



New Mexico Public Education Commission (PEC)

Governing Body By-Laws Change Notification Instructions

Purpose: To notify the Public Education Commission (PEC) of a change in the school's Governing Body By-Laws.

Submission Deadline: Changes to the Governing Body By-Laws do not require prior approval of the PEC; however, notice must be received within 30 calendar days of the change.

Notifications completed 14 days prior to the next PEC meeting will be placed on the next agenda. Notifications of this type are typically placed on the consent agenda; however, any notification may be removed from the consent agenda and moved to the regular agenda for full discussion and possible action by the PEC.

Meeting minutes of the governing board of the school and the PEC will serve as an amendment to, or compliance with, the charter contract regarding this membership change. The documentation will be added to the board of finance documentation on file with CSD.

The school must provide:

- ☐ Fully completed form
- ☐ Approved board minutes or certification of the board's vote approving the new By-Laws
- ☐ Description of and rationale for the change
- ☐ A red-lined copy of the By-Laws
- ☐ A clean copy of the new By-Laws

Contact charter.schools@ped.nm.gov with questions about completing or submitting documents.

Governing Body By-Laws Change Notification Form

Submit this form and all supporting documents to charter.schools@ped.nm.gov

The Charter Contract was entered into by and between the New Mexico Public Education Commission (PEC) and Altura Preparatory School, hereafter "the school," effective on 7/1/2023.

Current section & language in school's Governing Body By-Laws which will be changed or replaced (can refer to red-line copy provided): Section 2.6, 2nd and 3rd Paragraphs added to address PEC requirements for additional language for bylaws to address low or no Governing Board membership.


New section & language to change or replace what is provided above (can refer to red-line copy provided): 2nd and 3rd paragraphs added to Section 2.6, reading :

In the event the Governing Board membership drops below five members but still has at least three members, within thirty days of dropping below five members the remaining Governing Board members shall select candidates for the governing board and then vote them in as members at a meeting called according to the Open Meetings Act.

In the event the Governing Board membership drops below three members (including the situation where the Governing Board membership is zero members), within ten days of dropping below three members, the School's Director(s) shall develop a process to identify candidates for the Governing Board, which may include current or former Governing Board members, faculty, parents, or partner organizations. Within ten days after the Governing Board membership drops below three members, the School's Director(s) shall post a meeting according to the Open Meetings Act, where the candidates shall elect themselves in the same manner as when the school was initially chartered.

Effective Date: 4/10/2025

The school's notification is hereby submitted by:

Signature of School Representative:  **Date:** 5/8/25

Signature of Governing Board Chair:  **Date:** 5/8/25

For PEC/CSD use only

PEC Meeting Date:

Agenda: ☐ Consent (typical) ☐ Regular (unusual circumstance)

The school's notification was: ☐ Accepted ☐ Rejected (provide reason)

Electronic signature of CSD Director: _____ **Date:** _____



Altura Preparatory School's Governing Council amended the school's Bylaws to include provisions to address low or no board membership, per the Public Education Commission's request.

Section 2.6 of the Bylaws was amended to add two paragraphs, which read:

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No other changes were made to the Bylaws.



Altura Preparatory School

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INTRODUCTION

Altura Preparatory School (“Altura Prep”) will provide every student with access to an inclusive, equitable, comprehensive, and exceptional college preparatory education. Every child who walks through our doors has the potential to succeed in both college and life, and we will foster their development through rigorous academic content, personalized instruction, and multidisciplinary project-based learning. Our intentionally diverse student body will leave our school ready to be agents of their own education. Students will be prepared to seek opportunities, persevere through challenges, and succeed at high academic levels in middle school, high school, and postsecondary pursuits.

VARIABLE REFERENCES

- 0.1 The fiscal year of Altura Preparatory School shall begin on the first day of July and end on the last day of June each year.
- 0.2 Date of annual Board of Trustees' meeting (See Section 2.8): Will be held during the last quarter of the fiscal year.
- 0.3 Required notice of Board of Trustees' meetings (See Section 2. 8):
 - (a) Not less than seventy-two (72) hours if by mail, and
 - (b) Not less than twenty-four (24) hours if by personal delivery, word of mouth, telephone, facsimile, e-mail, or other form of wired or wireless transmission.
- 0.04 Authorized number of Trustees (See Section 2.3): seven (7) Trustees.

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ARTICLE 1 NAME, ORGANIZATION, AND PURPOSE

- Section 1.1 **NAME**
The name of this organization will be known as **ALTURA PREPARATORY SCHOOL**. It will be referred to in this document as “Altura Preparatory School” or “Altura Prep.”
- Section 1.2 **ORGANIZATION AND PURPOSE**
Altura Preparatory School will be a charter school in the State of New Mexico that will operate exclusively for educational and related purposes.
- Section 1.3 **PRINCIPAL OFFICE**
The Principal Office of Altura Preparatory School will be located in Albuquerque, County of Bernalillo, State of New Mexico.
- Section 1.4 **NON-DISCRIMINATION**
Altura Preparatory School does not discriminate on the basis of any characteristic protected under State or Federal law including, but not limited to, race, color, age, sex, creed or religion, gender identity, handicap or disability, marital status, citizenship status, veteran status, membership in the national guard, State defense or reserves, sexual orientation, national origin, ancestry, arrest record, conviction record, use or non-use of lawful products off the School’s premises during non-working hours, or any other characteristic protected by law in its employment practices.

ARTICLE 2 THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

- Section 2.1 **THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES**
The Board of Trustees of Altura Preparatory School retains and reserves all powers and duties conferred upon and vested in it by the New Mexico State Statutes (Section 22-5-

4). The primary powers and duties of the Board of Trustees are to set school policy, review and approve the budget for Altura Preparatory School; as well as to hire, evaluate and terminate the Director(s) of Altura Preparatory School.

