# PIONEER BANCORP, INC. PIONEER BANK

#### GOVERNANCE AND NOMINATING COMMITTEE CHARTER

## I. Purpose

The primary objectives of the Governance and Nominating Committee (the "Committee") are to assist the Board of Directors of Pioneer Bancorp, Inc. (the "Company") and the Board of Directors of Pioneer Bank (the "Bank") (each, a "Board") by: (i) identifying individuals qualified to become Board members and recommending a group of director nominees for election at each annual meeting of the Company's stockholders and the Bank's stole stockholder; (ii) ensuring that the Audit, Compensation, and Governance and Nominating Committees of the Board shall have the benefit of qualified and experienced "independent" directors; and (iii) developing and recommending to the Board a set of effective corporate governance policies and procedures applicable to the Company and the Bank.

# II. Organization

The Committee shall consist of three or more directors, each of whom shall satisfy the definition of independent director as defined in any qualitative listing requirements for NASDAQ Stock Market issuers and any applicable Securities and Exchange Commission rules and regulations.

Committee members shall be elected by the Board on an annual basis. Members shall serve until their successors are appointed. The Committee's chairperson shall be designated by the full Board or, if it does not do so, the Committee members shall elect a Chair by vote of a majority of the full Committee.

The Committee may form and delegate authority to subcommittees, when appropriate.

## **III.** Structure and Meetings

The chairperson of the Committee will preside at each meeting and, in consultation with the other members of the Committee, will set the frequency and length of each meeting and the agenda of items to be addressed at each meeting. The chairperson of the Committee shall ensure that the agenda for each meeting is circulated to each Committee member in advance of the meeting. The Committee shall keep written minutes of all meetings.

# IV. Goals and Responsibilities

To fulfill its responsibilities and duties the Committee shall:

1. Develop and recommend to the Board a Corporate Governance Policy applicable to the Company and review and reassess the adequacy of such policy annually and recommend to the Board any changes deemed appropriate;

- 2. Develop policies on the size and composition of the Board;
- 3. Review possible candidates for Board membership consistent with the Board's criteria for selecting new directors and develop a process for the re-evaluation of existing Directors and, in connection therewith, annually recommend a slate of nominees for the Boards of Directors of the Company and the Bank;
- 4. Advise the Board (as a whole) on corporate governance matters;
- 5. Select a Chairman of the Board.
- 6. Advise the Board on (i) committee member qualifications, (ii) committee member appointments (including the chair of each committee) and removals, (iii) committee structure and operations (including any authority to delegate to subcommittees), and (iv) committee reporting to the Board.
- 7. Maintain an orientation program for new directors and a continuing education program for all directors.
- 8. Developing a process for the annual assessment of the performance of the Board and resulting the results of that self-evaluation to the Board. Such assessment will evaluate the Board's performance as a whole and areas in which performance or policies can be improved.
- 9. The Committee will annually review and reassess the adequacy of this Charter and recommend any proposed changes to the Board for approval.

The Committee shall perform any other activities consistent with this Charter, the Company's articles of incorporation and bylaws, the Bank's organization certificate and bylaws, and governing law and regulations as the Committee or the Board deems appropriate.

## V. Performance Evaluation and Disclosure Obligations

The Committee shall conduct an annual performance evaluation of the Board. The evaluation shall be of the Board's contribution as a whole and specifically review areas in which the Board and/or management believes a better contribution could be made. The Company shall post this Charter on its website. Otherwise, the Company shall provide a copy of this Charter as an appendix to its annual meeting proxy statement at least once every three fiscal years, or if this Charter has been materially amended since the beginning of the Company's last fiscal year.

#### VI. Committee Resources

The Committee shall have the authority to obtain advice and seek assistance from internal or external legal, accounting or other advisors. The Company shall provide appropriate funding to the Committee, as determined by the Committee, to compensate any such advisors.