# SONIC FOUNDRY, INC. NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE CHARTER

## **Committee Membership**

Except as provided below, the Nominations Committee (the "Committee") of the Board of Directors (the "Board") of Sonic Foundry, Inc. (the "Company") shall consist solely of "independent directors", i.e., those directors who neither are officers or employees of the Company or its subsidiaries nor have a relationship which, in the opinion of the Board, would interfere with the exercise of independent judgment in carrying out the responsibilities of a director, and who are otherwise "independent" under the rules of the Nasdaq Stock Market, Inc.

The initial members of the Committee shall be appointed by the Board. Members shall serve at the pleasure of the Board and for such term or terms as the Board may determine.

If the Committee is comprised of at least two members, one director who is not independent and is not a current officer or employee, or a spouse, parent, child or sibling, whether by blood, marriage or adoption, of, or a person who has the same residence as, any current officer or employee, may be appointed to the Committee if the Board, under exceptional and limited circumstances, determines that such individual's membership on the Committee is required by the best interests of the Company and its stockholders, and the Board discloses, in the next annual meeting proxy statement subsequent to such determination, the nature of the relationship, and the reasons for the determination. Any such member appointed to the Committee may only serve for up to two years.

## **Committee Purpose and Responsibilities**

The Committee shall have the purpose and responsibilities to:

1 Identify individuals believed to be qualified to become Board members, consistent with criteria approved by the Board, and to select, or recommend to the Board, the nominees to stand for election as directors at the annual meeting of stockholders or, if applicable, at a special meeting of stockholders. In the case of a vacancy in the office of a director (including a vacancy created by an increase in the size of the Board), the Committee shall recommend to the Board an individual to fill such vacancy either through appointment by the Board or through election by stockholders. In selecting or recommending candidates, the Committee shall take into consideration the criteria approved by the Board and such other factors as it deems appropriate. These factors may include judgment, skill, diversity, experience with businesses and other organizations of comparable size, the interplay of the candidate's experience with the experience of other Board members, and the extent to which the candidate would be a desirable addition to the Board and any committees of the Board. The Committee shall consider all candidates recommended by the Company's qualified shareholders in accordance with the procedures set forth in the Company's annual proxy statement. The Committee shall consider candidates proposed by management.

- 2. In the case of a director nominee to fill a Board vacancy created by an increase in the size of the Board, make a recommendation to the Board as to the class of directors in which the individual should serve.
- 3. Identify Board members qualified to fill vacancies on any committee of the Board (other than the Committee) and to recommend that the Board appoint the identified member or members to the respective committee. In nominating a candidate for committee membership, the Committee shall take into consideration the factors set forth in the charter of that committee, if any, as well as any other factors it deems appropriate, including without limitation the consistency of the candidate's experience with the goals of the committee and the interplay of the candidate's experience with the experience of other committee members.
- 4. Assist management in the preparation of the disclosure in the Company's annual proxy statement regarding the operations of the Committee.
- 5. Report to the Board on a regular basis, and not less than once per year.
- 6. Perform any other duties or responsibilities expressly delegated to the Committee by the Board from time to time relating to the nomination of Board and committee members.

## **Committee Structure and Operations**

The Board shall designate one member of the Committee as its chairperson. The Committee shall meet in person or telephonically at least once a year and perhaps more frequently, in conjunction with regularly schedule meetings of the Board at regularly schedule times and places determined by the Committee chairperson, with further meetings to occur, or actions to be taken by unanimous written consent, when deemed necessary or desirable by the Committee or its chairperson.

## **Delegation to Subcommittee**

The Committee may, in its discretion, delegate all or a portion of its duties and responsibilities to a subcommittee of the Committee.

#### **Resources and Authority of the Committee**

The Committee shall have access to and support of the Company staff and facilities. Out of pocket expenses shall be subject to the Company's normal approval process.