Section 2.2 **THE ROLE AND PURPOSE OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

The role and purpose of the Board of Trustees of Altura Preparatory School is to be responsible for the fair and uniform application of all federal, state and local laws, as well as the rules, regulations, and policies of Altura Preparatory School in the operation of the school and in conformance of its charter.

Additionally, the Board of Trustees is responsible for overseeing all the fiscal operations of the school, exercise leadership through the formulation and adoption of school policy; and is responsible for hiring establishing the duties of, evaluating and determining the salary of Altura Preparatory School's Director(s). The Board of Trustees also approves the budget that is submitted by the School's Director(s), salaries, position descriptions, school policies and governing procedures of Altura Preparatory School.

Section 2.3 **DESIGNATED BOARD OF TRUSTEES AND TERMS**

The number of the Board of Trustees of Altura Preparatory School shall be no less than six (6) unless changed by amendments to these bylaws. All Trustees will serve a term of three (3) years from the date of their appointments. A full three-year term shall be considered to have been served upon the passage of three annual meetings. After election, the term of a Trustee may not be reduced, except for cause as specified in these bylaws. Trustees shall serve staggered terms to balance continuity with new perspective. Board members shall be sought to reflect the qualities, qualifications and diversity determined by the Board delineated in the Job Description of the Board of Trustees. The Altura Preparatory School nominating committee, known as the Governance Committee, shall present a slate of potential Trustees and Officers for election by the Board. This slate shall be presented at the annual meeting of the Board.

Section 2.4 **RESIGNATION**

A Trustee may resign at any time by filing a written resignation with the Chair of the Board.

Section 2.5 **REMOVAL**

The Board may remove any Officer or Trustee by a majority vote of the entire Board of Trustees at any regular or special meeting of the Board, provided that written notice of the reason or reasons for proposed removal shall have been delivered by electronic mail with Delivery receipt confirming the message was delivered to the recipient's e-mail server or Read receipt confirming the recipient viewed the message check box, or by Registered Mail to the Officer or the Trustee proposed for removal at least thirty (30) days before any final action is taken by the Board. A notice of the time shall accompany this statement when, and the place where, the Board is to take action on the removal. The Officer or Trustee shall be given an opportunity to be heard and the matter considered by the Board at the time and place mentioned in the notice.

Section 2.6 **VACANCIES AND ADDITIONAL ELECTIONS**

The Board is required to fill a vacancy created by the removal or resignation of a Trustee within 45 days. An election to fill a vacancy may be held from time to time at regular or special meetings at the discretion of the Board. Written notice of the proposed election and name of candidate(s) must be given to all Board Trustees in advance of any meeting at which the election is to be held. The minimum vote required to fill a vacancy shall be

the affirmative vote of a majority of the Trustees present at a meeting at which a quorum is present. At the first governing body meeting of each fiscal year, the School must identify the number of Trustees on the governing body in a public vote. Once established and voted on by the board, annually, that number cannot change during the year, and the school must replace the number of members to equal the reported number for that year. The minimum vote required to elect a new Trustee shall be the affirmative vote of a majority of the Trustees present at a meeting at which a quorum is present.

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Section 2.7 **MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

- (a) Will receive no payment of honoraria, excepting reimbursement for expenses incurred in performance of voluntary Altura Preparatory School activities in accordance with Altura Preparatory School policies.
- (b) Shall serve the Altura Preparatory School with the highest degree of undivided duty, loyalty, and care and shall undertake no enterprise to profit personally from their position with the Altura Preparatory School.
- (c) All participants in Board work are bound by the Code of Conduct, Conflict of Interest, and Confidentiality policy statements.
- (d) Shall have no direct or indirect financial interest in the assets or leases of the Altura Preparatory School; any Trustee who individually or as part of a business or professional firm is involved in the business transactions or current professional services of the Altura Preparatory School shall disclose this relationship and shall not participate in any vote taken with respect to such transactions or services.

Section 2.8 **ANNUAL AND REGULAR MEETINGS**

The annual meeting of the Board of Trustees shall be held during the last quarter of the fiscal year on a date selected by the Board for the purpose of appointing officers, electing Trustees and for the transaction of such other business as may come before the meeting. The place of such annual meeting shall be designated by the Board of Trustees. There shall be at least ten (10) other regular meetings of the Board held each year. Notice shall be given to each Trustee fourteen (14) days prior to the date of every regular meeting of the Board. All meetings of the Board of Trustees shall comply with all aspects of New Mexico open meeting laws detailed in the Open Meetings Act, NMSA 1978, Chapter 10, Article 15.

Section 2.9 **SPECIAL MEETINGS**

Special meetings of the Board of Trustees may be called by or at the request of the Chair

of the Board or any two (2) Trustees. The Chair of the Board of Trustees calling any special meeting of the Board of Trustees may fix any place, either within or without the State of New Mexico, as the place for holding any special meeting of the Board of Trustees called by them, and if no other place is fixed, the place of meeting shall be the principal office of the State of New Mexico. All special meetings will abide by New Mexico's Open Meetings Act.

