## RIGETTI COMPUTING, INC.

# CHARTER OF THE COMPENSATION COMMITTEE OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

### PURPOSE

The purpose of the Compensation Committee (the "Committee") of the Board of Directors (the "Board") of Rigetti Computing, Inc. (the "Company") is to:

- review and determine the compensation to be paid to the Company's directors, executive officers, and other senior management, as appropriate;
- help the Board oversee the Company's compensation policies, plans and programs with a goal to attract, incentivize, retain and reward top quality executive management and employees;
- when required, review and discuss with management the Company's compensation disclosures in the "Compensation Discussion and Analysis" section of the Company's annual reports, registration statements, proxy statements or information statements filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC");
- when required, prepare and review the Committee report on executive compensation included in the Company's annual proxy statement; and
- review and ensure the Company's talent management strategies are aligned to best practices and ensure the Company attracts, retains and develops top talent.

The term "compensation" includes salary, long-term incentives, bonuses, perquisites, equity incentives, severance arrangements, retirement benefits and other related benefits and benefit plans.

# **COMPOSITION**

The members of the Committee, including the Chairperson, will be members of the Board appointed by, and will serve at the discretion of, the Board. Vacancies occurring on the Committee will be filled by the Board. Resignation or removal of a Committee member from the Board for any reason will automatically constitute resignation or removal from the Committee.

The Committee will consist of at least two members of the Board. Each member of the Committee will satisfy (i) the independence and other requirements imposed by applicable law and stock exchange listing requirements, (ii) the "non-employee director" requirements under Rule 16b-3 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "*Exchange Act*"), and (iii) any other qualifications determined by the Board.

#### **AUTHORITY**

The Committee will have access to all Company books, records, facilities and personnel as deemed necessary or appropriate by any member of the Committee. The Committee shall have the authority, in its sole discretion, to retain (or obtain the advice of) any, compensation consultant, legal counsel or other advisors (referred to collectively as "advisors") to assist it in the performance of its duties, but only after assessing the independence of these persons in accordance with the requirements of the stock exchange that lists the Company's stock. If necessary, the Committee will review any conflicts of interest from the work

of any compensation consultant, legal counsel or other advisors engaged, and any necessary disclosure in the Company's annual proxy statement required by the stock exchange that lists the Company's stock or applicable law. The Committee shall have direct responsibility for the appointment, compensation and oversight of the work of any advisors engaged for the purpose of advising the Committee, and such advisors shall report directly, and be accountable, to the Committee. The Committee shall have sole authority to approve the reasonable fees and the other terms and conditions of such engagement. The Committee may also pay any ordinary administrative expenses it deems appropriate in carrying out its duties at the expense of the Company. The Committee will have authority to require that any of the Company's personnel or outside advisors attend any meeting of the Committee or meet with any member of the Committee or any of its advisors.

Unless a chairperson of the Committee (the "*Chairperson*") is selected by the Board, the members of the Committee shall designate a Chairperson by the majority vote of the full Committee membership. The Chairperson of the Committee will chair all regular sessions of the Committee and is responsible for setting the agendas for Committee meetings. In the absence of the Chairperson of the Committee, the Committee shall select another member to preside.

The Chairperson shall have the delegated authority to act on behalf of the Committee in connection with (1) approval of the retention of compensation consultants and outside service providers and advisors (including negotiation and execution of their engagement letters) and (2) as may otherwise be determined by the Committee. The Committee also may form subcommittees consisting of one or more of its members for any purpose that the Committee deems appropriate and may delegate to such Committee such power and authority of the Committee as the Committee deems appropriate; provided, however, that when appropriate to satisfy the requirements of Section 16b-3 of the Exchange Act, any such subcommittee shall be composed solely of two or more members that have been determined to be "Non-Employee Directors" within the meaning of Rule 16b-3 under the Exchange Act. By delegating an issue to the Chairperson or a subcommittee, the Committee does not surrender any authority over that issue. Although the Committee may act on any issue that has been delegated to the Chairperson or a subcommittee, doing so will not limit or restrict future action by the Chairperson or subcommittee on any matters delegated to it.

