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#### NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS AND PROXY STATEMENT

#### 2019 Annual Meeting of Shareholders

Date: Thursday, January 31, 2019

Time: **9:00 AM MST** 

Place: Good Times Restaurants Inc.

141 Union Boulevard, Suite 400, Lakewood, Colorado 80228

Record Date: December 6, 2018

# **GENERAL INFORMATION**

This proxy statement relates to the 2019 Annual Meeting of Shareholders (the "Annual Meeting") of Good Times Restaurants Inc., a Nevada corporation (the "Company"). The Annual Meeting will be held on Thursday, January 31, 2019, at 9:00 a.m. Mountain Standard Time, at the Company's corporate office specified above, or at such other time and place to which the Annual Meeting may be adjourned or postponed. The enclosed proxy is solicited by our Board of Directors (the "Board").

The terms "we," "us," and "our" in this proxy statement refer to the Company.

Important Notice Regarding Availability of Proxy Materials for the Annual Meeting to be Held on January 31, 2019: The proxy materials relating to the Annual Meeting, including this proxy statement and the Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended September 25, 2018 (the "Annual Report"), are available at www.,proxyvote.com

# What is the purpose of the Annual Meeting?

At the Annual Meeting, shareholders will be asked to vote on the following matters:

(1) to elect five directors of the Company to serve for the next year (Proposal 1);

- (2) to approve, on an advisory basis, the frequency of future advisory votes to approve the compensation of the Company's named executive officers (Proposal 2);
- (3) to ratify the appointment of Moss Adams LLP as the Company's independent registered public accounting firm for the fiscal year ending September 24, 2019 (Proposal 3); and

to transact such other business as may properly come before the Annual Meeting and any adjournments or postponements thereof.

# Why did I receive a one-page notice in the mail regarding the Internet availability of proxy materials this year instead of a full set of proxy materials?

As permitted by Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC") rules, we are making the proxy materials relating to the Annual Meeting, including this proxy statement and the Annual Report, available to our shareholders electronically via the Internet. On or about December 21, 2018, we mailed to our shareholders a Notice of Internet Availability of Proxy Materials (the "Notice") containing instructions on how to access this proxy statement and our Annual Report and vote online. If you received a Notice by mail, you will not receive a printed copy of the proxy materials in the mail unless you request a copy. The Notice instructs you on how to access and review all important information contained in the proxy statement and Annual Report. The Notice also instructs you on how you may submit your proxy over the Internet. If you received a Notice by mail and would like to receive a printed copy of our proxy materials, you should follow the instructions for requesting such materials contained on the Notice.

We encourage you to take advantage of the availability of the proxy materials on the Internet in order to help lower the costs of delivery and reduce the Company's environmental impact.

### Who is entitled to attend and vote at the Annual Meeting?

Only shareholders of record at the close of business on the record date of December 6, 2018, or their duly appointed proxies, are entitled to receive notice of the Annual Meeting, attend the meeting, and vote their shares at the Annual Meeting or any adjournment or postponement thereof. At the close of business on December 6, 2018, there were 12,522,778 shares of our common stock, par value \$0.001 per share ("Common Stock"), outstanding. Each outstanding share of our Common Stock is entitled to one vote. The Company's bylaws ("Bylaws") do not allow holders to cumulate votes in the election of directors.

#### **How to Vote**

Internet Visit the website listed on your proxy card. You will need the control number that appears on your proxy card.

Mail Complete and sign the proxy card and return it in the enclosed postage pre-paid envelope.

**Telephone** Call the telephone number listed on your proxy card. You will need the control number that appears on your proxy card.

**In Person** You may attend the Annual Meeting and vote by ballot.

If you return the proxy card, you will authorize the individuals named on the proxy card, referred to as proxy holders, to vote your shares according to your instructions or, if you provide no instructions, according to the recommendations of our Board. If your shares are held by a broker in "street name," you will receive a voting instruction form from your broker or the broker's agent asking you how your shares should be voted.