Section 2.10 **NOTICE AND WAIVERS**

Notice of each meeting of the Board of Trustees (unless otherwise provided in or pursuant to Section 2.5) shall be given to each Trustee (i) by written notice delivered personally, electronically mailed, given by facsimile, or other form of wired or wireless transmission to such Trustee at his/her business address, e-mail address, facsimile number, or at such other address as such Trustee shall have designated in writing and filed with the Secretary, or (ii) by word of mouth or telephone personally to such Trustee, in each case not less than that number of days prior thereto as set forth in Section 0.03. If mailed, such notice shall be deemed to be delivered when deposited in the United States mail so addressed, with postage thereon prepaid. If notice be given by facsimile, e-mail, or other form of wired or wireless transmission, it shall be deemed delivered when transmitted. Whenever any notice is required to be given to any Trustee of the Altura Preparatory School, under the bylaws or any provision of law, a waiver thereof in writing, signed at any time, whether before or after the time of meeting, by the Trustee entitled to such notice, shall be deemed equivalent to the giving of such notice. The attendance of a Trustee at a meeting shall constitute a waiver of notice of such meeting, except where a Trustee attends a meeting and objects thereto to the transaction of any business because the meeting is not lawfully called or convened. Neither the business to be transacted at, nor the purpose of, any annual, regular, or special meeting of the Board of Trustees needs to be specified in the notice or waiver of notice of such meeting.

Section 2.11 **QUORUM**

Except as otherwise provided by law or by these bylaws, a majority of the number of Trustees set forth in Section 0.04 shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at any meeting of the Board of Trustees, but a majority of the Trustees present (though less than such quorum) may adjourn the meeting from time to time without further notice.

Section 2.12 **MANNER OF ACTING**

The act of a majority of the Trustees present at a meeting at which a quorum is present shall be the act of the Board of Trustees, unless the act of a greater number is required by law or by these bylaws. Unless these bylaws provide otherwise, any or all Trustees may participate in a regular or special meeting by, or conduct the meeting through the use of, any means of communication by which all Trustees participating may simultaneously hear or read each other's communications during the meeting, in accordance with Section 10-15-1C of the Open Meetings Act (NMSA 1978). A Trustee participating in a meeting by this means is deemed to be present in person at the meeting.

Section 2.13 **CONDUCT OF MEETINGS**

The Chair of the Board, or in his/her absence the Vice Chair of the Board, in the order provided under 4.5) and in their absence, any Trustee chosen by the Trustees present, shall call meetings of the Board of Trustees to order and shall act as Chair of the meeting. The Secretary of the Board of Trustees shall act as secretary of all meetings of the Board of Trustees, but in the absence of the Secretary, the presiding officer may appoint any Trustee or other person present to act as secretary of the meeting. Trustees may

participate in a meeting from a remote location by means of a conference telephone or other similar communications equipment when it is otherwise difficult or impossible for the member to attend the meeting in person, as permitted by NMSA 1978 Section 10-15-1C, with the provision that each member participating by conference telephone can be identified when speaking, all participants are able to hear each other at the same time and members of the public attending the meeting are able to hear any member of the public body who speaks during the meeting.

Section 2.15 **ADDRESSING THE BOARD**

Any person may formally address the Board during the “public comment” portion of a regularly scheduled Board of Trustees meeting, provided that “public comments” are included in the Board agenda. “Public Comment” is limited to three minutes per person. The length of the “public comment” section of the meeting will not exceed thirty (30) minutes. Those wishing to address the Board must sign up to do so prior to the start of the meeting. The Board President reserves the right to amend the public comment session. Public comments are limited to issues that are directly impacting Altura Preparatory School and the welfare of the students. The Board of Trustees reserves the right to limit any comments from the public that are inappropriate or deal with issues around personnel and specific students.

Section 2.16 **CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

Altura Preparatory School desires to limit third party agreements to those that are negotiated at arms’ length with terms fair and reasonable to the School. A potential conflict of interest exists if a contract or a transaction is proposed between the School and any of the following: a Trustee, a member of the Trustee’s immediate family (spouse, parents, children, brothers, sisters, brother-in-law, sister-in-law, daughter-in-law, son-in-law, father-in-law and mother-in-law) or an entity in which a Trustee or member of its immediate family holds an ownership interest or governance position. If a contract or transaction is proposed in which a Trustee (or family member or related entity as described above) has a personal or material financial interest, the Trustee shall promptly disclose the material facts of such matter and potential conflict in writing to the Secretary for distribution to all Trustees. When any conflict of interest becomes relevant to any subject requiring action by the Board or any of its duly constituted committees, the Trustee having the conflict shall not vote on the subject. A Trustee who is excluded from voting shall briefly state the nature of the conflict and answer any relevant questions of all other Trustees but shall not otherwise attempt to influence the vote. The Trustee shall be required to leave the room during the vote so as not to inadvertently influence the vote. In such a case, the Board would need a quorum without the person with whom the conflict of interest may apply. Minutes of the meeting shall reflect that disclosure of a conflict of interest that has been made and that such Trustee abstained from voting and left the meeting during said vote.

ARTICLE 3 COMMITTEES

Section 3.1 **THE GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE**

There shall be a standing nominating committee, known as the Governance Committee. This committee shall be composed of 2 members recommended by the Chair and elected by the Board of Trustees at its annual meeting. Each committee member shall serve a term of two (2) years, and these terms shall be staggered to ensure continuity of committee membership. The committee shall elect its own chair. The duties of the Governance Committee shall consist of: (a) to study the qualifications of candidates and present a slate of the best qualified as nominees for the vacant Trustee positions on the Board; (b) to present a slate of nominees for Officers to the Board for election at the annual meeting; (c) to recommend candidates to the Board to fill vacancies that arise outside the regular nominating process; (d) to provide ongoing orientation to Trustees; (e) to oversee a Trustee assessment process to ensure optimum performance; and to recommend the appointment of a past Chair to the Board, if necessary, in the interests of continuity.

