

## EXHIBIT A

### NOMINATING AND GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE CHARTER

#### I. NOMINATING AND GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

There shall be a committee of each Board of Trustees (“*Board*”) of the investment companies advised by First Trust Advisors L.P. (the “*Funds*” or individually, a “*Fund*”) to be known as the Nominating and Governance Committee (the “*Committee*”). Members of the Committee shall be appointed and removed by the Board from time to time in its discretion.

1. *Composition and Qualifications.* The Committee shall be composed entirely of independent trustees of the Board. The term “independent trustee” as used in this Charter means any trustee (a “*trustee*”) who is not an “interested person” of the Funds as such term is defined in the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended, and any rules or regulations adopted thereunder (the “*1940 Act*”), and who is an “independent director” within the meaning of the listing rules of the primary national securities exchange on which a Fund’s shares are listed for trading. Each member of the Committee, and a Committee chairperson, shall be appointed by the Board on the recommendation of the Committee.

To serve on the Committee, a trustee must be independent and must have sufficient time available to competently manage the duties associated with membership on the Committee in addition to the other duties associated with being a trustee and in addition to any other commitments. Committee members shall serve until they resign or are removed or replaced by the Board.

2. *Statement of Purpose.* The purpose of the Committee shall be to oversee matters related to the selection and nomination of trustees and, as necessary, the corporate governance of the Funds. The Committee’s duties shall include, but not be limited to, seeking, identifying, selecting and nominating qualified candidates for election or appointment as trustees in the event of a vacancy, consistent with criteria approved by the Board; the evaluation of Board composition, performance and processes; review of committee assignments; and, to the extent necessary or desirable, the establishment of corporate governance guidelines and procedures.

#### II. THE COMPOSITION AND OPERATION OF THE BOARD

1. The Committee shall review the composition of the Board as it deems necessary. In its review, the Committee shall consider, among other things, the size of the Board; the skills, experience and background of the trustees; and the strengths and weaknesses of the skills or knowledge base of the Board.

2. In the event of a vacancy on the Board, the Committee shall seek and accept recommendations of qualified individuals for a position as a trustee. Once it has identified one or more candidates, the Committee will select and nominate one individual to fill each vacancy on the Board. In performing this function, the Committee shall consider, among other things, legal and fiduciary duties associated with Board membership; expectations regarding

preparation, attendance, and participation at meetings; Fund ownership; limitations on investments; and independence from the Funds' investment adviser (including sub-advisers) and other principal service providers, including any affiliates of such persons, if applicable. The Committee shall consider the effect of any relationships that the Committee may consider to impair the candidate's independence including, but not limited to, relationships delineated in the 1940 Act and any other applicable federal securities laws and regulations and rules and regulations of self-regulatory organizations (including national securities exchanges) that might impair his or her independence, and business, financial or family relationships with the Funds' investment adviser (including sub-advisers) and other principal service providers, including any affiliates of such persons. The Committee may, but shall not be required to, establish minimum qualifications to be possessed by all nominees. The Committee may also establish specific qualities or skills to be possessed by one or more trustees.

3. If there is no current or anticipated vacancy on the Board, the Committee will not actively seek recommendations for nominations from other parties, including shareholders. When a vacancy on the Board occurs and nominations are sought to fill such vacancy, the Committee may seek nominations from those sources it deems appropriate in its discretion, including shareholders of the Fund. The Committee may retain a search firm to identify candidates. The Committee shall have sole authority to retain and terminate any such search firm, including the sole authority to approve the fees and other terms of such retention. The fees of any search firm engaged to identify candidates to serve as an independent trustee shall be paid by the Funds.

4. The Committee may review at its discretion and make recommendations with regard to the tenure of the trustees, including term limits and/or age limits.

5. At least annually, the Committee shall evaluate (or cause an evaluation to be performed of) (i) the performance of the Board and the organization and effectiveness of Board meetings, and (ii) the effectiveness of the committee structure.

6. The Board seeks to have as many trustees as possible in attendance at annual meetings of shareholders of each of the closed-end Funds (each an "*Annual Meeting*"). Accordingly, the Committee hereby establishes a policy regarding attendance at Annual Meetings that the trustees shall make reasonable efforts to attend the Annual Meeting of each of the closed-end Funds, while also recognizing that each trustee has other responsibilities and duties and that it may not be possible or practicable to attend all of the Annual Meetings of the Funds.

The Funds' Secretary or another designee shall compile information relating to trustee attendance at each Annual Meeting.

This policy and the attendance information relating to the most recent Annual Meeting shall be posted to the website for the Funds and the website address for such information shall be set forth in each closed-end Fund's annual proxy statement.