### What if I vote and then change my mind?

You may revoke a proxy at any time before the vote is taken at the Annual Meeting by either (i) filing with our corporate secretary a written notice of revocation, (ii) sending in another duly executed proxy bearing a later date, or (iii) attending the meeting and casting your vote in person. Your last vote will be the vote that is counted.

#### How can I get more information about attending the Annual Meeting and voting in person?

For additional details about the Annual Meeting, including directions to the meeting site and information about how you may vote in person if you so desire, please call or email Boyd E. Hoback, our President and Chief Executive Officer, at (303) 384-1400 or at bhoback@gtrestaurants.com.

#### What are the Board's recommendations?

Unless you give other instructions on your proxy card, the persons named on the proxy card will vote in accordance with the recommendations of our Board, which are described in this proxy statement. Our Board recommends you vote:

## **Proposal 1.** Election of directors

**Proposal 2**. Advisory vote on the frequency of future advisory votes to approve the compensation of the Company's named executive officers

**Proposal 3**. Ratification of the appointment of independent registered public accounting firm

Vote **FOR** each director nominee Vote **2 YEARS** for the frequency

Vote **FOR** 

With respect to any other matter that properly comes before the meeting, the proxy holders will vote as recommended by our Board or, if no recommendation is given, in their own discretion.

# What constitutes a quorum?

The presence at the Annual Meeting, in person or by proxy, of the holders of a majority of the issued and outstanding shares of our Common Stock on the record date will constitute a quorum at the Annual Meeting, permitting us to conduct our business at the Annual Meeting. Proxies received but marked as abstentions and broker non-votes (defined below) will be included in the calculation of the number of shares considered to be present at the meeting for purposes of determining whether a quorum is present. If a quorum is not present, the Annual Meeting may be adjourned until a quorum is obtained.

#### What vote is required to approve each proposal?

Vote Required. Approval of each proposal (other than the election of directors and the advisory vote on the frequency of future advisory votes to approve the compensation of the Company's named executive officers) to be considered and voted upon at the Annual Meeting will require the affirmative vote of a majority of the votes cast by the holders of our Common Stock present in person or represented by proxy at the Annual Meeting and entitled to vote on the matter (assuming we have a quorum as described above). Directors are elected by a **plurality of the votes** cast by the holders of our Common Stock present in person or represented by proxy at the meeting and entitled to vote on the matter (Proposal 1). The option of one year, two years or three years that receives the greatest number of votes will be considered the frequency selected by our shareholders for the advisory vote on the frequency of future advisory votes to approve the compensation of the Company's named executive officers (Proposal 2). A properly executed proxy marked "ABSTAIN" with respect to a proposal will not be voted for that proposal but will be counted for purposes of whether there is a quorum at the meeting. Abstentions will result in the respective proposal receiving fewer votes.

Effect of Broker Non-Votes. If your shares are held by your broker in "street name," you will receive a voting instruction form from your broker or the broker's agent asking you how your shares should be voted. Please complete the form and return it in the envelope provided by the broker or agent. No postage is necessary if mailed in the United States. If you do not instruct your broker how to vote, your broker may vote your shares at its discretion on "routine" matters. Only Proposal 3 (ratifying the appointment of our independent registered public accounting firm) is considered a routine matter at the Annual Meeting. Where a proposal is not routine, a broker who has not received instructions from its clients may not be permitted to exercise voting discretion. Votes that could have been cast on the matter in question if the brokers have received their customers' instructions, and as to which the broker has notified us on a proxy form in accordance with industry practice or has otherwise advised us that it lacks voting authority, are referred to as "broker non-votes." Thus, if you do not give your broker or nominee specific instructions with respect to Proposals 1 and 2, your shares may not be voted on those matters and will not be counted as a vote cast in determining the number of shares necessary for approval of those matters. Shares represented by such broker non-votes, however, will be counted in determining whether there is a quorum. Accordingly, broker non-votes will result in the respective proposal receiving fewer votes.