Section 3.2 **FINANCE COMMITTEE**

There shall be at least two members of the Board of Trustees appointed to assist in the Board in carrying out its budget and finance duties, known as the Finance Committee. The duties of the Finance Committee shall consist of making recommendations to the Board of Trustees in the following areas: (a) financial planning, including reviews of Altura Preparatory School's revenue and expenditure projections; (b) review of financial statements and periodic monitoring of revenues and expenses; (c) annual budget preparation and oversight; and (d) procurement; and serve as an external monitoring committee on budget and all other financial matters. (New Mexico Statute 22-8-12.3)

Section 3.2 **AUDIT and RISK MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

The Board of Trustees will appoint an audit committee. This committee will consist of two Board of Trustees member who have experience in accounting or financial matters, one volunteer member who has experience in accounting or financial matters, and one volunteer member who is a parent of a student attending Altura Preparatory School. Director(s) of Altura Preparatory School and the Altura Preparatory School's business manager will also serve as ex-officio members of this committee. The audit committee shall (a) evaluate the request for proposal for annual financial services; (b) work with the New Mexico Public Education's selected financial auditor; (c) attend the entrance and exit conferences for annual and special audits; (d) meet with external financial auditors as requested to facilitate communication with the Board and the Director(s) of Altura Preparatory School; (e) be accessible to the external financial auditors at least monthly after audit field work begins until the conclusion of the audit; (f) track and report progress on the status of the most recent audit findings and advise the Altura Preparatory School Board of Trustees on policy changes needed to address audit findings; (g) provide other advice and assistance as requested by the Board of Trustees; and (h) be subject to the same requirements regarding the confidentiality of audit information as those imposed by the Audit Act (12-6-1 through 12-6-14 NMSA 1978) and rules of the State auditor.

Section 3.3 **OTHER COMMITTEES**

The Chair shall recommend committees or task forces of the Board, except the Governance Committee. Committees will be approved by majority vote of the Board and may be composed of Trustees or community members, or both except for the Governance Committee, which will only have membership from the Board. The Board may prescribe the need and/or the composition of such committees.

ARTICLE 4 OFFICERS

Section 4.1 NUMBER

The principal officers of the Board of Trustees shall be a Chair of the Board, a Vice Chair, a Secretary, and a Treasurer; each of whom shall be appointed by the Board of Trustees. The duties of the officers shall be those enumerated herein and any further duties designated by the Board of Trustees.

Section 4.2 APPOINTMENT AND TERM OF OFFICE

The Governance Committee shall present a slate of Officers to the Board of Trustees. The nominated Officers shall be drawn from among the members of the Board of Trustees. The officers of the Board of Trustees shall be elected annually by the Board of Trustees at the annual meeting of the Board of Trustees. If the appointment of officers shall not be held at such meeting, such appointment shall be held as soon thereafter as conveniently may be. Each officer shall hold office until his/her successor shall have been duly appointed or until his/her prior death, resignation, or removal.

Section 4.3 REMOVAL

Any officer or agent may be removed by a majority vote of the Board of Trustees whenever in its judgment the best interests of Altura Preparatory School will be served thereby, but such removal shall be without prejudice to the contract rights, if any, of the person so removed. Appointment of an officer shall not of itself create contract rights.

Section 4.4 VACANCIES

A vacancy in any principal office because of death, resignation, removal, disqualification or otherwise, shall be filled by the Board of Trustees for the unexpired portion of the term.

Section 4.5 CHAIR OF THE BOARD

The Chair of the Board shall preside at all meetings of the Board of Trustees and shall have such further and other authority, responsibility and duties as may be granted to or imposed upon him/her by the Board of Trustees.

Section 4.6 VICE CHAIR OF THE BOARD

In the absence of the Chair of the Board or in the event of his/her death, inability, or refusal to act, or in the event for any reason it shall be impracticable for the Chair to act personally, the Vice Chair, shall perform the duties of the Chair and when so acting shall have all the powers of and be subject to all the restrictions upon the Chair. Any Vice Chair shall perform such duties as from time to time may be assigned to him/her by the Board of Trustees.

Section 4.7 SECRETARY

The Secretary shall: (a) keep the minutes of the meetings of the Board of Trustees in one or more books provided for that purpose; (b) see that all notices are duly given in accordance with the provisions of these bylaws or as required by law; (c) be custodian of all records; and (d) in general perform all duties incident to the office of Secretary and have such other duties and exercise such authority as from time to time may be delegated

or assigned to him/her by the Chair or by the Board of Trustees

Section 4.8 **TREASURER**

The Treasurer shall: (a) have charge and custody and be responsible for all funds and securities of Altura Preparatory School; (b) receive and give receipts for moneys due and payable to the school from any source whatsoever, and deposit all such moneys in the name of the school in such banks, trust companies or other selected depositories; (c) in general perform all of the duties incident to the office of Treasurer and have such other duties and exercise such other authority as from time to time may be delegated or assigned to him/her by the Chair or by the Board of Trustees. If required by the Board of Trustees, the Treasurer shall give a bond for the faithful discharge of his/her duties in such sum and with such surety or sureties as the Board of Trustees shall determine.

ARTICLE 5 STAFF

Section 5.1 **SCHOOL DIRECTOR(S)**

The Board of Trustees shall have the discretion to appoint Altura Preparatory School's Director(s), who shall be responsible for carrying out the work of Altura Preparatory School in accordance with the policies established by the Board of Trustees.

ARTICLE 6 ADMINISTRATION

Section 6.1 **CONTRACTS**

The Board of Trustees may authorize any officer or officers, agent, or agents, to enter into any contract or execute or deliver any instrument in the name of and on behalf of the school and such authorization may be general or confined to specific instances. In the absence of other designation, all deeds, mortgages and instruments of assignment or pledge made by the school shall be executed in the name of the school by the Chair or one of the Vice Chairs; the Secretary or an Assistant Secretary, when necessary or required, shall affix the school seal, if any, thereto; and when so executed no other party to such instrument or any third party shall be required to make any inquiry into the authority of the signing officer or officers.

Section 6.2 **LOANS**

No indebtedness for borrowed money shall be contracted on behalf of the school and no evidences of such indebtedness shall be issued in its name unless authorized by or under the authority of a resolution of the Board of Trustees. Such authorization may be general or confined to specific instances.

