



CHICAGO LIGHTS INSTITUTE



FOUNDING BOARD OF DIRECTORS BOOK OF FOUNDING RESOLUTIONS



Official Governance Actions
Adopted by the Founding Board of Directors

June 27, 2026
Bolingbrook, Illinois

A photograph of the Chicago skyline is positioned in the background, showing various skyscrapers under a cloudy sky. The image is partially framed by a large, stylized graphic at the bottom that resembles a rising sun or a bridge, with a red upper curve and a blue lower curve.

CIVIC FORMATION ★ COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT ★ SOCIAL TRANSFORMATION

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PREFATORY STATEMENT

This Resolution Book constitutes the initial record of formal actions adopted by the Founding Board of Directors of the Chicago Lights Institute. Each resolution reflects the Board's commitment to responsible governance, accountability, stewardship, and the faithful advancement of the Institute's charitable and civic mission.

CHICAGO LIGHTS INSTITUTE

FOUNDING BOARD RESOLUTION NO. 2026-001

ADOPTION OF THE BYLAWS AND GOVERNANCE POLICIES MANUAL

BACKGROUND

The Institute requires an official governing document to establish its governance framework.

WHEREAS

- **WHEREAS**, The Chicago Lights Institute has been established to strengthen communities through civic formation initiatives.
- **WHEREAS**, The Founding Board recognizes the importance of governance, fiduciary responsibility, and accountability.
- **WHEREAS**, The proposed Bylaws and Governance Policies Manual was distributed to each Founding Board member for review.
- **WHEREAS**, The Board finds the proposed Bylaws suitable as the governing framework of the Institute.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED

The Board of Directors hereby adopts the Chicago Lights Institute Bylaws and Governance Policies Manual as the official governing document of the Institute, effective June 27, 2026.

BOARD ACTION

Motion by: Pastor Maurice Brown

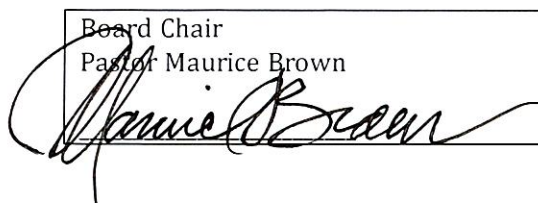
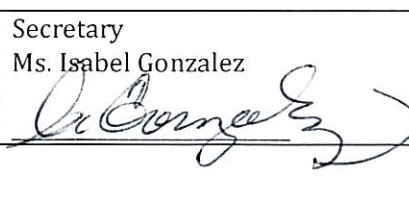
Second by: Pastor Stacey Brown-Bibbs

Vote: ☐ Unanimously Approved ☒ Approved ☐ Not Approved

For: 6 Against: Abstentions:

CERTIFICATION

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Board Chair Pastor Maurice Brown 	Secretary Ms. Isabel Gonzalez 
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CHICAGO LIGHTS INSTITUTE
FOUNDING BOARD RESOLUTION NO. 2026-002
AUTHORIZATION TO OPEN A BANK ACCOUNT

BACKGROUND

The Institute requires corporate banking facilities to receive and manage organizational funds.

WHEREAS

- **WHEREAS**, The Institute has adopted its governing Bylaws.
- **WHEREAS**, Responsible stewardship requires accounts established in the name of the corporation.
- **WHEREAS**, Corporate funds should be maintained separately from personal accounts.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED

The Board authorizes the Founder & President to establish one or more business bank accounts in the name of the Chicago Lights Institute with a federally insured financial institution.

BOARD ACTION

Motion by: Pastor Stanley Brown-Bibbs

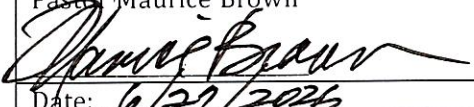
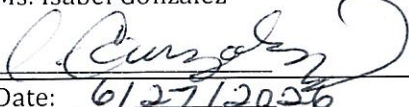
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CHICAGO LIGHTS INSTITUTE
FOUNDING BOARD RESOLUTION NO. 2026-003
DESIGNATION OF AUTHORIZED SIGNATORIES

BACKGROUND

The Institute must identify officers authorized to transact banking business.

WHEREAS

- **WHEREAS**, Proper financial controls require designated signatories.
- **WHEREAS**, The Bylaws establish standards for financial accountability.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED

The Founder & President and the Treasurer are designated as the primary authorized signatories on Board-approved bank accounts, subject to the Institute's financial policies.