Broker non-votes and abstentions will not count as votes in favor of or against election of the directors and will have no effect on the vote total for the election of the directors.

# Can I dissent or exercise rights of appraisal?

Neither Nevada law nor our Articles of Incorporation or Bylaws provide our shareholders with dissenters' or appraisal rights in connection with the proposals to be voted on at the Annual Meeting. If the proposals are approved at the Annual Meeting, shareholders voting against such proposals will not be entitled to seek appraisal for their shares.

# Who pays for this proxy solicitation?

The Company will bear the entire cost of this proxy solicitation, including the preparation, assembly, printing, and mailing of the Notice or proxy materials and any additional solicitation materials furnished to the shareholders. In addition to solicitation by mail, proxies may be solicited by our directors, officers, and regular employees by telephone or personal interview. These individuals will not receive any compensation for their services other than their regular salaries. Arrangements will also be made with brokerage houses and other custodians and fiduciaries to forward solicitation materials to the beneficial owners of the shares held on the record date, and we may reimburse those persons for reasonable out-of-pocket expenses incurred by them in so doing.

# How many copies of the Notice or proxy materials are delivered to a shared address?

If you and one or more shareholders share the same address, it is possible that only one copy of the Notice or proxy materials was delivered to your address. This is known as "householding." We will promptly deliver separate copies to you if you call or write us at our principal executive offices at 141 Union Boulevard, #400, Lakewood, Colorado

80228 Attn: Corporate Secretary, telephone: (303) 384-1400. If you want to receive separate copies of the Notice or proxy materials in the future, or if you are receiving multiple copies and would like to receive only one copy per household, you should contact your bank, broker, or other nominee record holder, or you may contact us at the above address and telephone number.

#### PROPOSAL #1

#### **ELECTION OF DIRECTORS**

Currently the size of our Board is set at a maximum of five directors. All of our directors are elected annually to serve a one-year term expiring at the next annual meeting of shareholders. The five nominees for election at the Annual Meeting, listed below, are currently serving as directors of the Company. Each nominee has consented to be named in this proxy statement and to serve as a director if elected. However, if any nominee is unable to serve or for good cause will not serve as a director, each of the persons named in the proxy intend to vote in his or her discretion for a substitute who will be designated by our Board.

The following table sets forth certain information about the Company's five director nominees.

Name	Age	Director Since	Other Positions Held with the Company	
			Chairman of the Board	
Geoffrey R. Bailey	67	1996		
			Chairman of the Compensation Committee	
Boyd E. Hoback	63	1992	President and Chief Executive Officer	
Charles Jobson	58	2017	Member of the Audit Committee	
			Member of the Compensation Committee	
Jason S. Maceda	50	2018	Chairman of the Audit Committee	
Robert J. Stetson	68	2014	Member of the Audit Committee	
			Member of the Compensation Committee	

# **Contractual Agreements Related to the Board**

Pursuant to the Settlement Agreement, dated March 12, 2018, entered into among the Company, Mr. Stetson (and where applicable his controlled affiliates) and Mr. Jobson (and where applicable his controlled affiliates), it was agreed, in addition to other related matters, that:

The Company's nominees of the Board for election at the 2018 annual meeting of shareholders would be the above five persons and Messrs. Jobson and Stetson and their affiliated shareholders would vote in favor of the election of those five persons at the 2018 annual meeting.

·If continued to be elected as a director, Mr. Bailey will continue to act as Chairman of the Board until the earlier of (i) the annual shareholders meeting for the 2019 fiscal year, or (ii) his resignation as Chairman or his removal by a

vote of not less than two-thirds of the members of the Board.

