Bonavida Source
Charter and Community Master

Version 1.0 • November 15, 2026

Adoption and implementation status

This master document consolidates the adopted Short Charter, the eleven-article Foundations & Stewardship Charter, and four separately approved governance interpretation records. It is the founding policy reference for Bonavida Source and the BonavidaSource.com website build.

The substantive charter review is complete. The charter and companion interpretations are adopted as founding policy. Legal implementation remains pending; this consolidation is not an executed operating agreement, bylaws, asset transfer, or other legal instrument.

The planned path begins with a founder-led Pennsylvania LLC and develops toward community governance. Formation, enforceable mission protections, voting and election procedures, amendment thresholds, conflict-of-interest rules, and asset-transfer safeguards remain for Review 07 and the appropriate legal and governance instruments. This document does not record completion of those steps.

Document structure

Part One — A Good Life: the revised Short Charter dated November 15, 2026.

Part Two — Foundations & Stewardship Charter: preamble and Articles I–XI.

Part Three — Governance Interpretation Records: separate records for Articles VI, VII, X, and XI.

Part Four — Website handoff and version record: implementation guidance and source provenance.

The charter text and interpretation records are reproduced without wording changes. Administrative notes and the website handoff are editorial material and do not add charter commitments.

Part One

Bonavida Source — A Good Life

Adopted Short Charter • November 15, 2026

We believe human life has God-given value and purpose, and that our place in the world carries responsibilities beyond ourselves.

A good life is not measured primarily by wealth, possessions, consumption, or status. It is enriched by knowledge, creativity, capability, meaningful work, relationships, service, and purpose, and the peace and security that allow people and communities to flourish.

We respect the dignity and freedom of every person to seek their own understanding of a good life, to question established ideas, and to follow their conscience without compelled agreement.

We believe the resources of the Earth, the knowledge we acquire, and the technologies we develop carry responsibilities beyond personal gain and toward future generations.

Bonavida Source exists to share useful knowledge, encourage open design, strengthen individual and community capability, and support people in building better lives.

We seek not to create dependency upon our organization, but to help people become more capable, less dependent, and better able to cooperate, contribute, and help others do the same.

We recognize that enough can be abundant, that small can be beautiful, and that communities can possess wealth far greater than what financial accounts measure.

Bonavida Source shall remain independent and faithful to its purpose. Its leadership and community are stewards of that purpose, not owners of the right to abandon it. Our methods may evolve, but our purpose is not for sale.

Our purpose is not to build a great organization. It is to help make possible a good life.

Part Two

Foundations & Stewardship Charter

Adopted founding policy • Eleven articles

Preamble — Our Enduring Commitment

Bonavida Source exists to help make possible a good life.

We believe human life has God-given value and purpose, while respecting every person's freedom to understand the ultimate source and meaning of life according to their own conscience.

We recognize that knowledge, capability, meaningful work, relationships, peace, security, stewardship, and voluntary cooperation contribute to human flourishing.

We establish these foundations so that Bonavida Source may remain faithful to its purpose, independent of improper influence, and accountable to the people and communities it serves.

Our purpose is permanent. Our methods may evolve.

Article I — Human Dignity, Freedom & Conscience

Every person possesses inherent dignity, independent of wealth, productivity, intelligence, ability, achievement, or belief.

Individuals are free to pursue their own understanding of a good life, provided they respect the rights and freedoms of others.

BvS shall not require adherence to any religious, political, or philosophical doctrine as a condition of community participation.

People may express their convictions, question prevailing beliefs, and engage in respectful disagreement.

Respect for people does not require agreement with their ideas.

Article II — Knowledge, Truth & Independent Thinking

BvS shall encourage honest inquiry, careful examination of evidence, intellectual independence, and openness to correction.

We shall distinguish established facts, evidence-supported conclusions, interpretations, beliefs, and unanswered questions.

No person or institution, including BvS itself, shall be treated as infallible.

Members may question the conclusions, policies, and decisions of BvS without retaliation merely for expressing disagreement.

Freedom of expression does not excuse harassment, intimidation, coercion, or persistent disruption.

Community standards shall apply equally to contributors, voting members, editors, administrators, governing representatives, and the founder.

Article III — Capability, Independence & Cooperation

BvS exists to help people become more capable and less dependent.

We encourage the acquisition and sharing of knowledge, practical skills, creative abilities, and the means to solve problems.

We recognize that complete self-sufficiency is neither always possible nor necessarily desirable.

People with complementary capabilities can accomplish more through voluntary cooperation.

BvS shall encourage those who benefit from shared knowledge to contribute, when able and willing, to helping others.

Our success should be measured partly by how little people need to depend upon BvS, and by how much they become capable of helping others.

Article IV — Stewardship & Service

We recognize responsibilities toward the Earth, its resources, living systems, and future generations.

Knowledge, technology, and material resources should be developed and used responsibly.

BvS shall encourage practical stewardship through repair, reuse, open design, responsible innovation, education, and sustainable solutions.

