

**RCW 24.03A.730 Merger.** (1) Subject to the restrictions in RCW 24.03A.715 through 24.03A.725, one or more domestic nonprofit corporations may merge with one or more domestic or foreign nonprofit corporations or eligible entities pursuant to a plan of merger or two or more foreign nonprofit corporations or domestic or foreign eligible entities may merge into a new domestic nonprofit corporation to be created in the merger in the manner provided in RCW 24.03A.710 through 24.03A.750.

(2) A foreign nonprofit corporation, or a foreign eligible entity, may be a party to a merger with a domestic nonprofit corporation, or may be created by the terms of the plan of merger, only if the merger is permitted by the organic law of the corporation or eligible entity.

(3) If the law of this state, other than this chapter, permits the merger of a domestic eligible entity with a nonprofit corporation but does not provide procedures for the approval of such a merger, then a plan of merger may be adopted and approved, and the merger may be effectuated, in accordance with the procedures in RCW 24.03A.710 through 24.03A.750. For the purposes of applying RCW 24.03A.710 through 24.03A.750, as the context may require:

(a) The eligible entity is treated as a domestic nonprofit corporation, its interest holders are treated as members, eligible interests are treated as memberships, and organic records are treated as articles and bylaws; and

(b) If there is no board of directors and the business and affairs of the eligible entity are managed by a team or body of persons that is not identical to the interest holders, that team or body is deemed to be the board of directors.

(4) The plan of merger must be in the form of a record and include:

(a) The name of each domestic or foreign nonprofit corporation or eligible entity that will merge and the name of the domestic or foreign nonprofit corporation or eligible entity that will be the survivor of the merger;

(b) The terms and conditions of the merger;

(c) The manner and basis of converting the memberships of each merging domestic or foreign nonprofit membership corporation and the eligible interests of each merging domestic or foreign eligible entity into memberships, eligible interests, securities, or obligations; rights to acquire memberships, eligible interests, securities, or obligations; cash; other property or other consideration; or any combination of the foregoing;

(d) The articles and bylaws of any corporation, or the organic records of any eligible entity, to be created by the merger; or if a new corporation or eligible entity is not to be created by the merger, any changes to the survivor's articles or bylaws or organic records;

(e) Whether the corporation is a charitable corporation or is holding assets for charitable purposes;

(f) If the corporation is a charitable corporation or is holding assets for charitable purposes, a plan setting forth how the merging entities will comply with RCW 24.03A.715 and 24.03A.725; and

(g) Any other provisions relating to the merger that the parties desire be included in the plan of merger.

(5) The plan of merger may also include a provision that the plan may be amended before filing articles of merger, but if the members of a domestic corporation that is a party to the merger are required or entitled to vote on the plan, then the plan shall provide that after

approval of the plan by those members the plan may not be amended to change:

(a) The amount or kind of memberships, eligible interests, securities, or obligations; rights to acquire memberships, eligible interests, securities, or obligations; cash; or other property or other consideration to be received by the members of or owners of eligible interests in any party to the merger;

(b) The articles or bylaws of any corporation, or the organic records of any unincorporated entity, that will survive or be created as a result of the merger, except for changes permitted by RCW 24.03A.655(2) or by comparable provisions of the organic law of a foreign nonprofit or for-profit corporation or domestic or foreign unincorporated entity; or

(c) Any of the other terms or conditions of the plan, if the change would adversely affect those members in any material respect.

(6) Terms of a plan of merger may be made dependent on facts objectively ascertainable outside the plan in accordance with RCW 24.03A.060(3). [2021 c 176 § 3205.]

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