# **Business Experience**

# Geoffrey R. Bailey

Mr. Bailey is retired. Mr. Bailey previously served as a director of The Erie County Investment Co., which owns 99% of The Bailey Company, a position he held from 1979 to 2018. The Bailey Company was previously a franchisee and joint- venture partner of the Company and a former large, multi-unit franchisee of Arby's. Mr. Bailey is a graduate of the University of Denver with a Bachelor's degree in Business Administration.

Mr. Bailey was selected to serve on our Board considering his substantial experience within the restaurant industry and his broad knowledge concerning corporate governance and management. Additionally, Mr. Bailey was originally elected to our Board pursuant to contractual board representation rights granted to The Bailey Company in connection with its investment in shares of our Series A Convertible Preferred Stock in 1996. Mr. Bailey has continued to serve on our Board pursuant to contractual board representation rights held by The Bailey Company and its affiliates (the "Bailey Group") in connection with our Series B Convertible Preferred Stock financing in February 2005 and the subsequent modification of those contractual rights in connection with the closing of our initial investment transaction with Small Island Investments Limited in December 2010, whereby the Bailey Group is entitled to designate one individual for election to our Board.

# Boyd E. Hoback

Mr. Hoback has served as our President and Chief Executive Officer and as a member of our Board since December 1992 and has been in the restaurant business since the age of 16. Mr. Hoback has been a vital part of the development of the Company and has been involved in developing and managing all areas of the Company. Mr. Hoback is an honors graduate of the University of Colorado in Finance.

Mr. Hoback was selected to serve on our Board considering his in-depth understanding of our business.

#### **Charles Jobson**

In 1999, Mr. Jobson co-founded Delta Partners, LP, where he is the sole Portfolio Manager. Prior to launching Delta, Mr. Jobson was a Vice President and a member of an eight-person investment committee managing a \$3.5 billion U.S. equity portfolio at Baring Asset Management, an international investment firm, from 1994 to 1998. From 1990-1994, Mr. Jobson was an equity analyst with State Street Research & Management, Inc. where his responsibilities included analysis of commodity and specialty chemicals, homebuilding, supermarkets/drug stores, and real estate investment trusts.

Mr. Jobson holds an undergraduate degree from Northwestern University and an MBA with a concentration in finance from the Fuqua School of Business at Duke University. Mr. Jobson is a member of the CFA Institute and the Boston Securities Analysts Society.

Mr. Jobson was selected to serve on our Board considering his substantial experience in financial and capital markets.

#### Jason S. Maceda

Mr. Maceda is Senior Vice President, Baskin-Robbins U.S. and Canada, responsible for all aspects of the business including operations, marketing and development. Mr. Maceda has held this position since July 2017. Mr. Maceda previously served as the Dunkin' Brands' Vice President of U.S. Financial Planning and Corporate Real Estate from 2012 to 2017. As a twenty-year employee of Dunkin' Brands (Dunkin' Donuts & Baskin Robbins), Mr. Maceda has held several leadership positions in the Dunkin' Brands Finance Department. Prior to Dunkin' Brands, he held a supervisory position in the finance department of Davol Inc., a subsidiary of C.R. Bard Inc., a multi-national manufacturer of healthcare products. He began his career in public accounting with Ernst & Young. He also is the Treasurer and a Board member of the Joy in Childhood Foundation where the primary mission is to bring joy to sick and hungry children. He holds an undergraduate degree and MBA from the University of Rhode Island and is currently a CPA in the state of Massachusetts.

Mr. Maceda was selected to serve on our Board considering his substantial experience within the food and beverage industry and his broad knowledge concerning finance and management.

#### Robert J. Stetson

Mr. Stetson is the CEO and Chairman of US Restaurant Properties, a privately-owned landlord of chain restaurant properties founded in 2009. From 1994-2005, he was a founder, director, and CEO (excluding 1999-2001) of U.S. Restaurant Properties Inc., a NYSE traded Real Estate Investment Trust. He has served on several restaurant company boards including Del Frisco's, Capital Grille and Bugaboo Creek Steakhouses, and Shoney's Inc. Additionally, he was President-Restaurant Division of Burger King Corporation and CFO and later CEO of Pearle Vision, the eyewear retailer. He has a BA from Harvard University and an MBA from Harvard Business School.