The organization's success shall not be measured primarily by its size, wealth, influence, or reputation, but by the meaningful benefits it helps make possible.

Service takes precedence over organizational ambition.

Article V — Contributors & Independent Creation

BvS is a community of independent contributors.

Contributors retain ownership of their original work unless they explicitly agree otherwise.

Publication through BvS shall be governed by clear permissions and licensing agreements.

Contributors may maintain independent websites, publications, repositories, businesses, and other channels.

BvS shall encourage attribution, responsible collaboration, and the sharing of improvements while respecting the rights of creators.

Participation in BvS shall not require surrendering one's independent identity or creative freedom.

Article VI — Permanence of Purpose & Independence

Bonavida Source shall remain faithful to its foundational purpose.

Its methods, technologies, activities, and organizational structures may evolve, but its mission shall not be abandoned or redirected toward unrelated interests.

No founder, administrator, governing body, member, sponsor, investor, or outside organization possesses the authority to appropriate BvS's purpose for private, political, religious, ideological, or commercial objectives contrary to its charter.

Leadership and membership confer responsibilities of stewardship, not ownership of the organization's purpose.

Bonavida Source is not for sale.

Article VII — Leadership & Community Governance

BvS shall progressively transition from founder-directed administration toward governance by approved voting members.

Voting members shall have opportunities to participate in governance, nominate candidates, seek leadership positions, and elect representatives.

A governing board may oversee organizational leadership, protect the charter, and ensure responsible management of community resources.

Administrators may be paid or volunteer and shall exercise appropriate authority over day-to-day operations.

Major decisions affecting governance, ownership, organizational purpose, or community assets shall require additional review and approval under established procedures.

Authority shall remain accountable, appropriately limited, and subject to oversight.

Article VIII — Financial Sustainability & Independence

BvS may generate revenue through products, services, publications, education, sponsorships, community-supported projects, and other activities consistent with its purpose.

Commercial activities may operate directly within BvS or through appropriately structured, mission-aligned organizations.

Revenue shall support the community, sustain operations, fairly compensate those who serve, and enable continued development of useful knowledge, resources, and capabilities.

No financial contributor, customer, sponsor, supplier, or commercial partner may purchase influence over BvS's editorial independence, governance, or foundational purpose.

BvS shall not intentionally create unnecessary dependency merely to generate recurring revenue.

Revenue is a resource, not a purpose.

Article IX — Community Stewardship of Surplus Resources

BvS shall manage its financial resources responsibly, providing for operating expenses, fair compensation, reasonable reserves, and continued development.

When resources exceed these needs, verified community members shall have opportunities to propose initiatives that advance the organization's purpose.

These may include community infrastructure, education, open-source development, assistance to aligned nonprofit organizations, and other initiatives that strengthen human capability and well-being.

Substantial allocations shall be evaluated and approved through established governance procedures with appropriate financial oversight.

Financial investments may be considered when prudent, but accumulating wealth shall never become an objective in itself.

The abundance of BvS should become an opportunity for others.

Article X — Protection & Continuity of Community Assets

Assets owned by BvS shall be held and managed in service of its foundational purpose.

The intellectual property and other works of independent contributors shall remain subject to their ownership and licensing agreements.

Organizational restructuring, merger, transfer, or dissolution shall not be used to circumvent the charter's protections.

In the event of dissolution, remaining community assets shall, after satisfying lawful obligations, be transferred to one or more mission-aligned nonprofit or community organizations rather than distributed for the private benefit of members or leadership.

These commitments shall be implemented through appropriate legal and governance instruments.

Article XI — Accountability, Review & Continuity

BvS shall maintain transparent and accountable processes for governance, financial stewardship, editorial decisions, and community participation.

Members shall have appropriate opportunities to raise concerns, challenge decisions, and seek fair review.

The organization may revise its procedures, administrative structures, and methods as circumstances change.

Such changes must remain consistent with its foundational purpose.

The charter's enduring commitments shall receive stronger protections than ordinary operating policies, with safeguards against improper amendment or circumvention.

No individual or governing majority shall possess unrestricted authority to abandon BvS's foundational purpose.

Part Three

Governance Interpretation Records

Approved separately during Reviews 06-B.1 through 06-B.4. These records guide implementation and do not amend the wording of the eleven articles.

Approved Governance Interpretation — Article VI

Protection of Purpose & Independent Interpretation

The charter protects BvS's purpose, not any individual's interpretation of how that purpose must be fulfilled.

Disputes concerning mission alignment shall be evaluated through established, transparent procedures, with documented reasoning, appropriate community oversight, and an opportunity for review.

No founder, leader, governing body, or temporary majority shall possess exclusive authority to define or redefine the organization's foundational purpose.

Approved Governance Interpretation — Article VII

Authority, Representation & Accountability

Governing authority originates with the community's approved voting members and is entrusted to representatives through established procedures.

Elections and appointments shall be fair, transparent, and open to eligible members.

