## Charter of the Nominating, Corporate Governance and Public Policy Committee Board of Directors Baxter International Inc.

## **Statement of Purpose**

The Nominating, Corporate Governance and Public Policy Committee (the "Committee") shall assist and advise the Board of Directors (the "Board") of Baxter International Inc. ("Baxter" or the "Company") in matters related to the following: Board membership nomination and committee membership recommendations; the evaluation of the overall effectiveness of the Board (including the review and consideration of developments in corporate governance practices); the establishment and oversight of procedures for stakeholder communication with the Board; and current and emerging political, corporate citizenship and public policy issues that may affect the Company's business operations, performance or public image.

## **Organization and Meetings**

The Committee shall consist of three or more members of the Board, all of whom shall satisfy the independence requirements of the New York Stock Exchange (the "NYSE") and the Company's Corporate Governance Guidelines. The Board shall appoint the members and chairperson of the Committee. The members shall serve until their successors are appointed and qualified. The Board shall have the power at any time to change the membership of the Committee and to fill vacancies in it, subject to new member(s) satisfying the above requirements. The Committee shall report its actions and recommendations to the Board at the next meeting of the Board following each Committee meeting.

The Committee shall have the authority to meet in executive session without any management personnel present and may form and delegate authority to subcommittees when appropriate.

## **Responsibilities and Authority**

The Committee shall have the following authority and responsibilities:

- 1. Develop general criteria for use in evaluating and selecting candidates for election or reelection to the Board in accordance with the Company's Bylaws. These criteria may include prior experience, skills, knowledge, diversity and other factors that the Committee deems appropriate.
- 2. Assist the Board in identifying and attracting qualified candidates for election to the Board while ensuring that a substantial majority of the directors on the board are in both fact and appearance, independent of management. As part of this work, the Committee shall actively consider for selection as directors those persons who possess a diversity of experience, ideas, gender, race and ethnicity.
- 3. Have the sole authority to retain and terminate any search firm to be used to identify director candidates and shall have sole authority to approve the search firm's fees and other retention

- terms. The Committee shall also have authority to obtain advice and assistance from internal or external legal or other advisors.
- 4. Recommend to the Board annually a slate of nominees to be proposed by the Board to stockholders as nominees for election as directors and, from time to time, recommend persons to fill any vacancy on the Board. In this regard, consider candidates for director recommended by stockholders.
- 5. Review the suitability for continued service as a director of each Board member when his or her term expires and when he or she has a change in circumstances under the Company's Corporate Governance Guidelines, including but not limited to an employment change, and to recommend whether or not the director should continue to serve on the Board.
- 6. Review periodically the size and composition of the Board and each committee, including whether the Board possesses an appropriate mix of skills, experiences and backgrounds, and to recommend to the Board any appropriate changes.
- 7. Recommend to the Board any changes in number, authority, procedures and duties of Board committees and the chairpersons and members who should serve thereon, and to recommend individual directors to fill any vacancy that might occur on a committee, including the Committee.
- 8. Advise the Board and the Chair and Chief Executive Officer on major organization matters and issues relating to the organizational structure of the Company, including the proposed election of any new officers in response to any organizational changes.
- 9. Develop and implement an annual process for evaluating the performance of the Chief Executive Officer (and Chair if applicable) that includes measurable performance objectives, performance assessment against such objectives and communication and coordination with the Compensation and Human Capital Committee in furtherance of its responsibility to recommend to the full Board compensation decisions with respect to the Chief Executive Officer (and Chair if applicable).
- 10. Develop and implement an annual procedure for evaluating the Board and each committee's performance and effectiveness in light of the Company's strategic objectives, the Company's Corporate Governance Guidelines and each committee charter that includes the solicitation of each director's individual views on Board performance and effectiveness, conducted in such a way as to maximize the likelihood of obtaining candid assessments; provided, that the Committee (in any given year) may in its sole discretion elect to retain third party advisers (legal or otherwise) to assist or oversee this evaluation process; and provided, further that the expense of any such advisers shall be borne by the Company. Share its evaluation results with the Board.
- 11. In coordination with the Lead Independent Director (if any), annually review and evaluate the performance of the Chair of the Board. When the Board has a Lead Independent Director, annually review and evaluate the performance of the Lead Independent Director in connection with his or her potential re-election. The Committee shall report to the Board on its evaluation

of the Chair and Lead Independent Director without the Chair or Lead Independent Director present, respectively. Neither the Chair nor the Lead Independent Director shall participate in their own evaluation process.

- 12. To the extent not delegated to other committees review matters impacting the Company's image and reputation and its standing as a responsible corporate citizen, which may include the Company's policies, practices and procedures relating to the following areas:
  - a. Communications with key stakeholders, including employees, the general public and stockholders, provided that, in accordance with the Corporate Governance Guidelines, management generally speaks for the Company;
  - b. Community relations and activities and charitable contributions (including the underlying philosophy goals and purposes of the Company's contribution activities);
  - c. Public policy, government relations and advocacy activities (including activities of the Baxter Political Action Committee and other political contributions);
  - d. Social and governance issues, including initiatives relating to access to healthcare and other social issues;
  - e. Stockholder proposals submitted for inclusion in the Company's annual proxy materials that relate to public policy or social responsibility issues; provided, that the Committee shall coordinate with the Quality and Regulatory Compliance Committee of the Board (the "QRC Committee") on stockholder proposals related to environmental or sustainability matters; and
  - f. Other strategic issues or corporate actions the Board deems appropriate.

For the avoidance of doubt and except as contemplated in Section 1(e) above, the QRC Committee shall retain primary responsibility for the oversight of environmental matters generally (including related compliance oversight and sustainability matters).

- 13. Oversee the orientation of new Board members to the Company and its business. Encourage and monitor participation of Board members in continuing education opportunities relating to the Company's business and the responsibilities of the directors in the exercise of their fiduciary duties.
- 14. In the event of the death, incapacity, resignation or other absence (temporary or permanent) of the Chief Executive Officer, the Committee shall confer and recommend for election by the full Board an acting or successor Chief Executive Officer.
- 15. Exercise the authority of the Board concerning policies relating to service by directors on other unrelated boards of directors.
- 16. Review and reassess at least annually the adequacy of the Corporate Governance Guidelines

- of the Company, and the compliance thereof with applicable NYSE requirements, and recommend any proposed changes to the Board for approval.
- 17. Review and approve or ratify related person transactions brought to the Committee for its consideration in accordance with the Company's Corporate Governance Guidelines.
- 18. Conduct an annual performance evaluation of the Committee (which may include one or more third party advisors) and review the adequacy of this Charter at least annually and recommend any proposed changes to the Board for approval.
- 19. Perform such other duties and authority as shall be assigned or granted to it from time to time by the Board.

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