Mr. Stetson was selected to serve on our Board considering his substantial experience within the restaurant industry and his broad knowledge concerning corporate governance, leadership and finance.

# **Vote Required for Approval**

Directors are elected by a **plurality of the votes** cast by the holders of our Common Stock present in person or represented by proxy at the meeting and entitled to vote on the matter. Broker non-votes and abstentions will not count as votes in favor of or against election of the directors and will have no effect on the vote total for the election of the directors.

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS UNANIMOUSLY RECOMMENDS
THAT SHAREHOLDERS VOTE "FOR" EACH DIRECTOR NOMINEE FOR PROPOSAL 1

# PROPOSAL ADVISORY VOTE ON THE FREQUENCY OF FUTURE ADVISORY VOTES TO APPROVE #2 THE COMPENSATION OF THE COMPANY'S NAMED EXECUTIVE OFFICERS

The Dodd-Frank Act enables our shareholders to express their preference for having future "say on pay" votes every one, every two or every three years. This non-binding "frequency" vote is required at least once every six years, which began with our 2013 Annual Meeting. The next advisory vote on the frequency of the say-on-pay vote will occur no later than 2025. It is the Company's belief, and the Board's recommendation, that the say on pay vote should occur every two years.

The Company's executive compensation practices need to remain flexible and reflect the state of the Company and the industry. The Board believes that providing the Company's shareholders with an advisory vote on executive compensation every two years is consistent with the Compensation Committee's approach to regularly evaluate executive compensation policies and procedures.

For the above reasons, the Board recommends that the shareholders vote to hold future advisory votes to approve the compensation of the Company's named executive officers every two years. Each shareholder's vote, however, is not to approve or disapprove the Board's recommendation. When voting on this Proposal #2, each shareholder has four choices, vote on executive pay every year, every two years, every three years, or abstain from voting. As an advisory vote, the vote on Proposal #2 is not binding upon the Board or the Company. However, the Compensation Committee and the Board will consider the outcome of the vote when determining the frequency of future say on pay votes.

#### **Vote Required**

The option of one year, two years or three years that receives the greatest number of votes will be considered the frequency selected by our shareholders.

Broker non-votes and abstentions will not count as votes in favor of or against the proposal and will have no effect on the vote total for the proposal.

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS UNANIMOUSLY RECOMMENDS THAT SHAREHOLDERS VOTE FOR A FREQUENCY OF "TWO YEARS" ON PROPOSAL 2

# PROPOSAL RATIFICATION OF THE APPOINTMENT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM

The Company's independent registered public accounting firm for the fiscal year ended September 25, 2018 was Moss Adams LLP ("Moss Adams"). It is expected that one or more representatives of such firm will attend the Annual Meeting, will have the opportunity to make a statement if they desire to do so, and will be available to respond to appropriate questions. The Company has selected Moss Adams as the Company's principal independent registered public accounting firm for the fiscal year ending September 24, 2019. Shareholder ratification of the appointment is not required under the laws of the State of Nevada, but the Board has decided to ascertain the position of the shareholders on the appointment. The Company will reconsider the appointment if it is not ratified. Even if the appointment is ratified, the Company may direct the appointment of a different independent registered public accounting firm at any time during the fiscal year if the Company feels that such a change would be in the Company's and its shareholders' best interests.

# **Vote Required**

Proposal #3 will be approved if the number of votes cast in favor of such proposal exceeds the number of votes cast opposing such proposal. Broker non-votes and abstentions will not count as votes in favor of or against the proposal and will have no effect on the vote total for the proposal.

# THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS UNANIMOUSLY RECOMMENDS THAT SHAREHOLDERS VOTE "FOR" PROPOSAL 3

#### **CORPORATE GOVERNANCE**

### **Director Independence**

The Company's Common Stock is listed on the NASDAQ Capital Market under the trading symbol "GTIM". NASDAQ listing rules require that a majority of the Company's directors be "independent directors" as defined under NASDAQ Rule 5605(a)(2).