Section 6.3 **CHECKS, DRAFTS, ETC.**

All checks, drafts, or other orders for the payment of money, notes or other evidences of indebtedness issued in the name of the Altura Preparatory School, shall be signed by such officer or officers, agent, or agents of the Altura Preparatory School Board of Trustees and in such manner, including by means of facsimile signatures, as shall from time to time be determined by or under the authority of a resolution of the Board of Trustees.

Section 6.4 **DEPOSITS**

All funds of the school not otherwise employed shall be deposited from time to time to the credit of the school in such banks, trust companies or other depositories as may be selected by or under the authority of a resolution of the Board of Trustees.

Section 6.5 **AGENTS**

The Board of Trustees is authorized and empowered to retain such agents, attorneys, accountants, counsel, or other qualified firms or persons as the Board of Trustees shall document and determine by resolution.

ARTICLE 7 LIABILITY AND INDEMNITY OF OFFICERS AND TRUSTEES

Section 7.1 **LIABILITY OF TRUSTEES AND OFFICERS**

Except as otherwise provided by law, no Trustee or officer shall be liable to the school, or any person asserting rights on behalf of the school, its creditors, or any other person, for damages, settlements, fees, fines, penalties or other monetary liabilities arising from a breach of, or failure to perform, any duty resulting solely from his or her status as a Trustee or officer, unless the person asserting liability proves that the breach or failure to perform constitutes (a) a willful failure to deal fairly with the Altura Preparatory School Board of Trustees in connection with a matter in which the Trustee or officer has a material conflict of interest, (b) a violation of criminal law, unless the Trustee or officer had reasonable cause to believe his or her conduct was lawful or no reasonable cause to believe his or her conduct was unlawful, (c) a transaction from which the Trustee or officer derived an improper personal profit or benefit, or (d) willful misconduct.

Section 7.2 **INDEMNITY OF TRUSTEES AND OFFICERS**

The school shall indemnify a Trustee or officer, to the extent he or she has been successful on the merits or otherwise in the defense of any threatened, pending or completed civil, criminal, administrative or investigative action, suit, arbitration or other proceeding, whether formal or informal, which involves foreign, federal, state or local law and which is brought by or in the right of the Altura Preparatory School Board of Trustees or by any other person, for all reasonable expenses, including fees, costs, charges, disbursements and attorney fees, incurred in the proceeding, provided the Trustee or officer was a party because he or she is a Trustee or officer of the Board, and in all other cases, the Board shall indemnify a Trustee or officer against liability, including judgments, settlements, penalties, assessment, forfeitures, fines, including any excise tax assessed with respect to an employee benefit plan, and reasonable expenses, incurred by the Trustee or officer in the proceeding, provided the Trustee or officer was a party because he or she is Trustee or officer of the school, unless the liability was incurred because the Trustee or officer breached or failed to perform a duty he or she owes to the Board and the breach or failure to perform constitutes (a) a willful failure to deal fairly with the Board of Trustees in connection with the matter in which the Trustee or officer has a material conflict of interest, (b) a violation of criminal law, unless the Trustee or officer had reasonable cause to believe that his or her conduct was lawful or no reasonable cause to believe that his or her conduct was unlawful, (c) a transaction from which the Trustee or officer derived an improper personal profit or benefit, or (d) willful misconduct.

The termination of a proceeding by judgment, order, settlement, or conviction, or upon a

plea of no contest or an equivalent plea, shall not, by itself, create a presumption that indemnification of the Trustee or officer is not required under this by-law. No indemnification is required under this by-law to the extent the officer or Trustee has previously received indemnification, reimbursement, or allowance of expenses from any person, including Altura Preparatory School, in connection with the same proceeding.

The school, by its Board of Trustees, may indemnify in a like manner, or with any limitations, any employee or agent of the Altura Preparatory School who is not a Trustee or officer with respect to any action taken or not taken in his or her capacity as such employee or agent. The foregoing rights of indemnification shall be in addition to all rights to which Trustees, officers, employees, or agents may be entitled as a matter of law, by resolution of the Board of Trustees, or by written agreement with Altura Preparatory School.

Section 7.3 **MAINTENANCE OF INSURANCE**

The school may, by its Board of Trustees, purchase and maintain insurance on behalf of any person who is a Trustee, officer, employee, or agent of the school against liability asserted against and incurred by the person in his or her capacity as a Trustee, officer, employee, or agent, or arising from his/her status as a Trustee, officer, employee, or agent, regardless of whether the Altura Preparatory School Board of Trustees is required or authorized to indemnify the person against the same liability.

ARTICLE 8 GENERAL

Section 8.1 **FISCAL YEAR**

The fiscal year of Altura Preparatory School shall be as provided in Section 0.1.

Section 8.2 **WRITING**

The terms “in writing” or “written” as used within these bylaws include communications that are transmitted or received by electronic means.

Section 8.3 **SIGN**

The word “sign” as used within these bylaws includes executing an electronic signature.

ARTICLE 9 RULES OF ORDER

Section 9.1 **RULES OF ORDER**

In case of conflict or challenge, the rules of order in the current edition of Robert’s Rules of Order shall govern the conduct of all meetings of Altura Preparatory School.

ARTICLE 10 AMENDMENTS

Section 10 **AMENDMENTS BY TRUSTEES**

These bylaws may be altered, amended, or repealed and new bylaws may be adopted by the Board of Trustees by affirmative vote of two-thirds of the number of Trustees present at any meeting at which a quorum is in attendance.



