

**BY-LAWS**  
**OF**  
**WESTERN CLIMATE INITIATIVE, INC.**

(A Delaware Non-Profit Corporation)

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I certify that the attached is a full, true and correct copy of the By-Laws of Western Climate Initiative, Inc. adopted by all of the members of the Board of Directors as of the date hereof.

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Secretary

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Date

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**OF**  
**WESTERN CLIMATE INITIATIVE, INC.**

(the “Corporation”)

**ARTICLE I.**

**PURPOSES**

The exclusive purposes for which the Corporation is formed are: (1) to provide technical and scientific advisory services to jurisdictions in the Americas in the development and collaborative implementation of their respective greenhouse gas emissions trading programs; (2) to perform any other charitable or scientific function related to the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions or the increase in carbon sequestration; and (3) to perform any other charitable or scientific function related to emissions trading programs or other programs with the purpose of improving environmental quality.

The activities of the Corporation in performing these purposes may include the following:

(a) developing, implementing, and maintaining a system for tracking compliance instruments for emissions trading programs, including allowances and offset certificates, that conforms to the requirements of jurisdiction programs;

(b) developing, implementing, and maintaining capability to execute auctions of allowances that conforms to the requirements of jurisdiction programs;

(c) developing, implementing, and maintaining capability to conduct market monitoring of allowance auctions and allowance and offset certificate trading that conforms to the requirements of jurisdiction programs;

(d) developing, implementing, and maintaining capability to provide technical reviews and administrative processing of offset project documentation that conforms to the requirements of jurisdiction programs;

(e) conducting technical analyses to evaluate existing programs or possible modifications to programs; and

(f) developing, implementing, and maintaining the capability to conduct the business operations necessary to perform the above activities (a) through (e).

The activities of the Corporation shall be conducted in a transparent and open manner, commensurate with the prudent stewardship of its funds. Policies to ensure transparent and open operations shall be adopted from time to time by the Board.

The Corporation is a non-stock, non-profit corporation. The purposes for which the Corporation is organized are exclusively religious, charitable, scientific, literary and/or educational within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as the same may be amended (the “Code”), or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue law.

## **ARTICLE II.**

### **MEMBERS**

The Corporation shall have no members. To the extent members are required by law, the Class A directors holding office at any time shall be the Corporation’s members at that time and shall be deemed to have done such acts as are necessary to elect the directors and otherwise fulfill responsibilities as members.

## **ARTICLE III.**

### **PARTICIPATING JURISDICTIONS**

The governmental entities set forth in Exhibit A attached to these By-Laws shall be deemed “Participating Jurisdictions” until such time as the Participating Jurisdictions withdraws from Corporation as provided in Article X, Section 10.1 of these Bylaws, in which case Exhibit A shall be amended to reflect such withdrawal. The Board shall have the power to name additional Participating Jurisdictions by the affirmative vote of two-thirds of the Board which adoption shall then be reflected by an amendment to Exhibit A.

## **ARTICLE IV.**

### **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**Section 4.1. Class A and Class B Directors.** As used in these By-Laws, the term Class A director shall mean and refer to a director possessing all of the authority granted to directors of non-profit, non-stock corporations under applicable law. As used in these By-Laws, the term Class B director shall mean and refer to an individual designated as set forth in these By-Laws who is entitled to notice of and to attend and be heard at meetings of the Board of Directors (the “Board”), but who is not counted in determining if a quorum is present, is not entitled to vote on any matter and shall not act on behalf of the Corporation or the Board.

**Section 4.2. Powers and Number.** The Corporation shall be managed by the Board. The initial Board shall be as set forth in the Certificate of Incorporation and shall hold office until the Class A directors of each Participating Jurisdiction shall have qualified as provided in this Section 4.2. Subject to any change to the status of any Participating Jurisdiction as a result of a withdrawal of a Participating Jurisdiction under the terms set forth in Article X, Section 10.1 below, the Board shall consist of two Class A directors from each Participating Jurisdiction. Each Participating Jurisdiction shall appoint two individuals to serve as Class A directors. Each Class A director shall provide written notice to the Chair of his or her acceptance of the position of Class A director of the Corporation.