The Board has determined that of the current directors and director nominees, Messrs. Bailey, Jobson, Maceda and Stetson are independent under the NASDAQ listing standards, while Mr. Hoback is not independent under such standards. The Board has also determined that each of the three current members of the Audit Committee is independent under the NASDAQ listing standards and Rule 10A-3 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act"). In addition, the Board has determined that each of the three current members of the Compensation Committee is independent under the NASDAQ listing standards and Rule 10C-1 under the Exchange Act.

# **Leadership Structure**

The Board does not have a policy regarding the separation of the roles of Chief Executive Officer and Chairman of the Board as the Board believes it is in the best interests of the Company to make that determination from time to time based on the position and direction of the Company and the membership of the Board. However, the Board has determined that separating these roles is in the best interests of the Company's shareholders at this time. The Board believes that this structure permits the Chief Executive Officer to focus on the management of the Company's day-to-day operations. Pursuant to the Settlement Agreement, if continued to be elected as a director, Mr. Bailey will continue to act as Chairman of the Board until the earlier of (i) the annual shareholders meeting for the 2019 fiscal year, or (ii) his resignation as Chairman or his removal by a vote of not less than two-thirds of the members of the Board.

#### **Risk Oversight**

Material risks are identified and prioritized by the Company's management and reported to the Board for oversight. The Board administers the Board's risk oversight function. The Board regularly reviews information regarding the Company's credit, liquidity, and operations, as well as the risks associated with each. In addition, the Board

continually works, with the input of the Company's executive officers, to assess and analyze the most likely areas of future risk for the Company.

#### **Code of Ethics**

The Company has adopted a Code of Business Conduct which applies to all directors, officers, employees, and franchisees of the Company. The Code of Business Conduct was filed as an exhibit to the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-KSB for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2003. The Code of Business Conduct is also available on the Company's website at investors.goodtimesburgers.com

# **Board Committees**

The standing committees of the Board are the Audit Committee, which is currently comprised of Mr. Maceda (Chairman), and Messrs. Jobson and Stetson; and the Compensation Committee, which is currently comprised of Mr. Bailey (Chairman), and Messrs. Jobson and Stetson. As discussed under the heading "Nominee Selection Process" below, there is no standing nominating committee of the Board and instead the Board, as a whole, acts as the nominating committee for the selection of nominees for election as directors.

#### **Audit Committee**

The Board has determined that all of the members of the Audit Committee are independent under the NASDAQ listing standards and Rule 10A-3 under the Exchange Act. In addition, the Board has determined that both Messrs. Maceda and Stetson qualify as audit committee financial experts, as that term is defined by the SEC rules, by virtue of having the following attributes through relevant experience: (i) an understanding of generally accepted accounting principles and financial statements; (ii) the ability to assess the general application of such principles in connection with the accounting for estimates, accruals, and reserves; (iii) experience preparing, auditing, analyzing, or evaluating financial statements that present a breadth and level of complexity of accounting issues that are generally comparable to the breadth and complexity of issues that can reasonably be expected to be raised by the Company's financial statements, or experience actively supervising one or more persons engaged in such activities; (iv) an understanding of internal controls and procedures for financial reporting; and (v) an understanding of audit committee functions.

The function of the Audit Committee relates to oversight of the auditors, the auditing, accounting, and financial reporting processes, and the review of the Company's financial reports and information. In addition, the functions of this Committee have included, among other things, recommending to the Board the engagement or discharge of independent auditors, discussing with the auditors their review of the Company's quarterly results and the results of their audit, and reviewing the Company's internal accounting controls. The Audit Committee operates pursuant to a written charter adopted by the Board. A current copy of the Audit Committee Charter is available on our website at

investors.goodtimesburgers.com. The Audit Committee held five meetings during the fiscal year ended September 25, 2018.