Altura Preparatory School

**THE BYLAWS OF
ALTURA PREPARATORY SCHOOL**

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INTRODUCTION

Altura Preparatory School (“Altura Prep”) will provide every student with access to an inclusive, equitable, comprehensive, and exceptional college preparatory education. Every child who walks through our doors has the potential to succeed in both college and life, and we will foster their development through rigorous academic content, personalized instruction, and multidisciplinary project-based learning. Our intentionally diverse student body will leave our school ready to be agents of their own education. Students will be prepared to seek opportunities, persevere through challenges, and succeed at high academic levels in middle school, high school, and postsecondary pursuits.

VARIABLE REFERENCES

- 0.1 The fiscal year of Altura Preparatory School shall begin on the first day of July and end on the last day of June each year.
- 0.2 Date of annual Board of Trustees' meeting (See Section 2.8): Will be held during the last quarter of the fiscal year.
- 0.3 Required notice of Board of Trustees' meetings (See Section 2. 8):
 - (a) Not less than seventy-two (72) hours if by mail, and
 - (b) Not less than twenty-four (24) hours if by personal delivery, word of mouth, telephone, facsimile, e-mail, or other form of wired or wireless transmission.
- 0.04 Authorized number of Trustees (See Section 2.3): seven (7) Trustees.

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ARTICLE 1 NAME, ORGANIZATION, AND PURPOSE

- Section 1.1 **NAME**
The name of this organization will be known as **ALTURA PREPARATORY SCHOOL**. It will be referred to in this document as “Altura Preparatory School” or “Altura Prep.”
- Section 1.2 **ORGANIZATION AND PURPOSE**
Altura Preparatory School will be a charter school in the State of New Mexico that will operate exclusively for educational and related purposes.
- Section 1.3 **PRINCIPAL OFFICE**
The Principal Office of Altura Preparatory School will be located in Albuquerque, County of Bernalillo, State of New Mexico.
- Section 1.4 **NON-DISCRIMINATION**
Altura Preparatory School does not discriminate on the basis of any characteristic protected under State or Federal law including, but not limited to, race, color, age, sex, creed or religion, gender identity, handicap or disability, marital status, citizenship status, veteran status, membership in the national guard, State defense or reserves, sexual orientation, national origin, ancestry, arrest record, conviction record, use or non-use of lawful products off the School’s premises during non-working hours, or any other characteristic protected by law in its employment practices.

ARTICLE 2 THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

- Section 2.1 **THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES**
The Board of Trustees of Altura Preparatory School retains and reserves all powers and duties conferred upon and vested in it by the New Mexico State Statutes (Section 22-5-

4). The primary powers and duties of the Board of Trustees are to set school policy, review and approve the budget for Altura Preparatory School; as well as to hire, evaluate and terminate the Director(s) of Altura Preparatory School.

Section 2.2 **THE ROLE AND PURPOSE OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

The role and purpose of the Board of Trustees of Altura Preparatory School is to be responsible for the fair and uniform application of all federal, state and local laws, as well as the rules, regulations, and policies of Altura Preparatory School in the operation of the school and in conformance of its charter.

Additionally, the Board of Trustees is responsible for overseeing all the fiscal operations of the school, exercise leadership through the formulation and adoption of school policy; and is responsible for hiring establishing the duties of, evaluating and determining the salary of Altura Preparatory School's Director(s). The Board of Trustees also approves the budget that is submitted by the School's Director(s), salaries, position descriptions, school policies and governing procedures of Altura Preparatory School.

Section 2.3 **DESIGNATED BOARD OF TRUSTEES AND TERMS**

The number of the Board of Trustees of Altura Preparatory School shall be no less than six (6) unless changed by amendments to these bylaws. All Trustees will serve a term of three (3) years from the date of their appointments. A full three-year term shall be considered to have been served upon the passage of three annual meetings. After election, the term of a Trustee may not be reduced, except for cause as specified in these bylaws. Trustees shall serve staggered terms to balance continuity with new perspective. Board members shall be sought to reflect the qualities, qualifications and diversity determined by the Board delineated in the Job Description of the Board of Trustees. The Altura Preparatory School nominating committee, known as the Governance Committee, shall present a slate of potential Trustees and Officers for election by the Board. This slate shall be presented at the annual meeting of the Board.

Section 2.4 **RESIGNATION**

A Trustee may resign at any time by filing a written resignation with the Chair of the Board.

Section 2.5 **REMOVAL**

The Board may remove any Officer or Trustee by a majority vote of the entire Board of Trustees at any regular or special meeting of the Board, provided that written notice of the reason or reasons for proposed removal shall have been delivered by electronic mail with Delivery receipt confirming the message was delivered to the recipient's e-mail server or Read receipt confirming the recipient viewed the message check box, or by Registered Mail to the Officer or the Trustee proposed for removal at least thirty (30) days before any final action is taken by the Board. A notice of the time shall accompany this statement when, and the place where, the Board is to take action on the removal. The Officer or Trustee shall be given an opportunity to be heard and the matter considered by the Board at the time and place mentioned in the notice.

Section 2.6 **VACANCIES AND ADDITIONAL ELECTIONS**

The Board is required to fill a vacancy created by the removal or resignation of a Trustee within 45 days. An election to fill a vacancy may be held from time to time at regular or special meetings at the discretion of the Board. Written notice of the proposed election and name of candidate(s) must be given to all Board Trustees in advance of any meeting at which the election is to be held. The minimum vote required to fill a vacancy shall be

the affirmative vote of a majority of the Trustees present at a meeting at which a quorum is present. At the first governing body meeting of each fiscal year, the School must identify the number of Trustees on the governing body in a public vote. Once established and voted on by the board, annually, that number cannot change during the year, and the school must replace the number of members to equal the reported number for that year. The minimum vote required to elect a new Trustee shall be the affirmative vote of a majority of the Trustees present at a meeting at which a quorum is present.

