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Dear Chair Klippenstein,

RULES AND PROCEDURES FOR ELECTION OF MEMBERS TO THE BRITISH COLUMBIA CHICKEN MARKETING BOARD – APPROVAL

Thank you for the July 10, 2026 submission from the BC Chicken Marketing Board (BCCMB) seeking approval from the BC Farm Industry Review Board (BCFIRB) under section 3.02.2(2) of the British Columbia Chicken Marketing Scheme (Scheme) for changes proposed by BCCMB to its Rules and Procedures for Election of Members to the British Columbia Chicken Marketing Board (“Election Rules”).

The BCCMB has revised its Election Rules as part of its regularly scheduled review (Submission I) and in response to the British Columbia Chicken Marketing Scheme (Scheme) amendment by Order in Council (OIC) 250 (Submission II).

The last BCCMB election rules review was completed in August of 2023. The current BCCMB Election Rules state they must be reviewed before December 31, 2026.

BACKGROUND

Submission I

- On November 13, 2025, BCCMB submitted an Election Rules review package to BCFIRB for review. The package included all required documents (the revised Election Rules, a cover letter, and feedback from BC Chicken Growers Association (BCCGA) and the BC Council of Marketing Boards (BCCOMB)).
- Because BCCMB did not need to review its Election Rules until December 31, 2026, and a change to the Scheme was being contemplated by the Ministry of Agriculture and Food which would require further revision of the Election Rules by the BCCMB, the review was postponed pending the Scheme change.

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- Proposed Amendment: what is sent to producers by email for voting revised from “a one-time use individual access code” to “a one-time use web link.”
- This amendment aligns BCCMB Election Rules with actual BCCOMB process. It is desirable for BCCMB records to reflect actual process.

Submission II

- On June 19, 2026, the Lieutenant Governor in Council revised the BC Chicken Marketing Scheme (Scheme) through OIC 250, with an effective date of September 1, 2026 (Scheme Change).
- The Scheme Change revised the BCCMB composition to consist of the following:
 - (a) a chair appointed by the Lieutenant Governor in Council;
 - (b) three members who are registered growers, elected by the registered growers; and,
 - (c) one member who is not a grower, appointed by the board.
- On June 30, 2026, BCFIRB staff sent a letter to BCCMB noting BCCMB must revise its Election Rules to align with the Scheme Change before the next election can occur.
- The letter noted however that, given the short timeframe before the effective Scheme Change date of September 1, BCCMB may wish to consider developing a transition plan that allows sufficient time for process, including stakeholder engagement, in the development of BCCMB’s appointment rules and procedures.
- BCCMB completed its review of its Election Rules and submitted documents to BCFIRB for approval on July 10, 2026, including a cover letter, the Election Rules revisions in tracked changes and a clean copy, and the BCCMB motion approving the revisions.
- The proposed amendments are as follows:
 - Board composition revised from 2 members appointed by OIC to “one member appointed by the BCCMB using a merit-based selection process.” (S. 1)
 - Addition of a note that this “process undertaken by the BCCMB will be prior approved by BCFIRB” (S. 1)
 - Number of “members who are registered growers elected by registered growers” changed from two to three. (S. 1)
 - Elected and appointed member terms changed from 3 to four years. (S. 8).
 - Addition of the clause that “Terms may be adjusted in the interim to move from 3-year terms to 4-year terms to have only 1 position up for re-election every year.” (S. 8).
- These amendments align the Election Rules with the Scheme Change and require a merit-based selection process for the non-grower member that is approved by BCFIRB.
- The Scheme clause “is not a grower,” is missing from S. 1. of the Election Rules.

DECISION

I hereby approve the attached Election Rules as submitted and with S. 1. revised as shown in bold below:

*...one member **who is not a grower**, appointed by the BCCMB using a merit-based selection process.*

I look forward to receiving, for prior approval, the BCCMB merit-based appointment process for the non-grower member.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Gunta', is written over a faint, light blue circular watermark or seal. The signature is fluid and cursive.

Gunta Vitins
Chair, BCFIRB

Attachment: Rules and Procedures for Election of Members to the British Columbia
Chicken Marketing Board

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