the required reports to Rotary International, if any, and perform such other duties as usually pertain to the Secretary's office.
- <u>5</u>.5 <u>Treasurer</u>. The Treasurer is responsible for the care and oversight of: 1) the financial affairs of the Foundation and of its finances; 2) the keeping of full and accurate books of account of the Foundation's financial transactions, which books shall be and remain the property of the Foundation, and which at all times shall be open to inspection by the Trustees, the RCOH Board of Directors, the Members and the auditor; 3) the creation and filing with the proper municipal, state, federal, and other governmental officials all exhibits, returns, and reports required by law; 4) provide financial statements to the Trustees at regularly scheduled meetings, and upon request by the Trustees or RCOH Board of Directors; and 5) presenting the annual financial statement showing receipts and expenditures and giving an account of all funds, notes, bonds, securities, and accounts of property and indebtedness of the <u>Foundation</u>.

## Article VI

# **MEETINGS**

- Trustee Meetings. The Foundation Trustees and officers will meet at a minimum four (4) times per year, at such time and place as determined by the President. Meetings of the Board of Trustees shall be coordinated with the meetings of the Board of Directors of the RCOH.
- Special Meetings of Trustees. The President or five (5) trustees may call a special meeting of the Board of Trustees, whenever deemed necessary, upon five (5) calendar-day notice. Notice by U.S. Mail, fax, or email addressed to the regular contact information the Board uses to communicate with a trustee will be appropriate for notice of a special meeting.
- Quorum. A majority of the trustees then in office shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at any meeting of the Board of Trustees. One-third of the Members of the RCOH in good standing at the time of a meeting shall constitute a guorum for the transaction of business at a meeting of the Foundation Members 6.4

Attendance. Meetings may be in person and/or conducted via electronic means

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<u>such as</u> videoconference or telephone. Participation by such means shall constitute presences in person at a meeting.

- <u>6.5.</u> Annual Meeting of the Foundation Members. The annual meeting of the Foundation Membership shall be held not later than the 31st day of December in each year.
- <u>6.6.</u> <u>Special Meetings of the Foundation Members</u>. Special meetings of the Foundation <u>Members</u> shall be held upon the call of the President or at <u>least one (1)</u>. <u>Foundation Members</u> with five (5) or more <u>calendar-days</u>' notice.
- <u>6.7.</u> <u>Method of Vote</u>. The business of the Foundation <u>and its Board of Trustees</u> may be transacted by voice vote, written ballot, by <u>electronic means using a telephone</u>, mail, electronic mail, or facsimile.
- 6.8. Action by Written Consent. Any action required or permitted to be taken by the Board of Trustees may be taken without a meeting if 80% of all <u>trustees</u> consent in writing to the adoption of a resolution authorizing the action. Trustees may vote on an issue outside a meeting provided notice of the vote to be taken and issues to be discussed is delivered to all trustees five (5) <u>calendar</u> days before the vote. Records of the notice and vote shall be included with the minutes of the next meeting of the <u>Board</u>.

## Article VII

## **COMMITTEES**

- 7.1 <u>Standing and Ad Hoc Committees</u>. The Foundation shall maintain standing committees (1) Investment and (2) <u>Fundraising (Annual Campaign)</u>. The Foundation President shall, subject to the approval of the Board, appoint such committees on particular issues as the President may deem necessary for the internal administration of Foundation affairs. Any committee so appointed shall consist of a <u>chairperson</u>, who shall be named by the President from the <u>Board of Trustees</u>, and of not less than two other members who need not necessarily be members of the Board of Trustees, but who must be members of the <u>Foundation</u>.
- 7.2 <u>Nominating Committee</u>. A Nominating Committee shall be appointed annually by the President. The Nominating Committee shall consist of three trustees and two other <u>Foundation Members</u>. The Nominating Committee shall solicit nominations from the Foundation, <u>Members</u> for the election of trustees at the annual meeting of the Foundation.