In the event the Governing Board membership drops below five members but still has at least three members, within thirty days of dropping below five members the remaining Governing Board members shall select candidates for the governing board and then vote them in as members at a meeting called according to the Open Meetings Act.

In the event the Governing Board membership drops below three members (including the situation where the Governing Board membership is zero members), within ten days of dropping below three members, the School's Director(s) shall develop a process to identify candidates for the Governing Board, which may include current or former Governing Board members, faculty, parents, or partner organizations. Within ten days after the Governing Board membership drops below three members, the School's Director(s) shall post a meeting according to the Open Meetings Act, where the candidates shall elect themselves in the same manner as when the school was initially chartered.

Section 2.7 **MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

- (a) Will receive no payment of honoraria, excepting reimbursement for expenses incurred in performance of voluntary Altura Preparatory School activities in accordance with Altura Preparatory School policies.
- (b) Shall serve the Altura Preparatory School with the highest degree of undivided duty, loyalty, and care and shall undertake no enterprise to profit personally from their position with the Altura Preparatory School.
- (c) All participants in Board work are bound by the Code of Conduct, Conflict of Interest, and Confidentiality policy statements.
- (d) Shall have no direct or indirect financial interest in the assets or leases of the Altura Preparatory School; any Trustee who individually or as part of a business or professional firm is involved in the business transactions or current professional services of the Altura Preparatory School shall disclose this relationship and shall not participate in any vote taken with respect to such transactions or services.

Section 2.8 **ANNUAL AND REGULAR MEETINGS**

The annual meeting of the Board of Trustees shall be held during the last quarter of the fiscal year on a date selected by the Board for the purpose of appointing officers, electing Trustees and for the transaction of such other business as may come before the meeting. The place of such annual meeting shall be designated by the Board of Trustees. There shall be at least ten (10) other regular meetings of the Board held each year. Notice shall be given to each Trustee fourteen (14) days prior to the date of every regular meeting of the Board. All meetings of the Board of Trustees shall comply with all aspects of New Mexico open meeting laws detailed in the Open Meetings Act, NMSA 1978, Chapter 10, Article 15.

Section 2.9 **SPECIAL MEETINGS**

Special meetings of the Board of Trustees may be called by or at the request of the Chair

of the Board or any two (2) Trustees. The Chair of the Board of Trustees calling any special meeting of the Board of Trustees may fix any place, either within or without the State of New Mexico, as the place for holding any special meeting of the Board of Trustees called by them, and if no other place is fixed, the place of meeting shall be the principal office of the State of New Mexico. All special meetings will abide by New Mexico's Open Meetings Act.

Section 2.10 **NOTICE AND WAIVERS**

Notice of each meeting of the Board of Trustees (unless otherwise provided in or pursuant to Section 2.5) shall be given to each Trustee (i) by written notice delivered personally, electronically mailed, given by facsimile, or other form of wired or wireless transmission to such Trustee at his/her business address, e-mail address, facsimile number, or at such other address as such Trustee shall have designated in writing and filed with the Secretary, or (ii) by word of mouth or telephone personally to such Trustee, in each case not less than that number of days prior thereto as set forth in Section 0.03. If mailed, such notice shall be deemed to be delivered when deposited in the United States mail so addressed, with postage thereon prepaid. If notice be given by facsimile, e-mail, or other form of wired or wireless transmission, it shall be deemed delivered when transmitted. Whenever any notice is required to be given to any Trustee of the Altura Preparatory School, under the bylaws or any provision of law, a waiver thereof in writing, signed at any time, whether before or after the time of meeting, by the Trustee entitled to such notice, shall be deemed equivalent to the giving of such notice. The attendance of a Trustee at a meeting shall constitute a waiver of notice of such meeting, except where a Trustee attends a meeting and objects thereto to the transaction of any business because the meeting is not lawfully called or convened. Neither the business to be transacted at, nor the purpose of, any annual, regular, or special meeting of the Board of Trustees needs to be specified in the notice or waiver of notice of such meeting.

Section 2.11 **QUORUM**

Except as otherwise provided by law or by these bylaws, a majority of the number of Trustees set forth in Section 0.04 shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at any meeting of the Board of Trustees, but a majority of the Trustees present (though less than such quorum) may adjourn the meeting from time to time without further notice.

Section 2.12 **MANNER OF ACTING**

The act of a majority of the Trustees present at a meeting at which a quorum is present shall be the act of the Board of Trustees, unless the act of a greater number is required by law or by these bylaws. Unless these bylaws provide otherwise, any or all Trustees may participate in a regular or special meeting by, or conduct the meeting through the use of, any means of communication by which all Trustees participating may simultaneously hear or read each other's communications during the meeting, in accordance with Section 10-15-1C of the Open Meetings Act (NMSA 1978). A Trustee participating in a meeting by this means is deemed to be present in person at the meeting.

Section 2.13 **CONDUCT OF MEETINGS**

The Chair of the Board, or in his/her absence the Vice Chair of the Board, in the order provided under 4.5) and in their absence, any Trustee chosen by the Trustees present, shall call meetings of the Board of Trustees to order and shall act as Chair of the meeting. The Secretary of the Board of Trustees shall act as secretary of all meetings of the Board of Trustees, but in the absence of the Secretary, the presiding officer may appoint any Trustee or other person present to act as secretary of the meeting. Trustees may

participate in a meeting from a remote location by means of a conference telephone or other similar communications equipment when it is otherwise difficult or impossible for the member to attend the meeting in person, as permitted by NMSA 1978 Section 10-15-1C, with the provision that each member participating by conference telephone can be identified when speaking, all participants are able to hear each other at the same time and members of the public attending the meeting are able to hear any member of the public body who speaks during the meeting.

