## **RICE ACQUISITION CORPORATION 3**

# COMPENSATION COMMITTEE CHARTER (Adopted as of September 30, 2025)

#### **PURPOSE**

The purpose of the Compensation Committee (the "Compensation Committee") of the board of directors (the "Board") of Rice Acquisition Corporation 3 (the "Company") is to assist the Board with oversight of executive compensation.

#### **MEMBERSHIP**

<u>Size</u>: The Compensation Committee shall consist of two or more members of the Board.

<u>Independence</u>: Each member of the Compensation Committee shall be independent in accordance with the requirements of Rule 10C-1 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act"), and the rules of the New York Stock Exchange (the "NYSE"). At least two members of the Compensation Committee shall qualify as "non-employee directors" for the purposes of Rule 16b-3 under the Exchange Act.

<u>Appointment/Term/Removal</u>: The members of the Compensation Committee shall be appointed by the Board based on recommendations from the Board's Nominating Committee (the "Nominating Committee"). The members of the Compensation Committee shall serve for such term or terms as the Board may determine or until earlier resignation or death. The Board may remove any member from the Compensation Committee at any time with or without cause.

#### STRUCTURE AND OPERATIONS

<u>Leadership</u>: The Board shall designate a member of the Compensation Committee as the chairperson based on recommendations of the Nominating Committee.

Meetings: The Compensation Committee shall meet at such times and places as it deems necessary to fulfill its responsibilities. The Compensation Committee shall keep minutes of its proceedings and regularly to the Board regarding its discussions and actions and shall make recommendations to the Board as appropriate. The Compensation Committee is governed by the same rules regarding meetings (including meetings in person or by telephone or other similar communications equipment), action without meetings, notice, waiver of notice, and quorum and voting requirements as are applicable to the Board. The Compensation Committee may invite any members of management to its meetings as it deems appropriate.

<u>Onboarding/Education</u>: The Company will provide new members of the Compensation Committee with appropriate onboarding briefings and the full Compensation Committee with educational resources and opportunities related to executive compensation and other matters as may be appropriate or requested by the Compensation Committee.

<u>Outside Advisors</u>: The Compensation Committee shall have the authority, in its sole discretion, to retain and terminate a compensation consultant, outside legal counsel and such other advisors as

it deems necessary to fulfill its duties and responsibilities under this charter (this "Charter"). However, the Compensation Committee shall not be required to implement or act consistently with the advice or recommendations of the compensation consultant, outside legal counsel or other advisor, and the authority granted in this Charter shall not affect the ability or obligation of the Compensation Committee to exercise its own judgment in fulfillment of its duties under this Charter. The Compensation Committee shall set the compensation and retention terms and oversee the work of the compensation consultant, outside legal counsel or any other advisors. Any communications between the Compensation Committee and its outside legal counsel will be privileged communications.

Compensation Consultant Independence/Conflicts of Interest: In retaining or seeking advice from compensation consultants, the Compensation Committee must take into consideration the factors specified in the rules of the NYSE. The Compensation Committee may retain, or receive advice from, any compensation consultant it prefers, including ones that are not independent, after considering the specified factors. The Compensation Committee is not required to assess the independence of any compensation consultant or other advisor that acts in a role limited to consulting on any broad-based plan that does not discriminate in scope, terms or operation in favor of executive officers or directors and that is generally available to all salaried employees or providing information that is not customized for a particular company or that is customized based on parameters that are not developed by the consultant or advisor, and about which the consultant or advisor does not provide advice.

The Compensation Committee shall evaluate whether any compensation consultant retained or to be retained by it has any conflict of interest.

<u>Funding</u>: The Compensation Committee shall receive appropriate funding from the Company, as determined by the Compensation Committee in its capacity as a committee of the Board, for the payment of compensation to any compensation consultant, outside legal counsel and any other advisors, and the ordinary administrative expenses of the Compensation Committee that are necessary or appropriate in carrying out its duties.

