# **Director Independence and Qualification Standards**

Nexus Intelligent Systems, Inc.

**Board of Directors Governance Policy** 

#### **PREAMBLE**

WHEREAS, Nexus Intelligent Systems, Inc. (the "Company") is committed to maintaining the highest standards of corporate governance and board effectiveness;

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors plays a critical role in providing strategic oversight, fiduciary responsibility, and independent governance;

NOW, THEREFORE, the following Director Independence and Qualification Standards are hereby established:

#### 1. DIRECTOR INDEPENDENCE STANDARDS

### 1.1 Definition of Independent Director

An "Independent Director" shall be defined as a board member who:

- a) Is not, and has not been within the past three (3) years, an employee of the Company or its subsidiaries:
- b) Does not have a material financial, professional, or personal relationship that could reasonably be perceived to compromise independent judgment;
- c) Has no direct or indirect material interest in any transaction with the Company exceeding \$120,000 annually;
- d) Is not an immediate family member of any current executive officer or previously employed senior executive;

## 1.2 Independence Disqualification Criteria

The following circumstances shall automatically disqualify a director from being considered independent:

- a) Current employment with the Company or its affiliates
- b) Receiving more than \$120,000 in direct compensation from the Company annually, excluding

standard board and committee fees

- c) Being a partner, controlling shareholder, or executive officer of an organization that has a material business relationship with Nexus Intelligent Systems
- d) Serving as an employee, partner, or controlling shareholder of the Company's independent auditor

# 2. DIRECTOR QUALIFICATION STANDARDS

## 2.1 Professional Qualifications

Directors must demonstrate:

- a) Significant professional experience in technology, enterprise services, AI/machine learning, or related strategic domains
- b) Proven leadership experience in public or private companies
- c) Advanced degree or equivalent professional credentials
- d) Minimum of ten (10) years senior executive or board-level experience

## 2.2 Specific Competency Requirements

Directors shall possess demonstrable expertise in one or more of the following areas:

- a) Enterprise technology strategy
- b) Artificial intelligence and machine learning
- c) Corporate finance and capital markets
- d) Risk management and compliance
- e) Digital transformation
- f) Cybersecurity and data governance

### 2.3 Ethical and Personal Standards

Directors must:

- a) Demonstrate unquestionable personal and professional integrity
- b) Commit to acting in the best interests of shareholders
- c) Maintain strict confidentiality regarding Company information
- d) Avoid actual or potential conflicts of interest
- e) Participate actively in board and committee responsibilities

### 3. INDEPENDENCE ASSESSMENT PROCEDURES

### 3.1 Annual Review Process

The Nominating and Governance Committee shall:

- a) Conduct annual comprehensive independence assessments
- b) Review potential conflicts of interest
- c) Document and validate each director's independent status
- d) Recommend remedial actions if independence standards are compromised

## 3.2 Disclosure Requirements

Directors must promptly disclose:

- a) Any potential conflicts of interest
- b) Changes in professional affiliations
- c) Personal circumstances that might impact independence status

### 4. COMPLIANCE AND ENFORCEMENT

## **4.1 Non-Compliance Consequences**

Failure to meet independence and qualification standards may result in:

- a) Immediate board membership review
- b) Potential removal from board committees
- c) Recommendation for board membership termination

### 5. AMENDMENT AND INTERPRETATION

The Board of Directors reserves the right to modify these standards, with any amendments requiring majority board approval.

### **EXECUTION**

Adopted by the Board of Directors on: January 22, 2024

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Chairman of the Board