Each Participating Jurisdiction shall have the right to name up to two individuals, each of whom is an employee, officer or elected officer of the jurisdiction as Class B directors to serve in accordance with these By-Laws. The appointing authority of the jurisdiction shall notify the Chair in writing of the individuals so named. Each Class B director shall provide written notice to the Chair of his or her acceptance of the position of Class B director of the Corporation.

The Board shall have the power, to be exercised through amendment of the By-Laws in the manner set forth in the By-Laws, to authorize additional directorships or to remove directorships previously authorized.

**Section 4.3. Board.** As used in these By-Laws, the term “Board” refers to the Class A directors of the Corporation then in office.

**Section 4.4. Designees.** Each Class A director may appoint a person to serve as the designee of the Class A director (“Designee”). In the absence of a Class A director, his or her Designee may attend all Board and Committee meetings provided, however, the Designee shall not be allowed to vote on behalf of the appointing Class A director nor shall the Designee be counted towards any quorum requirements. The Designee may also be excluded from closed session Board and Committee meetings at the discretion of the Chair of the Board or Committee.

**Section 4.5. Term of Office.** Each director shall hold office as provided herein or until his or her death, resignation or removal. The term of office of each director shall begin when the Chair of the Corporation receives written notice of such director’s acceptance of the office and shall conclude when such director’s successor has qualified as provided herein.

**Section 4.6. Resignations.** Any director may resign from office at any time by delivering a letter of resignation to the Chair of the Corporation, and the acceptance of such resignation, unless required by the terms thereof, shall not be necessary to make such resignation effective.

**Section 4.7. Replacement of Named Directors.** A director named by a Participating Jurisdiction may be removed by that jurisdiction at any time and for any reason, and another director named in his or her place, upon written notice to the Chair of the Corporation and otherwise in accordance with Section 4.2 of this Article.

**Section 4.8. Vacancies.** In the event that a directorship becomes vacant for any reason, the Participating Jurisdiction from which the director was named may name another person as its director, as provided in Section 4.2 of this Article, by written notice to the Chair of the Corporation.

**Section 4.9. Meetings.** Meetings of the Board may be held at any place within or without the State of Delaware as the Board may from time to time fix, or as shall be specified in the notice or waivers of notice thereof. The annual meeting of the Board shall be held at such time as determined by the Board. Special meetings of the Board shall be held whenever called by a member of the Executive Committee or by any Class A director upon written demand of

not less than one third of the Board. In each case, the person or persons calling the special meeting shall fix the time and place of the meeting.

**Section 4.10. Quorum and Voting.** Unless a greater proportion is required by law, a majority of the Board that includes at least one Class A director from each Participating Jurisdiction shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. However, if at any meeting a quorum cannot be achieved because of the absence of Class A directors from a Participating Jurisdiction, then such meeting may be adjourned to a later date (the “adjourned meeting”). The time, date and location of the adjourned meeting shall be as set forth on notice to all directors, such notice to conform to the requirements for a special meeting set forth in Section 4.14. If no Class A director from the Participating Jurisdiction unrepresented at the initial meeting attends the adjourned meeting, then no Class A director from that Participating Jurisdiction shall be necessary to constitute a quorum at the adjourned meeting. Except as otherwise provided by law or by these By-Laws, the vote of a majority of the Board, if a quorum is present at such time, shall be an act of the Board.

**Section 4.11. Budget.** The vote of at least two-thirds of the Board, if a quorum is present, with no dissenting votes shall be required to approve or substantially modify the Corporation’s budget.

**Section 4.12. Location of Principal Office.** The vote of at least two-thirds of the Class A directors present at the time of the vote, if a quorum is present, shall be required to establish or to change the location of the Corporation’s principal office.

**Section 4.13. Meeting by Use of Telecommunications.** Any Class A or Class B director or one or more members of any committee of the Board may participate in a meeting of the Board or committee by means of a conference telephone or similar telecommunications equipment allowing all persons participating in the meeting to hear each other at the same time. Participation by such means shall constitute presence in person at a meeting.