<u>Delegation of Authority</u>: The Compensation Committee shall have the authority to delegate any of its responsibilities, along with the authority to take action in relation to such responsibilities, to one or more subcommittees as the Compensation Committee may deem appropriate in its sole discretion.

<u>Books and Records</u>: The Compensation Committee will have access to the Company's books, records, facilities and personnel.

### **DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES**

The Compensation Committee shall have the following duties and responsibilities:

1. <u>CEO Compensation</u>: To review and approve annually the corporate goals and objectives applicable to the compensation of the Company's Chief Executive Officer ("CEO"), evaluate at least annually the CEO's performance in light of those goals and objectives and make recommendations to the Board regarding the CEO's compensation level based on this evaluation. In evaluating and making recommendations to the Board

- regarding the long-term incentive component of the CEO's compensation, the Compensation Committee may consider the Company's performance and relative stockholder return, the value of similar incentive awards given to chief executive officers at comparable companies and the awards given to the CEO in past years.
- 2. <u>Executive Officer Compensation</u>: To review and approve the compensation of all other executive officers of the Company. In evaluating and determining the compensation of all other executive officers of the Company, the Compensation Committee may consider the recommendation of the CEO and such other customary factors that the Committee deems necessary or appropriate.
- 3. <u>Incentive/Equity Plans</u>: To review, and make recommendations to the Board regarding, incentive compensation plans and equity-based plans, which includes the ability to adopt, amend and terminate such plans, and proposals regarding any such plans to be included in the Company's proxy statement. The Compensation Committee shall also have the authority to administer the Company's incentive compensation plans and equity-based plans, including designation of the employees to whom the awards are to be granted, the amount of the award or equity to be granted and the terms and conditions applicable to each award or grant, subject to the provisions of each plan.
- 4. Employee Benefit Plans: To monitor the effectiveness of non-equity based benefit plan offerings, including, but not limited to, non-qualified deferred compensation, fringe benefits and any perquisites, in particular those pertaining to executive officers, and approve any material new employee benefit plan or change to an existing plan that creates a material financial commitment by the Company. In its discretion, the Compensation Committee may otherwise approve, amend, modify, ratify or interpret the terms of, or terminate, any non-equity based benefit plan or delegate such authority to the extent such delegation is permitted. In regard to employee benefit plans, the Compensation Committee's role shall be one of oversight and, except as the Compensation Committee otherwise expressly determines or applicable law otherwise expressly requires, the Compensation Committee shall not act as a fiduciary with respect to any benefit plans or programs under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 or otherwise.
- 5. <u>Employment/Severance Agreements</u>: To review, and make recommendations to the Board regarding, any employment agreements and any severance arrangements or plans, including any benefits to be provided in connection with a change in control, for the CEO and other executive officers, which includes the ability to adopt, amend and terminate such agreements, arrangements or plans.
- 6. <u>Risk Management</u>: To review the Company's incentive compensation arrangements to determine whether they encourage excessive risk-taking, to review and discuss at least annually the relationship between risk management policies and practices and compensation, and to evaluate compensation policies and practices that could mitigate any such risk.

- 7. <u>Incentive Clawback</u>: To review and recommend to the Board for approval the adoption, amendment or modification of a "clawback" policy that allows the Company to recoup incentive compensation in compliance with Section 10D of the Exchange Act and the rules promulgated thereunder and the listing standards of the NYSE, and to administer the "clawback" policy in accordance with its terms.
- 8. <u>Director Compensation</u>: To review all director compensation and benefits for service on the Board and Board committees as the Compensation Committee deems appropriate and to recommend any changes to the Board as necessary.
- 9. <u>Compensation Committee Performance Evaluation</u>: To conduct an annual evaluation of the performance of its duties under this Charter and to present the results of the evaluation to the Board. The Compensation Committee shall conduct this evaluation in such manner as it deems appropriate.