BOARD ACTION

Motion by: Pastor STALEY BROWN-BIBBS

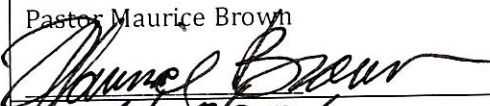
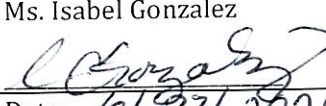
Second by: CYNTHIA QUAGRAINIE

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CHICAGO LIGHTS INSTITUTE
FOUNDING BOARD RESOLUTION NO. 2026-004
CONFIRMATION OF FISCAL YEAR

BACKGROUND

The Institute should establish a uniform fiscal year.

WHEREAS

- **WHEREAS,** A consistent fiscal year supports budgeting, reporting, and compliance.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED

The fiscal year of the Chicago Lights Institute shall begin on January 1 and conclude on December 31 unless amended by the Board.

BOARD ACTION

Motion by: Cynthia Quagrainie

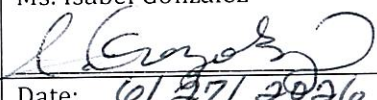
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CHICAGO LIGHTS INSTITUTE**FOUNDING BOARD RESOLUTION NO. 2026-005****AUTHORIZATION TO APPLY FOR GRANTS AND RECEIVE
CHARITABLE CONTRIBUTIONS****BACKGROUND**

The Institute requires authority to pursue financial resources consistent with its mission.

WHEREAS

- **WHEREAS**, Grants, donations, sponsorships, and charitable gifts support the Institute's work.
- **WHEREAS**, All funds shall be administered in accordance with Board-approved policies and applicable law.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED

The Chicago Lights Institute is authorized to apply for grants, receive charitable contributions, accept donations and sponsorships, and execute related documents consistent with its mission.

BOARD ACTION

Motion by: Pastor STACY BROWN Bibbs

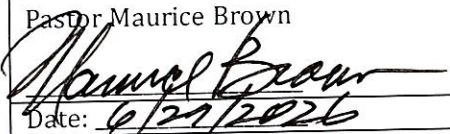
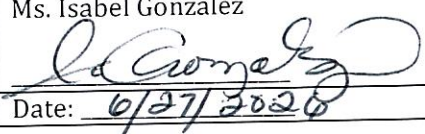
Second by: DARREN ROBERTS

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CHICAGO LIGHTS INSTITUTE**FOUNDING BOARD RESOLUTION NO. 2026-006****CONFIRMATION OF THE FOUNDING BOARD OF DIRECTORS****BACKGROUND**

The Chicago Lights Institute was incorporated under the Illinois General Not For Profit Corporation Act on June 12, 2024. The Articles of Incorporation identified the initial directors who served in establishing the corporation and fulfilling the legal requirements for incorporation.

Since the incorporation of the Institute, the organization has continued to mature in its governance, organizational structure, and strategic direction. The Board has now adopted the Chicago Lights Institute Bylaws and Governance Policies Manual, establishing the framework for the ongoing governance of the Institute.

Accordingly, it is appropriate for the Board to formally confirm the current Founding Board of Directors who shall serve as the governing body of the Chicago Lights Institute in accordance with the adopted Bylaws.

WHEREAS

- **WHEREAS**, the Chicago Lights Institute was duly incorporated as an Illinois not-for-profit corporation on June 12, 2024;
- **WHEREAS**, the Articles of Incorporation identified the initial directors responsible for assisting in the legal formation of the corporation;
- **WHEREAS**, the governance of the Chicago Lights Institute is now governed by its duly adopted Bylaws and Governance Policies Manual;
- **WHEREAS**, the Board desires to formally establish the composition of the current governing Board of Directors following the adoption of the Bylaws;
- **WHEREAS**, maintaining an accurate corporate record of the current governing Board promotes sound governance, accountability, and organizational continuity;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The following individuals are hereby confirmed as the duly constituted Founding Board of Directors of the Chicago Lights Institute, effective June 27, 2026, and shall serve in their respective offices in accordance with the Chicago Lights Institute Bylaws and Governance Policies Manual.

Office	Officer
Founder & President	Rev. Dr. Samuel Kirk Mills
Board Chair	Pastor Maurice Brown
Vice President	Pastor K. Stacey Brown Bibbs
Treasurer	Cynthia Quagrainie
Secretary	Ms. Isabel Gonzalez
Director	Mr. Darren Roberts
Director	Mr. Wendell Lewis

FURTHER RESOLVED

That the Secretary of the Chicago Lights Institute shall enter this Resolution into the permanent corporate records of the Institute and maintain the official roster of Directors and Officers as adopted by the Board.

BOARD ACTION

Motion by: Pastor Maurice Brown

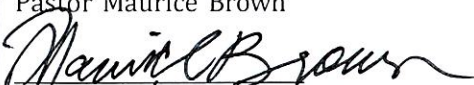
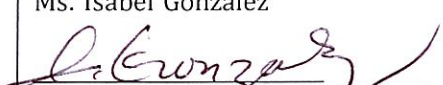
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