Greenville Partnership for Philanthropy

Membership Pact

NAME AND PURPOSE

The Greenville Partnership for Philanthropy (GPP) is an association whose members wish to maximize the impact of philanthropy on our community by connecting funders of diverse backgrounds and experience to share and increase knowledge, improve practice, and pursue opportunities for positive change.

MEMBERSHIP

GPP’s members are funders who support the mission of the association. The Governance Team has the responsibility for determining membership eligibility and any categories of membership, as well as dues, voting rights and other requirements. When items are presented to the association for a vote, each member organization may appoint one representative to cast the member’s vote.

MEETINGS OF MEMBERS

GPP fulfills its mission in part through meetings of the membership, where funders can network, learn and collaborate. GPP’s regular meetings generally take place at noon on the second Monday of January, March, May, July, September and November. GPP may also schedule special meetings, which could be for a particular educational topic, to discuss or at on a time-sensitive or issue, or for any other reason that is of interest to the members.

If action by the members will take place at a meeting, members will be given at least two weeks’ notice by email. A quorum consists of those present at the meeting. Members can vote by proxy, which can be submitted to the Chair of the Governance Team or to the GPP staff person in writing.

GOVERNANCE TEAM

A Governance Team will set overall policy and direction for GPP. Five to ten members of GPP will serve as members of the Governance Team, and they will be elected or re-elected by the membership at a regular GPP meeting. Each person will serve a two-year term and can be reelected for up to two consecutive two-year terms. The Governance Team will meet at least quarterly.

The Governance Team will include a Chair, Vice Chair, and Treasurer, and these leaders will be elected annually by the full membership. The Chair will preside over meetings of the
Governance Team, may speak for and on behalf of GPP, and will appoint any committee chairs as the Governance Team may deem necessary. The Vice Chair will perform the duties of the Chair in the Chair’s absence along with other duties assigned by the Chair. The Treasurer will monitor financial records from the fiscal agent of GPP and will present the budget and any financial reports to the Governance Team. As the fiscal agent, the Community Foundation will have a representative serve as an ex-officio member of the Governance Team.

BOOKS, RECORDS AND FINANCES

Because GPP is an association and not an incorporated organization, the Community Foundation of Greenville acts as its fiscal agent. This includes receiving contributions, any dues payments, and other revenues; paying expenses incurred by GPP that are approved by the Governance Team or that are in the budget and operational plan of GPP; and entering into any contracts or agreements on behalf of GPP.

PERSONNEL

The Governance Team may engage paid staff support for GPP, such as through an Executive Director and/or people retained on contract to complete certain projects or tasks for GPP. The Governance Team will evaluate the performance of any lead staff or contractor, and if other people are paid for their service and report to the Executive Director, the Executive Director may evaluate their performance and negotiate their contract on behalf of the Community Foundation.

AMENDMENTS

This membership pact may be amended when necessary by the regular voting rules of GPP.

*Membership Pact approved on this 8th day of May, 2017.*