**Section 4.14. Notice of Meetings; Waiver.** To the extent the Board has not predetermined meeting dates, notice of the time and place of each regular or special meeting of the Board shall be sent to each director, by mail, postage prepaid, or by confirmed telefax or e-mail, addressed to him or her at the address provided to the Secretary of the Corporation, or in default thereof, at his or her residence or usual place of business, not fewer than ten days, or in the case of a special meeting, not fewer than three days, in advance of the day on which the meeting is to be held. The notice of any special meeting shall state the purpose or purposes for which the meeting is called. Notice of a meeting need not be given to any director who submits a signed waiver of notice before or after the meeting, or who attends the meeting without protesting, prior thereto or at its commencement, the lack of notice to him or her.

**Section 4.15. Compensation of Directors.** Directors shall not receive any compensation for their services as directors. As authorized by the Board, a director may be reimbursed for his or her actual expenses incurred in furtherance of the Corporation’s purposes.

**Section 4.16. Electronic Transmissions.** For all purposes in this Article IV, a writing includes an electronic transmission.

## ARTICLE V.

### OFFICERS, EMPLOYEES AND AGENTS

**Section 5.1. Officers: Number and Qualification.** The officers of the Corporation shall be a Chair, a Vice Chair, a Secretary, and a Treasurer and such other officers as the Board shall determine. Said officers shall be chosen from among the Class A directors. Any person may hold two offices except that (1) one person may not be both Chair and Secretary, (2) one person may not be both Chair and Vice Chair, and (3) one person may not be both Chair and Treasurer.

**Section 5.2. Compensation of Officers.** Officers shall not receive any compensation for their services as officers. As authorized by the Board, an officer may be reimbursed for his or her actual expenses incurred in furtherance of the Corporation's purposes.

**Section 5.3. Election, Vacancies and Removal.** The officers shall be elected by the vote of a majority of the Board at its annual meeting, and any vacancy may be filled at any regular or special meeting and each officer shall serve until the next annual meeting, and until their successors are duly elected and qualified. No person shall hold one office for more than three consecutive terms, but such disqualification, and any subsequent such disqualification, shall expire after the passage of a year, and such individual may once again hold such office for three consecutive terms. Any officer elected by the Board may be removed, with or without cause, at any time, by a vote of a majority of the Board.

**Section 5.4. Chair: Powers and Duties.** The Chair shall preside at meetings of the Board, shall have general supervision of the affairs of the Corporation and shall keep the Board fully informed about the activities of the Corporation.

**Section 5.5. Vice Chair.** The Vice Chair shall, in the absence or disability of the Chair, perform the duties and exercise the powers of the Chair, and shall have such titles and powers and perform such duties as may from time to time be prescribed by the Board of Directors, the Chair, or by the Executive Committee, which duties may include powers elsewhere assigned or delegated to other officers. The Board may by resolution create such additional Vice Chairs for such purposes as it determines to be appropriate.

**Section 5.6. Secretary: Powers and Duties.** The Secretary shall act as secretary of all meetings of the Board. He or she shall keep or cause to be kept minutes of Board meetings in appropriate record books and shall be responsible for giving and serving all notices of the Corporation. He or she shall be custodian of the corporate records and of the corporate seal and affix the latter when required. All corporate records and documents shall be located in the office of the Executive Director. The Secretary shall perform all the duties customarily incident to the office of secretary, subject to the control of the Board, and shall perform such other duties as shall from time to time be assigned by the Board.

**Section 5.7. Treasurer: Powers and Duties.** The Treasurer shall keep or cause to be kept full and accurate accounts of receipts and disbursements of the Corporation, and shall deposit or cause to be deposited all moneys and other valuable effects of the Corporation in the



name and to the credit of the Corporation in such depositories as the Board may designate. At the annual meeting of the Board and whenever else required by the Board, he or she shall render a statement of the Corporation's accounts. He or she shall at all reasonable times exhibit the Corporation's books and accounts to any officer or director of the Corporation and shall perform all duties incident to the office of treasurer subject to the control of the Board.