# **Compensation Committee**

The Board has determined that all of the members of the Compensation Committee are independent under the NASDAQ listing standards and Rule 10C-1 under the Exchange Act. The function of the Compensation Committee is to consider and determine all matters relating to the compensation of the President and Chief Executive Officer and other executive officers, including matters relating to the employment agreements. The Compensation Committee held four meetings during the fiscal year ended September 25, 2018.

The responsibility of the Compensation Committee is to review and approve the compensation and other terms of employment of our Chief Executive Officer and our other executive officers, including all of the executive officers named in the Summary Compensation Table in this proxy statement (the "Named Executive Officers"). Among its other duties, the Compensation Committee oversees all significant aspects of the Company's compensation plans and benefit programs. The Compensation Committee annually reviews and approves corporate goals and objectives for the Chief Executive Officer's compensation and evaluates the Chief Executive Officer's performance against those goals and objectives. The Compensation Committee also recommends to the Board the compensation and benefits for members of the Board. The Compensation Committee has also been appointed by the Board to administer our 2008 Omnibus Equity Incentive Compensation Plan and 2018 Omnibus Equity Incentive Plan. The Compensation Committee does not delegate any of its authority to other persons.

In carrying out its duties, the Compensation Committee participates in the design and implementation and ultimately reviews and approves specific compensation programs for executive management. The Compensation Committee reviews and determines the base salaries for the Named Executive Officers and approves awards to the Named Executive Officers under the Company's equity compensation plans.

In determining the amount and form of compensation for Named Executive Officers other than the Chief Executive Officer, the Compensation Committee obtains input from the Chief Executive Officer regarding the duties, responsibilities, and performance of the other executive officers and the results of performance reviews. The Chief Executive Officer also recommends to the Compensation Committee the base salary levels for all Named Executive Officers and the award levels for all Named Executive Officers under the Company's equity compensation programs. No Named Executive Officer attends any executive session of the Compensation Committee or is present during final deliberations or determinations of such Named Executive Officer's compensation. The Chief Executive Officer also provides input with respect to the amount and form of compensation for the members of the Board.

The Compensation Committee has the authority to directly engage, at the Company's expense, any compensation consultants or other advisers as it deems necessary to carry out its responsibilities in determining the amount and form of executive and director compensation.

The Compensation Committee operates pursuant to a written charter adopted by the Board. A current copy of the Compensation Committee Charter is available on our website at investors.goodtimesburgers.com.

#### **Communication with Directors**

The Board welcomes questions or comments about us and our operations. Those interested may contact the Board, as a whole, or any one or more specified individual directors by sending a letter to the intended recipients' attention in care of Good Times Restaurants Inc., Attention: Corporate Secretary, 141 Union Boulevard, #400, Lakewood, CO 80228. All such communications other than commercial advertisements will be forwarded to the appropriate director or directors for review.

#### **Director Attendance at Meetings**

There were twelve meetings of the Board held during the fiscal year ended September 25, 2018. No member of the Board attended fewer than 75% of the Board meetings and applicable committee meetings for the fiscal year ended September 25, 2018.

The Company does not have a formal policy on director attendance at the annual meeting. All current directors of the Company attended the 2018 Annual Meeting of Shareholders, which was held on May 24, 2018.

#### **Nominee Selection Process**

Our Board, as a whole, acts as the nominating committee for the selection of nominees for election as directors. We do not have a separate standing nominating committee since we require that our director nominees be approved as nominees by a majority of our independent directors. The Board will consider suggestions by shareholders for possible future nominees for election as directors at the next annual meeting when the suggestion is delivered in writing to the corporate secretary of the Company by August 30 of the year immediately preceding the annual meeting.