7. The Committee shall review committee assignments periodically and make nominations for trustee membership on all committees. The Committee shall also recommend to the full Board the chair of each committee. The full Board shall act on such recommendations and nominations as it sees fit.

8. The Committee shall review and make recommendations to the full Board regarding the responsibilities of any committee, and any charter thereof (other than the audit committee). Such review may include, among other things, the continuing need for each committee, the need for additional committees, and the need or desire to combine or reorganize committees. The Committee shall generally conduct such review in connection with the rotation of the Committee chairperson.

9. The Committee shall periodically but no less frequently than once per year, review and make recommendations regarding trustee compensation to the full Board.

10. The Committee shall perform such other functions and have such powers as may be necessary or appropriate in the efficient and lawful discharge of the powers provided in this Charter.

11. The Committee shall report its activities to the full Board and make recommendations with respect to the above and other matters as the Committee may deem necessary or appropriate.

### III. SHAREHOLDER COMMUNICATIONS

Shareholders may communicate in writing with members of the Board via regular mail. Written communications to trustees should be addressed to the Funds, attention W. Scott Jardine (the “*Secretary*”), at the address of the principal offices of the Funds, which currently is 120 E. Liberty Drive, Suite 400, Wheaton, Illinois 60187. If the communication is intended for a specific trustee and so indicated it will be sent only to that trustee. If a communication does not indicate a specific trustee it will be sent to the Chair of the Committee and the independent legal counsel to the independent trustees for further distribution as deemed appropriate by such persons.

Persons or entities, including shareholders of the Funds, who wish to recommend a person for nomination as a candidate for a position on the Board, shall mail such recommendation to W. Scott Jardine at the Funds’ address above. To properly submit a recommendation, such person shall follow the procedures set forth below.

For Funds other than closed-end Funds, a shareholder may recommend a person for nomination as a candidate at any time. If a recommendation is received with satisfactorily completed information (as set forth below) regarding a candidate during a time when a vacancy exists on the Board or during such other time as the Committee is accepting recommendations, the recommendation will be forwarded to the Chair of the Committee and the independent legal counsel to the independent trustees.

For closed-end Funds, any proposal to elect any person nominated by shareholders for election as trustee may only be brought before an Annual Meeting if timely written notice (the “*Shareholder Notice*”) is provided to the Secretary. Unless a greater or lesser period is required under applicable law, to be timely, the Shareholder Notice must be delivered to or mailed and received at the Funds’ address above, not less than forty-five (45) days nor more than sixty (60) days prior to the first anniversary date of the date of the Fund’s proxy statement released to shareholders for the prior year’s Annual Meeting; provided, however, if and only if the Annual Meeting is not scheduled to be held within a period that commences thirty (30) days before the first anniversary date of the Annual Meeting for the preceding year and ends thirty (30) days after such anniversary date (an Annual Meeting date outside such period being referred to herein as an “*Other Annual Meeting Date*”), such Shareholder Notice must be given in the manner provided herein by the later of the close of business on (i) the date forty-five (45) days prior to such Other Annual Meeting Date or (ii) the tenth (10<sup>th</sup>) business day following the date such Other Annual Meeting Date is first publicly announced or disclosed.

Any shareholder submitting a nomination of any person or persons (as the case may be) for election as a trustee or trustees of a Fund shall deliver, as part of such Shareholder Notice: (i) a statement in writing setting forth (A) the name, age, date of birth, business address, residence address and nationality of the person or persons to be nominated; (B) the class or series and number of all shares of the Fund owned of record or beneficially by each such person or persons, as reported to such shareholder by such nominee(s); (C) any other information regarding each such person required by paragraphs (a), (d), (e) and (f) of Item 401 of Regulation S-K or paragraph (b) of Item 22 of Rule 14a-101 (Schedule 14A) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the “*Exchange Act*”) (or any successor provision thereto); (D) any other information regarding the person or persons to be nominated that would be required to be disclosed in a proxy statement or other filings required to be made in connection with solicitation of proxies for election of trustees or directors pursuant to Section 14 of the Exchange Act and the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder; and (E) whether such shareholder believes any nominee is or will be an “interested person” of the Fund (as defined in the 1940 Act) and, if not an “interested person,” information regarding each nominee that will be sufficient for the Fund to make such determination; and (ii) the written and signed consent of any person to be nominated to be named as a nominee and to serve as a trustee if elected. In connection with any shareholder nominating a person for election as a trustee, such shareholder must obtain from the Secretary a questionnaire to be completed by the nominee and returned and received by the Secretary at the principal executive offices of the Funds no later than ten (10) business days after the Secretary sends such questionnaire to the shareholder. In addition, the trustees may require any proposed nominee to furnish such other information as they may reasonably require or deem necessary to determine the eligibility of such proposed nominee to serve as a trustee.