**Section 5.8. Officers: Miscellaneous Powers and Duties.** Subject always to the specific directions of the Board, the Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary or Treasurer shall have power to execute all needed receipts for monies due and payable to the Corporation from any source, including bequests, and to execute and deliver, and to affix the seal of the Corporation to, any and all other contracts, agreements or instruments to which the Corporation shall be a party, including all releases and waivers of issuance and service of citation or other process in any Court. The Board may from time to time impose or confer upon any officer such additional duties and responsibilities as it sees fit.

**Section 5.9. Executive Director.** The Board shall appoint an Executive Director, by vote of at least two-thirds of the Board if a quorum is present, to serve at the pleasure of the Board as the Chief Executive Officer of the Corporation, to manage the day-to-day operations of the Corporation (including the hiring and firing of employees) and to perform such other duties as the Board may from time to time direct. The Executive Director shall receive such reasonable compensation as the Board may from time to time determine.

**Section 5.10. Employees and Other Agents.** The Board may appoint from time to time such employees and other agents as it shall deem necessary, each of whom shall hold office at the pleasure of the Board, and shall have such authority, including that of any officer, and perform such duties and shall receive such reasonable compensation as the Board may from time to time determine. The Board may by resolution delegate these appointment powers to the Chair or other officers of the Corporation or to the Executive Director.

## ARTICLE VI.

### COMMITTEES OF THE BOARD

**Section 6.1. Committees in General.** There shall be the following standing committees of the Board: an Executive Committee, a Finance Committee, and an Audit Committee. In addition, the Board may create or eliminate such other standing committees as it determines to be appropriate, each of which shall include two or more Class A directors and may include persons who are not Class A directors, and each of which shall have authority as determined by the Board. All standing committee members shall be appointed by the Board at the annual meeting to serve until the next annual meeting and until their successors are duly elected and qualified. The Board may appoint Designees to serve on any standing committee, other than the Executive Committee, or any special committee provided, however, that a Designee may not serve as Chair of a standing committee and a Class A Director and his or her Designee may not serve on the same committee. The Board by resolution may create such special committees, which may include or be comprised of persons who are not Class A directors as the Board determines, which shall have and may exercise such powers as shall be conferred or authorized by the resolution creating them. The Board shall have power to change

the membership of any special committee, to fill vacancies and to discharge or eliminate any such committee.

**Section 6.2. Executive Committee.** The Executive Committee shall consist of at least four directors: the Chair, who shall also serve as chairperson of the Executive Committee, all Vice Chairs, the Treasurer, and the Secretary. The Board may appoint additional Class A directors to the Executive Committee. A majority of the Officers shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. The vote of a majority of the members of the Executive Committee present at a meeting, if a quorum is present at such time, shall be an act of the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee shall have the authority to act for the Board between meetings of the Board except as to the following matters:

- (a) the filling of vacancies on the Board or on any standing committee or the creation or elimination of any standing committee;
- (b) the amendment or repeal of the By-Laws or the adoption of new By-Laws;
- (c) the amendment or repeal of any resolution of the Board; and
- (d) the fixing of compensation, if any, of the directors for serving on the Board or any committee.

**Section 6.3. Finance Committee.** The Finance Committee shall consist of at least one Class A director, one of whom shall be the Treasurer, who shall serve as chairperson of such Committee and such Designees as the Board shall appoint. The Finance Committee shall advise the Treasurer and the Board as to the investments, budget, and general fiscal policy of the Corporation.

**Section 6.4. Audit Committee.** The Audit Committee shall consist of at least one Class A director, whom shall serve as the chairperson of such Committee and such Designees as the Board shall appoint. This Committee shall oversee the quality and integrity of the Corporation's accounting, auditing and reporting practices. The specific powers and responsibilities of the Audit Committee shall be specified in an Audit Committee Charter, which shall be adopted from time to time by the Board.

