FOUNDATIONAL & DESIRABLE SKILLS FOR DIRECTOR NOMINEES

The following skills are important in the financial services sector given the complex operational environment and regulatory oversight from RBNZ & FMA. These skills:

- Help potential interested candidates confirm their 'skill fit' and / or frame potential learning areas, and,
- Provide greater insight to voters, helping them select the most additive candidates to oversee long-term strategy and organisational health.

FOUNDATIONAL SKILLS: IDEALLY, CANDIDATES BRING A DEPTH OF CAPABILITY AND EXPERIENCE ACROSS EACH OF THESE ELEMENTS	
COMMITMENT TO THE MUTUAL MODEL	Understanding of the member-based ethos and ability to engage meaningfully with union members
GOVERNANCE POTENTIAL	It is recognised candidates may not draw from a scale commercial / corporate background - but demonstrate potential to 'step up' into governance • Evidence of professional development, understanding of director duties and demonstrated strategic reasoning
COMMERCIAL ACUMEN	A track record of creating value and delivering strong performance. Ideally would have leadership experience in a scale entity
CULTURE FIT	Communication style to engage effectively with other Board members and senior management
FINANCIAL ACUMEN	Understanding of financial risk and P&L accountability

DESIRABLE SKILLS: DEMONSTRATED EXPERIENCE ACROSS THESE ELEMENTS IS ALSO DESIRABLE, BUT IT IS RECOGNISED CANDIDATES MAY NOT DRAW FROM A SCALE COMMERCIAL / CORPORATE BACKGROUND	
INSURANCE INDUSTRY	 This is a 'standout' capability reflecting the importance of industry expertise in a complex regulated environment Executive leadership in the health insurance (or broader) sector – in-depth understanding of insurance products (development, underwriting, reinsurance) and customer-first offerings (including vulnerable customer protection, 'next gen' product innovation)
GOVERNANCE EXPERIENCE	Director, Chair and / or committee Chair roles in a commercial entity of a similar scale or larger than UniMed
STAKEHOLDER ACUMEN	Including regulatory, financial services and / or iwi networks
OTHER STRATEGIC SKILLS	Experience across technology / digitisation, marketing / branding and ESG