The Committee may delegate to one or more officers of the Company the authority to make grants and awards of cash or options or other equity securities to any non-executive officer (as defined below) of the Company under the Company's incentive-compensation or other equity-based plans as the Committee deems appropriate and in accordance with the terms of such plan; provided that such delegation is in compliance with the plan and the laws of the state of the Company's jurisdiction. In the event of such delegation, at each meeting of the Committee, the delegated officer(s) shall report to the Committee the awards made since the prior meeting.

#### RESPONSIBILITIES

The Committee's responsibilities are for oversight, as described under "Purpose" above. The members of the Committee are not employees of the Company, and they do not perform management's functions. The Committee relies on the expertise and knowledge of management in carrying out its oversight responsibilities. The Committee shall have the following responsibilities; *provided*, *however*, that this list of responsibilities is intended to be a guide and to remain flexible to account for changing circumstances and needs. Accordingly, the Committee may depart from or supplement such responsibilities, and establish policies and procedures, to the extent permitted by applicable law and stock exchange listing requirements. The Board will retain the right to act on all such matters without limiting the Committee's authority, subject to compliance with applicable law and stock exchange listing requirements.

- 1. Overall Compensation Strategy. The Committee will review, oversee and approve (or make recommendations to the Board for approval of) the Company's overall compensation strategy and policies, including:
  - reviewing, evaluating, and approving employment agreements, severance agreements, changeof-control protections, corporate performance goals and objectives relating to the compensation, and other compensatory arrangements of the Company's executive officers and other senior management, as appropriate, and adjusting compensation, as appropriate;
  - evaluating and approving the compensation plans and programs advisable for the Company and evaluating and approving the modification or termination of existing plans and programs;
  - evaluating the efficacy of the Company's compensation policy and strategy in achieving gender and minority pay parity, positive social impact and attracting a diverse workforce;
  - establishing equity compensation policies to appropriately balance the perceived value of equity compensation and the dilutive and other costs of that compensation to the Company;
  - reviewing compensation practices and trends to assess the adequacy and competitiveness of the Company's executive compensation programs as compared to companies in the Company's industry and exercise its judgment in determining the appropriate levels and types of compensation to be paid;
  - reviewing and approving any compensation arrangement for any executive officer involving any subsidiary, special purpose or similar entity, with consideration of the potential for conflicts of interest in such arrangements and whether the arrangement has the potential to benefit the Company;
  - monitoring the Company's compliance with the requirements of the Sarbanes Oxley Act of 2002 relating to loans to officers and directors and with all other applicable laws affecting employee compensation and benefits;
  - reviewing the Company's practices and policies of employee compensation as they relate to risk management and risk-taking incentives, to determine if such compensation policies and practices are reasonably likely to have a material adverse effect on the Company;
  - reviewing and considering the results of any advisory vote on executive compensation (the "Say on Pay Vote") required by Section 14A of the Exchange Act;
  - considering and, if appropriate, establishing and monitoring, a policy designed to require executive officers and directors to acquire and hold a meaningful equity interest in the Company; and
  - evaluating the efficacy of the Company's compensation policy and strategy in achieving expected benefits to the Company and otherwise furthering the Committee's policies.
- 2. Compensation of Chief Executive Officer. The Committee will review and approve (or make recommendations to the Board for approval of) the compensation and other terms of employment of the Company's Chief Executive Officer and evaluate the Chief Executive Officer's performance in achieving corporate performance goals and objectives. The evaluation will take into account the policies of the Committee and the criteria for evaluating the Chief Executive Officer's performance including:
  - fostering a corporate culture that promotes the highest level of innovation, integrity and the highest ethical standards;

- developing and executing the Company's long-term strategic plan and conducting the business of the Company in a manner appropriate to enhance long-term stockholder value;
- achieving specified corporate goals and objectives; and
- achieving other individual or corporate goals and objectives deemed relevant to the Chief Executive Officer as established by the Committee.

