PURPOSE:

The Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee (the “Committee”) of the Board of Directors (the “Board”) of Gilead Sciences, Inc., a Delaware Corporation (the “Company”), will provide assistance to the Board in fulfilling its responsibility to the stockholders relating to corporate governance policies and practices of the Company, including Board and committee structure and nominations, and monitoring the compliance functions managed by the Chief Compliance Officer. The Committee will have free and open communication with the directors and the executive management of the Company. The operation of the Committee shall be subject to the Bylaws of the Company as in effect from time to time and to Section 141 of the Delaware General Corporation Law.

COMPOSITION:

The Committee shall be composed of at least three members of the Board all of whom are independent of the management of the Company and are free of any relationship that, in the opinion of the Board, would interfere with their exercise of independent judgment as a Committee member. The members of the Committee shall be independent, as required by applicable law or regulations established by the Securities and Exchange Commission (“SEC”) and The Nasdaq Stock Market LLC (“Nasdaq”).

FUNCTIONS AND AUTHORITY:

In carrying out its responsibilities, the Committee will adopt policies and procedures it believes necessary or appropriate to enable it to react to changing conditions, and to increase the confidence of the directors and stockholders that the corporate governance practices of the Company comply with all requirements.

It is the responsibility of the Committee to nominate for stockholder approval qualified candidates to serve as directors of the Company. Diversity is an important attribute of a well-functioning board. Among the responsibilities of the Committee shall be to advise the Board on matters of diversity, including race, ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation, culture, thought and geography, and to nominate director candidates that will cause the Board to reflect a range of viewpoints, backgrounds, skills, experience and expertise.

The Committee will have the authority to retain any search firm engaged to assist in identifying director candidates and to retain outside counsel and any other advisors as the Committee may deem appropriate in its sole discretion. The Committee will have authority to approve related fees and retention terms.

As appropriate under the circumstances, the Committee will, among its other responsibilities:
1. Develop, periodically review and recommend to the Board the desired skills, experience, characteristics and other criteria for identifying and evaluating members of the Board and its committees, including the number and nature of other board memberships held; relevant experience, knowledge, expertise, desired diversity, including racial, ethnic, gender and sexual orientation diversity, and the collective expertise of the Board and of its committees; independence; and possible conflicts of interest.

2. Determine the need for new directors and, as appropriate, lead the search for new individuals qualified to become members of the Board. In doing so, the Committee will strive for the inclusion of directors with diverse backgrounds, knowledge and viewpoints and consider individuals who will be able to contribute to an effective Board, serve the long-term interest of the stockholders of the Company, and satisfy the qualification criteria and standards for nomination of directors and committee members.

3. Develop recruitment protocols that seek to include diverse candidates in any director search. As part of the search process, the Committee should take into account that qualified, but often overlooked, candidates may be found in a broad array of organizations, including academic institutions, privately held businesses, nonprofit organizations and trade associations, in addition to the traditional candidate pool of corporate directors and officers. As part of the search process for each new director, the Committee includes, and instructs any search firm it engages to include, qualified candidates with diverse backgrounds in the pool from which director candidates are chosen, including female and racially or ethnically diverse candidates.

4. Recommend to the Board director nominees to be presented for stockholder approval at the annual meeting of stockholders.

5. Consider individuals who are properly proposed by stockholders of the Company to serve on the Board in accordance with laws and regulations established by the SEC and Nasdaq, the Bylaws of the Company and the Delaware General Corporation Law and make recommendations to the Board regarding such individuals based on the established qualification criteria and standards for members of the Board.

6. Evaluate the need for refreshment and succession planning for the Board and key leadership roles on the Board and its committees.

7. Recommend to the Board whether to accept or reject a resignation, or whether any other action should be taken, when such resignation is given by an incumbent director who does not receive the vote of at least the majority of the votes cast at any meeting of stockholders for the election of directors in accordance with the Board Guidelines.

8. Regularly review the Board’s leadership structure and recommend changes to the Board as appropriate, and make a recommendation to the independent directors regarding the appointment of the Lead Independent Director.
9. Review the Board’s committee structure and, in consultation with the Chair of the Board and Lead Independent Director, if applicable, recommend to the Board for its approval directors to serve as members and chairpersons of each committee.

10. Annually assess the independence of the members of the Board and determine whether members of the Audit Committee meet the Audit Committee financial expert requirements established by the SEC and Nasdaq, and make recommendations to the Board regarding such assessment and determination.

11. Annually review the policies and practices of the Company in the area of corporate governance, including the written charters of each standing committee of the Board, and, as necessary, recommend new policies and changes to existing policies to the Board for its approval. In doing so, the Committee will review with the Company’s General Counsel or other appropriate personnel new and relevant legal and regulatory requirements that may be imposed on the Company from time to time.

12. Develop an annual self-evaluation process for the Board and its committees, and oversee such process.

13. Annually review and reassess the adequacy of the Board Guidelines and recommend any proposed changes to the Board for approval.

14. Oversee the Company’s stockholder engagement program, and make recommendations to the Board regarding its involvement in and response to stockholder engagement.

15. Monitor risks related to corporate governance matters and certain other non-financial or non-compensation-related risks, including, but not limited to, clinical trials, manufacturing, human resources, competition law and environmental, social and governance matters. The Committee will periodically review with management the Company’s efforts to identify and mitigate such risks.

16. Approve decisions regarding the appointment and removal of the Chief Compliance Officer, confirm there are no unjustified restrictions or limitations on the activities of the Chief Compliance Officer or the compliance function and monitor the Company’s compliance program, including the Company’s code(s) of conduct and the Company’s policies and procedures for monitoring compliance; and at least annually, meet with the Chief Compliance Officer to review the implementation and effectiveness of the Company’s compliance program. The Chief Compliance Officer shall have authority to communicate directly to the Committee about any actual and alleged violations of law or the Company’s code(s) of conduct.

17. Review with the Chief Compliance Officer or other appropriate compliance personnel any matters that may have a material impact on the Company’s compliance policies, business conduct controls and any material compliance related reports or inquiries received from regulators or governmental agencies.
18. Meet periodically with the Chief Compliance Officer to monitor the company’s compliance program to ensure that it is well designed, operating effectively and properly resourced. The Committee will, on an as-needed basis, review with management issues identified by the Chief Compliance Officer.

19. Review the Company's political expenditure policies and expenditures, including payments to trade associations.

20. Oversee and make recommendations to the Board regarding environmental, social and governance (“ESG”) matters relevant to the Company’s business, including Company ESG policies, activities and opportunities.

21. Review and reassess the adequacy of this Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee Charter on an annual basis and recommend any proposed changes to the Board for approval.

22. Perform such other functions and have such powers as may be necessary or appropriate in the efficient and lawful discharge of the foregoing.

MEETINGS:

Meetings of the Committee will be held at the pleasure of the Board and the members of the Committee, from time to time, in response to needs of the Board and the Committee. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Committee will meet at least once annually to evaluate and make nominations of qualified candidates for election to the Board at the annual meeting of stockholders.

MINUTES AND REPORTS:

The Committee will maintain written minutes of its meetings, which minutes will be filed with the minutes of the meetings of the Board. The Committee will report its actions and recommendations to the Board after each Committee meeting.

SUBCOMMITTEES:

The Committee will have the authority to delegate any of its responsibilities to subcommittees as the Committee may deem appropriate so long as such actions are ratified by the Committee as a whole.