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The Board selects each nominee, subject to recommendation by related parties, contractual representation or designation rights held by certain shareholders, based on the nominee's skills, achievements, and experience, with the objective that the Board as a whole should have broad and relevant experience in high policymaking levels in business and a commitment to representing the long-term interests of the shareholders. The Board believes that each nominee should have experience in positions of responsibility and leadership, an understanding of our business environment, and a reputation for integrity.

The Board evaluates each potential nominee individually and in the context of the Board as a whole. The objective is to recommend a group that will effectively contribute to our long-term success and represent shareholder interests. In determining whether to recommend a director for re-election, the Board also considers the director's past attendance at meetings and participation in and contributions to the activities of the Board.

When seeking candidates for director, the Board solicits suggestions from incumbent directors, management, shareholders, and others. The Board does not have a charter for the nominating process.

The Company does not have a formal policy with regard to the consideration of diversity in identifying director nominees, but the Board strives to nominate directors with a variety of complementary skills so that, as a group, the Board will possess the appropriate talent, skills, and expertise to oversee the Company's business.

# **Directors' Compensation**

Each non-employee director receives \$15,000 annually, payable \$3,750 quarterly for four regularly scheduled Board meetings and an additional \$1,500 for each additional in-person meeting. The Chairman of the Board receives an additional \$500 for each meeting.

Members of the Audit Committee each receive \$1,000 annually, payable \$250 quarterly for four meetings. The Chairman of the Audit Committee receives an additional \$500 annually, payable \$125 quarterly.

Members of the Compensation Committee each receive \$1,000 annually, payable \$250 quarterly. The Chairman of the Compensation Committee receives an additional \$500 annually, payable \$125 quarterly.

The following table sets forth compensation information for the fiscal year ended September 25, 2018 with respect to directors:

# Director Compensation Table for Fiscal Year Ended September 25, 2018:

Name	Fees Earned or Paid in Cash (\$)	All Other Compensation (\$)	Stock Awards (\$) (1)	Total \$
Geoffrey R. Bailey	20,750		17,200	37,950
Robert J. Stetson	14,125		-	14,125
Charles Jobson	12,250		-	12,250
Jason Maceda (2)	8,250			8,250
Boyd E. Hoback (3)	-		-	-
Gary J. Heller (4)	12,750	20,000	-	32,750
Eric W. Reinhard (4)	13,875	20,000	-	33,875
Alan A. Teran (4)	13,875	20,000	-	33,875

Reflects the grant date fair value of restricted stock units granted to each director in fiscal 2018. The grant date fair value of the restricted stock units granted to the directors is determined pursuant to Financial Accounting Standards Board Accounting Standards Codification Topic 718 ("ASC Topic 718") and does not include any reduction in value for the possibility of forfeiture. The Company's accounting treatment for equity awards is set forth in Note 7 of the notes to the Company's 2018 consolidated financial statements. There were no option awards granted or modified in 2018.

(2) Mr. Maceda was elected to the board on May 24, 2018.

Messrs. Heller, Reinhard and Teran resigned from the board on May 24, 2018. Pursuant to the Settlement Agreement, Messrs. Heller, Reinhard and Teran received prorated compensation based upon their annual rate of compensation for the fiscal 2018 year through the date of the 2018 annual meeting of shareholders and \$20,000 cash compensation.

As of September 25, 2018, the following non-employee directors held stock equity compensation awards to purchase the following number of shares of our Common Stock: Mr. Bailey 20,495; Mr. Heller 10,841; Mr. Reinhard 10,841; and Mr. Teran 19,841. Pursuant to the Settlement Agreement, the options held by Messrs. Heller, Reinhard and Teran expire the earlier of ten years from each award's original grant date, or May 24, 2021.

As of September 25, 2018, the following non-employee director held restricted stock units as follows: Mr. Bailey 9,019 shares.

Mr. Hoback is an employee director and does not receive additional fees for service as a member of the Board. His respective compensation is reflected in the Summary Compensation Table of this proxy statement.

Section 16(a) Beneficial Ownership Reporting Compliance

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