In evaluating and determining Chief Executive Officer's compensation, the Committee shall, if applicable, consider the results of the most recent Say on Pay Vote. In determining any long-term incentive component of the Chief Executive Officer's compensation, the Committee should seek to achieve an appropriate level of risk and reward, taking into consideration the Company's long-term performance, need for a sustainable pipeline of products and relative stockholder return, the potential benefits and costs to the Company of the award, the value of similar incentive awards given to chief executive officers of comparable companies, the awards given to the Chief Executive Officer in past years and such other criteria as the Committee deems advisable.

The Chief Executive Officer may not be present during the voting or deliberations regarding his or her compensation.

- 3. Compensation of Other Executive Officers and Senior Management. The Committee will review and approve (or make recommendations to the Board for approval of) the compensation, individual and corporate performance goals and objectives and other terms of employment of the Company's other executive officers (and other members of senior management in the Committee's discretion, as appropriate) and evaluate their individual performance, taking into account the recommendations and evaluation of the Chief Executive Officer to the extent the Committee deems appropriate.
- **4. Compensation of Directors.** The Committee will review and approve (or make recommendations to the Board for approval of) the type and amount of compensation to be paid or awarded to Board members.
- 5. Administration of Benefit Plans. The Committee will have full power and authority to adopt, amend, terminate, and administer the Company's equity awards, pension, and profit sharing plans, bonus plans, benefit plans and other similar programs. The Committee will have full power and authority to administer these plans, establish guidelines, interpret plan documents, select participants, approve grants and awards, approve modifications to awards and exercise other power, as appropriate. The Board will retain the right to act on all such matters without limiting the Committee's authority, subject to compliance with applicable laws and regulations.
- 6. Compensation Discussion and Analysis; Committee Report. The Committee will review and discuss with management any "Compensation Discussion and Analysis" and report of the Committee required to be included in any filing with the SEC.
- 7. Compensation Proposals. The Committee shall provide recommendations to the Board on compensation-related proposals to be considered at the Company's annual meeting of stockholders, including the frequency of advisory votes on executive compensation if required by Section 14A of the Exchange Act.
- **8. Conflict of Interest Disclosure.** The Committee will review and discuss with management any conflicts of interest raised by the work of a compensation consultant or advisor hired by the Committee

or management and how such conflict is being addressed, and prepare any necessary disclosure in the Company's annual proxy statement in accordance with applicable law and stock exchange requirements.

9. Committee Self-Assessment; Charter Review. The Committee will annually evaluate its performance. The Committee shall also review and assess the adequacy of this Charter at least annually and shall recommend any proposed changes to the Board for its consideration.

10. General Authority. The Committee shall perform such other functions and have such other powers as may be necessary or appropriate in the discharge of any of the foregoing.

# MEETINGS AND MINUTES

The Chairperson of the Board of Directors or any member of the Committee may call meetings of the Committee. The same procedural rules concerning notice of meetings, actions by unanimous consent or telephonic meetings and meetings held by other means of remote communication, and other procedural matters, shall apply to Committee meetings as apply to meetings of the Board under the Company's certificate of incorporation or bylaws.

The Committee will meet whenever its members deem a meeting necessary or appropriate. The Committee will determine where and when to meet. Unless otherwise determined by the Committee, each regularly scheduled meeting will conclude with an executive session that excludes members of management. From time to time, or when requested by the Board, the Chairperson of the Committee will report to the Board.

As part of its review and establishment of the performance criteria and compensation of executive officers ("executive officer" has the same meaning specified for the term "officer" in Rule 16a-1(f) under the Exchange Act), the Committee should meet separately with the Chief Executive Officer, the Chief Human Resources Officer, and any other corporate officers, as it deems appropriate. However, the Committee should meet regularly without such officers present, and shall deliberate and vote with respect to such officers' compensation without such officers being present. Additionally, the Committee may invite to its meetings any director, management of the Company and such other persons as it deems appropriate in order to carry out its responsibilities. The Committee may also exclude from its meetings any persons it deems appropriate in order to carry out its responsibilities.

A majority of the members of the Committee shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business and the act of a majority of those present at any meeting at which there is a quorum shall be the act of the Committee.

The Committee will maintain written minutes of its meeting and regularly report to the Board on its actions and recommendations. The Committee may act by unanimous written consent; when it does so, those actions will be filed in the minute book.

Approved by the Board of Directors: March 2, 2022

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