**Section 6.5. Committee Meetings.** Meetings of committees may be called at any time by the respective chairperson of each committee, or by the Chair. Reports of committee meetings shall be presented to the Board at its next regular meeting and each committee shall furnish copies thereof to the Secretary to be maintained with the records of the Corporation. Unless the Board shall otherwise provide, the Standing Committees shall have the power to establish their own rules of procedure and to determine the time and place of their meetings.

## ARTICLE VII.

### CHECKS, NOTES AND CONTRACTS

The Board is authorized to select such depositories as it shall deem proper for the funds of the Corporation and shall determine who shall be authorized on behalf of the Corporation to sign bills, notes, receipts, acceptances, endorsements, checks, releases, contracts and documents.

## **ARTICLE VIII.**

### **BOOKS**

Correct books of account of the activities and transactions of the Corporation, including a minute book, which shall contain a copy of the Certificate of Incorporation, a copy of these By-Laws, minutes of all meetings of the Board and reports of the meetings of any committee thereof, shall be kept at the office of the Corporation.

## **ARTICLE IX.**

### **FISCAL YEAR**

The fiscal year of the Corporation shall be the calendar year.

## **ARTICLE X.**

### **WITHDRAWAL, INDEMNIFICATION AND INSURANCE**

**Section 10.1. Withdrawal.** The date of receipt by Corporation of a Notice of Termination (as that term is defined in the Funding Agreement for each Participating Jurisdiction) from a Participating Jurisdiction (“Withdrawing Jurisdiction”) shall be deemed to be the effective date of the Withdrawing Jurisdiction’s withdrawal as a “Participating Jurisdiction” as that term is used in Article III of these Bylaws (“Effective Date of Withdrawal”). All Withdrawing Jurisdiction’s Class A and Class B directors shall be deemed to have resigned from their positions as a Class A or Class B director, as applicable, and from any officer positions they may hold all as of the Effective Date of Withdrawal. All Withdrawing Jurisdiction’s Class A and Class B directors also shall not be considered members of the Board or counted towards quorum as of the Effective Date of Withdrawal.

**Section 10.2. Indemnification.** The Corporation shall, to the fullest extent now or hereafter permitted by law, indemnify any person made, or threatened to be made, a party to any action or proceeding by reason of the fact that he or she was a director, officer, employee or agent of the Corporation, and any other person whom it shall have the power to indemnify, against judgments, fines, amounts paid in settlement and reasonable expenses, including attorneys' fees. However, the Corporation shall not indemnify a person if doing so would constitute an act giving rise to any tax or sanction under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as the same may be amended, or the regulations thereunder.

**Section 10.3. Insurance.** The Corporation shall have the power to purchase and maintain insurance to indemnify the Corporation for any obligation which it incurs as a result of its indemnification of directors, officers, employees or agents pursuant to Section 1 above, or to

indemnify such persons in instances in which they may be indemnified pursuant to Section 1 above.

#### **ARTICLE XI.**

#### **AMENDMENTS**

Except as prohibited by the Certificate of Incorporation, these By-Laws may be amended by the affirmative vote of two-thirds of the Board, or by the affirmative vote of the Board if it consists of fewer than three (3) Class A directors, at any meeting of the Board at which a quorum is present, provided that notice of the proposed amendment has been included in the notice of meeting.

#### **ARTICLE XII.**

#### **LIMITATION**

The Corporation shall have no policy making, regulatory, or enforcement authority with respect to any existing or future program of any Participating Jurisdiction, and all such sovereign authority is reserved to each Participating Jurisdiction.

#### **ARTICLE XIII.**

#### **REFERENCE TO CERTIFICATE OF INCORPORATION**

Reference in these By-Laws to the Certificate of Incorporation shall include all amendments thereto or changes thereof unless specifically excepted.

**EXHIBIT A**

**LIST OF WESTERN CLIMATE INITIATIVE, INC.'S PARTICIPATING JURISDICTIONS**

**Last Updated March 23, 2020**

California

Québec

Nova Scotia