

**RCW 24.03A.140 General powers.** Unless its articles provide otherwise, every nonprofit corporation has perpetual duration and has the same powers as an individual to do all things necessary or convenient to carry out its affairs including, without limitation, power to:

(1) Sue and be sued, complain[, ] and defend in its corporate name;

(2) Have a corporate seal, which may be altered at will, and to use it, or a facsimile of it, by impressing or affixing it or in any other manner reproducing it;

(3) Make and amend bylaws and policies, not inconsistent with its articles or with the laws of this state, for managing and regulating the affairs of the corporation;

(4) Purchase, receive, lease, or otherwise acquire, and own, hold, improve, use, and otherwise deal with, real or personal property, or any legal or equitable interest in property, wherever located;

(5) Sell, convey, mortgage, pledge, lease, exchange, and otherwise dispose of all or any part of its property;

(6) Purchase, receive, subscribe for, or otherwise acquire, own, hold, vote, use, sell, mortgage, lend, pledge, or otherwise dispose of, and deal in and with shares or other interests in, or obligations of, any other entity;

(7) Make contracts; make guarantees that may reasonably be expected to benefit, directly or indirectly, the guarantor corporation; incur liabilities; borrow money; issue notes, bonds, and other obligations; and secure any of its obligations by mortgage or pledge of any of its property or income;

(8) Lend money, invest and reinvest its funds, and receive and hold real and personal property as security for repayment, except as limited by RCW 24.03A.605;

(9) Be a promoter, partner, shareholder, member, trustee, associate, or manager of any partnership, joint venture, trust, or other entity;

(10) Conduct its activities, locate offices, and exercise the powers granted by this chapter within or without this state;

(11) Elect directors and appoint officers, employees, and agents of the corporation, define their duties, fix their compensation, and lend them money and credit, except as limited by RCW 24.03A.605 and 24.03A.610;

(12) Pay pensions and establish pension plans, pension trusts, and benefit or incentive plans for any or all of its current or former directors, officers, employees, and agents, except as limited by RCW 24.03A.610;

(13) Make donations for charitable purposes;

(14) Impose dues, assessments, admission, and transfer fees on its members;

(15) Establish conditions for admission or removal of members, admit or remove members, and issue memberships;

(16) Carry on a business, and, subject to the requirements of RCW 24.03A.155 and 24.03A.610, make net profits and accumulate reserves; and

(17) Make payments or donations, or do any other acts, not inconsistent with law, that further the purposes, activities, and affairs of the corporation. [2021 c 176 § 1403.]

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