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# Article VIII

## **FINANCES**

<u>8</u> .1	Bank Accounts. The Treasurer shall oversee the deposit all funds of the			
Foundation in one or more banks or other depository institutions designated by the				
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- <u>8.2</u> <u>Check Signing</u>. All bills paid by check shall be signed by signatories authorized by the Board of Trustees.
- 8.3 Transfer of Funds. Bills paid or other transfer of funds by electronic means shall be paid or transferred only upon approval of signatories authorized by the Board of Trustees.
- <u>8.4.</u> Audit. The Foundation shall have a review of the Foundation's financial affairs completed each year by the Foundation's outside accountants or certified public accountant. A thorough audit by a certified public accountant shall be made at least once every five (5) years of all Foundation financial transactions conducted during the year prior to the audit.
- <u>8.5.</u> <u>Bond.</u> Officers having charge or control of funds shall give bond as may be required by the <u>Board</u> for the safe custody of the funds of the Foundation, the cost of such bond to be borne by the Foundation.
- <u>8.6.</u> <u>Fiscal Year</u>. The fiscal year of the Foundation shall extend from July 1st to June 30th.
- <u>8.7.</u> <u>Budget.</u> At the beginning of each fiscal year, the Board of Trustees shall prepare or cause to be prepared a budget of estimated income and estimated expenditures for the year, which, having been agreed to by the Board, shall stand as the limit of expenditures for the respective purposes unless otherwise ordered by action of the Board of Trustees. To prepare its annual budget, the Board of Trustees may adopt a budget prepared by the Board of Directors of the <u>RCOH</u> and submitted to the Board of Trustees of the Foundation.

# Article JX

#### Amendments

2.1 These by-laws may be amended at any meeting of the Members of the Foundation, a quorum being present, by a majority vote of all members present, provided that notice of such proposed amendment shall have been mailed (by either U.S. Postal Service First Class mail or electronic mail) to each Member of the Foundation at least fourteen (14) days before such meeting. No amendment or addition to these by-laws can be made which is not in harmony with the Foundation's Articles of

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CONFLICT OF INTEREST	
_10.1 Avoiding Conflicts of Interest. If any member or trustee of the Foundation shall	Deleted: 9
find themselves in a situation involving an actual or potential conflict of interest, or the	
appearance thereof, the member or trustee shall immediately make full disclosure of the	Deleted: y
matter to the President, and thereafter disassociate themselves from any activity with	
respect to, or in consideration of the matter. If the President believes he or she has a	Deleted: finds themselves
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conflict-of-interest transaction is not voidable or the basis for imposing liability on the	Deleted: 9
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<u>INDEMNIFICATION</u>	
11,1 Mandatory Indemnification. The Foundation shall indemnify any trustee or officer	Deleted: 0
of the Foundation who was or is a party to any completed action, by reason of the fact that the person is or was a trustee or officer of the Foundation, against expense	
(including attorney's fees) actually and reasonably incurred in connection with the defense of such action, where the trustee or officer was wholly successful, on the merits or otherwise.	
11.2 <u>Authority to Indemnify.</u> The Foundation shall have power to indemnify any person	Deleted: 0
who was or is a party to any threatened, pending or completed action, by reason of the	
fact that the person is or was an agent of the Foundation (including trustee, officers,	
employees, and other agents), against expenses (including reasonable attorneys' fees)	
actually and reasonably incurred by the person in connection with the defense or	

settlement of such action, if the person acted in good faith, in a manner the person reasonably believed to be in the Foundation 's best interest (in the case of conduct in an official capacity) or which at minimum did not oppose the corporation's best interests (in the case of conduct not in an official capacity), and if, in a criminal proceeding, the person had no reasonable cause to believe the person's conduct was unlawful.

11,3 No indemnification. No indemnification shall be made where the Trustee has been determined to be liable, either in connection with a proceeding by or in the right of the Foundation, or in connection with any other proceeding (whether or not involving action in an official capacity) in which the trustee was found liable on the basis of the trustee's improper receipt of a personal benefit; provided, however, that indemnification will be allowed to the extent that the court in which the action or suit was brought determines upon application that, despite the adjudication of liability, but in view of all circumstances of the case, the person is fairly and reasonably entitled to indemnity.

# Article XII

## DISSOLUTION

12.1 <u>Dissolution</u>. Upon the dissolution of the Foundation, after all liabilities and obligations of the Foundation have been paid, satisfied, and discharged, or adequate provision made therefore, remaining property and assets of the Foundation shall be distributed for one or more, tax-exempt purposes within the meaning of section 501(c)(3) of the Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or shall be distributed to the federal government, or to a state or local government, for a public purpose. Specifically, all such remaining assets shall be distributed to the Rotary Foundation (provided that, at the time of dissolution, the Rotary Foundation is recognized as a tax-exempt entity under section 501(c)(3) of the Code or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code) or, at the sole discretion of the Foundation, to another organization which is exempt from income tax under section 501(c)(3) of the Code having similar purposes as the Foundation. Any such assets not so disposed of shall be disposed of by a court of competent jurisdiction of the county in which the principal office of the Foundation is then located, exclusively for such purposes or to such organization or organizations, as said court shall determine, which are organized and operated exclusively for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of section 501(c)(3) of the Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

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