

RCW 24.03A.815 Action on a plan of for-profit conversion. In the case of a conversion of a domestic nonprofit corporation to a domestic or foreign for-profit corporation:

(1) The plan of for-profit conversion must be adopted by the board.

(2) If there are no members entitled to vote on the plan, then the plan must be adopted by a vote of the majority of directors then in office. If a membership corporation has no members entitled to vote on the plan, then the corporation shall deliver notice of the proposed for-profit conversion to all members of the corporation at least ten days before the meeting at which the board is to adopt the plan.

(3) After adopting the plan of for-profit conversion, the board shall submit the plan to the members for their approval if there are members entitled to vote on the plan. The board shall also deliver to the members a recommendation that the members approve the plan, unless the board determines that because of conflicts of interest or other special circumstances, it should not make such a recommendation, in which case the board shall deliver to the members the basis for that determination.

(4) The board may condition its submission of the plan of for-profit conversion to the members on any basis.

(5) If the approval of the members is to be given at a meeting, then the corporation shall notify each member of the meeting of members at which the plan of for-profit conversion is to be submitted for approval. The notice shall state that the purpose, or one of the purposes, of the meeting is to consider the plan and must contain or be accompanied by a copy or summary of the plan. The notice shall include a copy of the articles as they will be in effect immediately after the for-profit conversion. If a summary is provided in lieu of a copy of the plan, then a copy of the plan must be available to members upon request and this fact must be stated in the notice.

(6) Unless the articles or bylaws, or the board acting pursuant to subsection (4) of this section, require a greater vote or a greater number of votes to be present, the approval of the plan of for-profit conversion by the members entitled to vote thereon requires approval of a majority of those members at a meeting at which a quorum is present, and, if any class of members is entitled to vote as a separate group on the plan of for-profit conversion, the approval of a majority of the members of each separate voting group entitled to vote at a meeting at which a quorum of the voting group is present.

(7) If any provision of the articles, bylaws, or an agreement to which any of the directors or members are parties, adopted or entered into before January 1, 2022, applies to a merger of the corporation and the document does not refer to a for-profit conversion of the corporation, then the provision is deemed to apply to a for-profit conversion of the corporation until the provision is later amended. [2021 c 176 § 3313.]

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