Governing representatives shall act in service of BvS's charter and the community, not merely the interests of those who elected them.

Significant decisions shall be subject to appropriate oversight, conflict-of-interest safeguards, and review.

Members shall have established means to challenge decisions and, when justified, replace governing representatives.

No individual or organized group shall be permitted to acquire unrestricted control over BvS's governance.

Approved Governance Interpretation — Article X

Ownership, Stewardship & Responsible Transfer

Bonavida Source shall distinguish clearly between assets owned by the organization, works owned by independent contributors, and resources held under shared or restricted licenses.

Organizational assets may be sold, licensed, replaced, or transferred when doing so legitimately advances BvS's purpose and complies with established governance requirements.

Such transactions shall not be used to transfer control of the organization's mission, improperly enrich individuals, or circumvent protections established by the charter.

Contributor ownership and applicable licensing commitments shall be respected throughout organizational changes.

Approved Governance Interpretation — Article XI

Continuity, Amendment & Protection of Purpose

Bonavida Source shall distinguish between its enduring foundational commitments, its governance framework, and its operating policies.

Foundational commitments shall receive the highest level of protection and shall not be abandoned, weakened, or circumvented through ordinary governance procedures.

Governance provisions may be amended through appropriately rigorous procedures involving community oversight and safeguards against conflicts of interest.

Operating policies may evolve through established delegated authority, provided they remain consistent with the charter.

Any proposed amendment shall be documented, explained, and evaluated for consistency with BvS's foundational purpose.

No amendment process shall be used to accomplish indirectly what the charter prohibits directly.

Implementation Note

These four articles are part of the approved eleven-article Foundations & Stewardship Charter.

Their companion governance interpretations were approved during Reviews 06-B.1 through 06-B.4.

The interpretations are intended to guide future operating agreements, bylaws, governance policies, and dispute-resolution procedures. They do not independently establish legally enforceable protections.

Detailed procedures, including election requirements, amendment thresholds, board oversight, conflict-of-interest rules, and asset-transfer safeguards, remain to be developed during legal implementation.

Foundational principle:

Our purpose is permanent. Our methods may evolve.

Bonavida Source is not for sale.

Part Four

Website Handoff and Version Record

The following implementation summary translates the adopted foundation into website work. It is not additional charter text.

Public purpose and status

Publish A Good Life as the public statement of purpose and provide access to this versioned master. Describe BvS as founder-led with a planned transition to community governance; do not present future voting rights or legal protections as already implemented.

Contributors and project pages

Separate creator ownership from BvS hosting and stewardship. Plan fields for attribution, ownership, license, publication permissions, and independent project links. Contributor agreements remain a separate implementation task.

Editorial review and community participation

Build for published submission criteria, documented decisions, concerns and appeals, and conflict-of-interest review. Keep account registration, contribution, and approved voting membership distinct; detailed eligibility and voting procedures remain pending.

Knowledge and Bona AI

Use the charter to guide editorial and AI behavior: distinguish facts, evidence-supported conclusions, interpretations, beliefs, and open questions; support correction and independent thinking. Design resources to build capability and avoid unnecessary dependency.

Stewardship and continuity

Keep a clear record of BvS-owned assets, contributor-owned works, and licensed resources. Provide for charter version history and transparent policy changes. Revenue and commercial offerings should support the mission without purchasing editorial or governance influence.

Closure and next phase

Review 06-B is complete. Resume BonavidaSource.com architecture and development using this master as the policy reference. Carry legal implementation into Review 07 as a separate workstream; do not reopen the approved charter merely to begin the site build.

Version and adoption record

Version 1.0 — November 15, 2026. Initial consolidated master of the revised Short Charter, approved eleven-article charter, and four approved interpretation records. Formatting, navigation, adoption status, provenance, and the website handoff have been added; source policy wording is unchanged.

Source provenance

The November 15 revised Short Charter is the operative Short Charter in this master. The November 3 original is retained as historical source material and is not reproduced as a competing current text.

BvS - Proposed Foundations & Stewardship Charter.odt

Foundations & Stewardship Charter - Working Copy — Articles VI, VII, X, and XI.odt

REVISED SHORT CHARTER · NOVEMBER 15 2026.odt

THE ORIGINAL SHORT CHARTER · NOVEMBER 3 2026.odt

The full charter source retains its earlier “Proposed” and “DRAFT 1.0 — FOR REVIEW, NOT YET ADOPTED” labels. Those administrative labels are superseded here by the subsequent approvals recorded in Reviewing BvS Charter. Its preamble and eleven articles are unchanged. Articles VI, VII, X, and XI were checked against the approved working copy and match exactly.

Approval reference: Reviewing BvS Charter, conversation 6af9aeda-acd8-83ea-bc90-93a236cd3355. The finalization record confirms all eleven articles and the four interpretations as approved and legal implementation as deferred to LLC formation and future bylaws. The working copy independently records the four interpretation approvals and pending implementation.