Without limiting the foregoing, any shareholder who gives a Shareholder Notice of any matter proposed to be brought before a shareholder meeting (whether or not involving nominees for trustees) shall deliver, as part of such Shareholder Notice: (i) the description of and text of the proposal to be presented; (ii) a brief written statement of the reasons why such shareholder favors the proposal; (iii) such shareholder’s name and address as they appear on the Fund’s books; (iv) any other information relating to the shareholder that would be required to be disclosed in a proxy statement or other filings required to be made in connection with the

solicitation of proxies with respect to the matter(s) proposed pursuant to Section 14 of the Exchange Act; (v) the class or series and number of all shares of the Fund owned beneficially and of record by such shareholder; (vi) any material interest of such shareholder in the matter proposed (other than as a shareholder); (vii) a representation that the shareholder intends to appear in person or by proxy at the shareholder meeting to act on the matter(s) proposed and if the proposal involves nominee(s) for trustees, a representation from each shareholder nominee for trustee that such nominee intends to appear in person at the shareholder meeting; (viii) if the proposal involves nominee(s) for trustees, a description of all arrangements or understandings between the shareholder and each proposed nominee and any other person or persons (including their names) pursuant to which the nomination(s) are to be made by the shareholder; and (ix) in the case of a shareholder (a “*Beneficial Owner*”) that holds shares entitled to vote at the meeting through a nominee or “street name” holder of record, evidence establishing such Beneficial Owner’s indirect ownership of, and entitlement to vote, shares at the meeting of shareholders. As used herein, shares “beneficially owned” shall mean all shares which such person is deemed to beneficially own pursuant to Rules 13d-3 and 13d-5 under the Exchange Act.

#### IV. CANDIDATE QUALIFICATIONS

The Committee seeks to recruit and retain qualified independent trustees of high integrity, whose skills and experience will enhance the Board’s ability to effectively represent the interests of the Funds’ shareholders and oversee the wide range of regulatory and business issues affecting the Funds. The Committee seeks to consider a number of candidates when a vacancy on the Board occurs. Each candidate must meet certain basic requirements, including relevant skills and experience, time availability and independence from the investment adviser, any sub-adviser or any other principal service providers if qualifying as an independent trustee. In addition, depending on the current composition of the Board and the mix of skills and backgrounds of the incumbent trustees, the qualifications sought of a particular candidate may vary in seeking to establish an effective Board with an appropriate range of skills and diversity including, as appropriate, differences in background, professional experience, education, vocations, and other individual characteristics and traits in the aggregate. In addition to relevant skills and experience, all candidates must possess high standards of personal integrity that are assessed on the basis of personal interviews, recommendations, or direct knowledge by Committee members. The Committee will not consider new trustee candidates who are 72 years of age or older or will turn 72 years old during the initial term.

#### V. REVIEW PROCESS

Recommendations for candidates to the Board will be evaluated in light of the current size and composition of the Board and expected changes thereto. The review process may include, without limitation, personal interviews, background checks, written submissions by the candidates and third party references. Background information on a potential candidate initially will be forwarded to the Chair of the Committee and the independent legal counsel to the independent trustees. Under no circumstances shall the Committee evaluate nominees recommended by a shareholder of the Funds on a basis substantially different than that used for other nominees for the same election or appointment of trustees.

## VI. SOURCE OF RECOMMENDATIONS

When seeking qualified candidates, the Committee and the Secretary (or other person designated by the Committee) shall identify and organize the recommendations received by the Committee (other than recommendations of persons who are executive officers or who are trustees standing for re-election) in accordance with one or more of the following categories of persons or entities that made such recommendation:

- A. a shareholder, independent trustee, chief executive officer, or other executive officer of the Fund;
- B. a third-party search firm used by or on behalf of the Fund;
- C. a shareholder, director, chief executive officer, other executive officer, or employee of the investment company's (a) investment adviser, (b) principal underwriter, or (c) affiliated person of the investment adviser or principal underwriter; and
- D. any other specified source.

If it is determined that a nominee was initially recommended by a shareholder or group of shareholders owning beneficially 5% or more of a Fund's voting securities, the Committee and Secretary or other person designated by the Committee shall identify such candidate and the shareholder making such recommendation in the Fund's proxy statement, as required under Item 22(b) of Schedule 14A under the Exchange Act.

## VII. DISCLOSURE OF CHANGES TO NOMINATION PROCEDURES

For proposes of facilitating disclosure required in Form N-CSR, the Committee and the Secretary (or other person designated by the Committee) shall identify any material changes to the procedures for shareholder nominations for the reporting period in which such material changes occur.

## VIII. DISCLOSURE OF CHARTER

The Charter of the Committee shall be posted to the website for the Funds.

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