

# **O-Bank Co., Ltd. Board of Directors Diversity Policy, Standards for Independence, and Plan for Continuing Education and Succession**

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## **Purpose of formulation**

This Policy has been adopted in accordance with Article 5 of the "Organizational Charter of the O-Bank Co., Ltd. Corporate Governance and Nomination Committee" in order to strengthen the functions of the Board of Directors of O-Bank Co., Ltd. ("the Bank"), to implement diversity among the members of the Board of Directors, to enhance the independence and policymaking capabilities of the members of the Board of Directors, and to continue improving the Bank's corporate governance and sustainable development.

## **Board of Directors diversity policy**

Nominations of the Bank's directors (including independent directors) shall be carried out under a candidate nomination system in accordance with the Bank's articles of incorporation.

The Bank shall check to confirm whether nominees for the position of director (including independent director) meet the legally mandated qualification requirements for bank directors.

When making a director nomination, the Bank shall consider the following standards for diversity:

1. It is advisable that a nominee's identity traits and values not be limited to gender, age, ethnicity, and nationality.
2. It is advisable to nominate elite talent who have professional expertise and deep experience in fields needed by the Bank to achieve diversified development.
3. In order to achieve gender equality, which is one of the UN Sustainable Development Goals, the Board of Directors should include at least one female director, and the Bank should gradually increase the share of board seats held by women to one third by 2030.
4. All members of the Board of Directors shall possess the knowledge, skills, and understanding needed to execute job duties. In order to achieve corporate governance goals and meet the Bank's future development needs, the board of directors shall have

at least two directors with working experience in banking and financial administration or management; and for the diverse professional abilities of the directors, at least one director shall have each of the following abilities:

- (1) ability to make judgments about operations and to manage business;
- (2) ability to perform accounting and financial analysis;
- (3) risk management ability;
- (4) crisis management ability;
- (5) expert knowledge of financial matters and industry;
- (6) an international market perspective and ability to engage in investing and M&A activities;
- (7) leadership and policymaking ability;
- (8) knowledge of corporate sustainability;
- (9) knowledge of law, and
- (10) ability to information technology, information security.

5. The Bank's independent directors shall satisfy legal provisions governing the professional qualifications and independence of independent directors and their holding of concurrent positions, and one of the independent directors shall possess professional expertise in accounting or finance; in addition, it is advisable for independent directors to possess the aforementioned diverse set of professional abilities so that the Board of Directors as a whole will possess needed policymaking capabilities and can enhance directors' functions and policymaking effectiveness.

#### **Standards for independence of directors**

The Bank's independent directors shall possess the professional qualifications and satisfy the standards for independence set out in the "Regulations Governing Appointment of Independent Directors and Compliance Matters for Public Companies."

To keep aligned with international corporate governance trends, it is advisable for the Board of Directors to evaluate the possibility of gradually raising the share of director seats held by independent and natural-person directors in order to enhance the independence of the Bank's Board of Directors.

#### **Plan for continuing education of directors**

It is advisable that the continuing education of the Bank's directors be conducted in accordance with the provisions of the "Directions for the Implementation of Continuing Education for Directors and Supervisors of TWSE Listed and TPEX Listed Companies." It is advisable that new directors complete at least 12 hours of

continuing education during the year when they were first appointed, while it is advisable for continuing directors (and for new directors in subsequent years) to complete at least 6 hours of continuing education.

The goal of continuing education for directors is to improve and diversify their professional abilities, and to enhance their functions and policymaking effectiveness. It is advisable that continuing education courses for directors be designed with reference to the competent authority's regulations, the direction of corporate governance, and the provisions of the "Directors' Continuing Education Map" of the Taiwan Stock Exchange. It is also advisable that the Bank arrange an appropriately diverse range of course content that relates to the Bank's business operations, such as anti-money laundering and counter terrorism financing, fair treatment of consumers, ethical business practices, information security, and risk management.

### **Director succession plan**

In order to implement its sustainable development concept, when the Bank selects successors to the Board of Directors it shall make reference to the aforementioned diversity policy, shall consider the degree of the successors' familiarity with the banking industry, and shall consider whether they fit in well with the Bank's mid- and long-term business development strategies. On this basis, the Bank shall then determine the structure of its Board of Directors.

In order to maintain the practice of board members passing on their professional expertise and experience to successors, the Bank plans out the selection of successors to the Board of Directors in the following manner:

1. Current directors (acting on the basis of: a comprehensive consideration of the results of Board of Directors performance evaluations; the state of the Board's participation in the company's operations; the degree of director contributions; and the responsibilities that directors have assumed) select candidates who are suitable and have a willingness to take ongoing part in management of the Bank's business.
2. Search for candidates by consulting an independent director talent database.
3. Hire an appropriate outside organization or consultant to recommend candidates.
4. Current directors recommend candidates.
5. Use some other method to search for candidates who would be suited to serve as directors of the Bank.

### **Supplementary provision**

After being formulated by the Bank's Corporate Governance and Nomination Committee, this Policy shall be implemented per resolution of the Board of Directors, and the same shall apply to any amendments.