Section 2.15 **ADDRESSING THE BOARD**

Any person may formally address the Board during the “public comment” portion of a regularly scheduled Board of Trustees meeting, provided that “public comments” are included in the Board agenda. “Public Comment” is limited to three minutes per person. The length of the “public comment” section of the meeting will not exceed thirty (30) minutes. Those wishing to address the Board must sign up to do so prior to the start of the meeting. The Board President reserves the right to amend the public comment session. Public comments are limited to issues that are directly impacting Altura Preparatory School and the welfare of the students. The Board of Trustees reserves the right to limit any comments from the public that are inappropriate or deal with issues around personnel and specific students.

Section 2.16 **CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

Altura Preparatory School desires to limit third party agreements to those that are negotiated at arms’ length with terms fair and reasonable to the School. A potential conflict of interest exists if a contract or a transaction is proposed between the School and any of the following: a Trustee, a member of the Trustee’s immediate family (spouse, parents, children, brothers, sisters, brother-in-law, sister-in-law, daughter-in-law, son-in-law, father-in-law and mother-in-law) or an entity in which a Trustee or member of its immediate family holds an ownership interest or governance position. If a contract or transaction is proposed in which a Trustee (or family member or related entity as described above) has a personal or material financial interest, the Trustee shall promptly disclose the material facts of such matter and potential conflict in writing to the Secretary for distribution to all Trustees. When any conflict of interest becomes relevant to any subject requiring action by the Board or any of its duly constituted committees, the Trustee having the conflict shall not vote on the subject. A Trustee who is excluded from voting shall briefly state the nature of the conflict and answer any relevant questions of all other Trustees but shall not otherwise attempt to influence the vote. The Trustee shall be required to leave the room during the vote so as not to inadvertently influence the vote. In such a case, the Board would need a quorum without the person with whom the conflict of interest may apply. Minutes of the meeting shall reflect that disclosure of a conflict of interest that has been made and that such Trustee abstained from voting and left the meeting during said vote.

ARTICLE 3 COMMITTEES

Section 3.1 **THE GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE**

There shall be a standing nominating committee, known as the Governance Committee. This committee shall be composed of 2 members recommended by the Chair and elected by the Board of Trustees at its annual meeting. Each committee member shall serve a term of two (2) years, and these terms shall be staggered to ensure continuity of committee membership. The committee shall elect its own chair. The duties of the Governance Committee shall consist of: (a) to study the qualifications of candidates and present a slate of the best qualified as nominees for the vacant Trustee positions on the Board; (b) to present a slate of nominees for Officers to the Board for election at the annual meeting; (c) to recommend candidates to the Board to fill vacancies that arise outside the regular nominating process; (d) to provide ongoing orientation to Trustees; (e) to oversee a Trustee assessment process to ensure optimum performance; and to recommend the appointment of a past Chair to the Board, if necessary, in the interests of continuity.

Section 3.2 **FINANCE COMMITTEE**

There shall be at least two members of the Board of Trustees appointed to assist in the Board in carrying out its budget and finance duties, known as the Finance Committee. The duties of the Finance Committee shall consist of making recommendations to the Board of Trustees in the following areas: (a) financial planning, including reviews of Altura Preparatory School's revenue and expenditure projections; (b) review of financial statements and periodic monitoring of revenues and expenses; (c) annual budget preparation and oversight; and (d) procurement; and serve as an external monitoring committee on budget and all other financial matters. (New Mexico Statute 22-8-12.3)

Section 3.2 **AUDIT and RISK MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

The Board of Trustees will appoint an audit committee. This committee will consist of two Board of Trustees member who have experience in accounting or financial matters, one volunteer member who has experience in accounting or financial matters, and one volunteer member who is a parent of a student attending Altura Preparatory School. Director(s) of Altura Preparatory School and the Altura Preparatory School's business manager will also serve as ex-officio members of this committee. The audit committee shall (a) evaluate the request for proposal for annual financial services; (b) work with the New Mexico Public Education's selected financial auditor; (c) attend the entrance and exit conferences for annual and special audits; (d) meet with external financial auditors as requested to facilitate communication with the Board and the Director(s) of Altura Preparatory School; (e) be accessible to the external financial auditors at least monthly after audit field work begins until the conclusion of the audit; (f) track and report progress on the status of the most recent audit findings and advise the Altura Preparatory School Board of Trustees on policy changes needed to address audit findings; (g) provide other advice and assistance as requested by the Board of Trustees; and (h) be subject to the same requirements regarding the confidentiality of audit information as those imposed by the Audit Act (12-6-1 through 12-6-14 NMSA 1978) and rules of the State auditor.

Section 3.3 **OTHER COMMITTEES**

The Chair shall recommend committees or task forces of the Board, except the Governance Committee. Committees will be approved by majority vote of the Board and may be composed of Trustees or community members, or both except for the Governance Committee, which will only have membership from the Board. The Board may prescribe the need and/or the composition of such committees.

ARTICLE 4 OFFICERS

Section 4.1 NUMBER

The principal officers of the Board of Trustees shall be a Chair of the Board, a Vice Chair, a Secretary, and a Treasurer; each of whom shall be appointed by the Board of Trustees. The duties of the officers shall be those enumerated herein and any further duties designated by the Board of Trustees.

Section 4.2 APPOINTMENT AND TERM OF OFFICE

The Governance Committee shall present a slate of Officers to the Board of Trustees. The nominated Officers shall be drawn from among the members of the Board of Trustees. The officers of the Board of Trustees shall be elected annually by the Board of Trustees at the annual meeting of the Board of Trustees. If the appointment of officers shall not be held at such meeting, such appointment shall be held as soon thereafter as conveniently may be. Each officer shall hold office until his/her successor shall have been duly appointed or until his/her prior death, resignation, or removal.

Section 4.3 REMOVAL

Any officer or agent may be removed by a majority vote of the Board of Trustees whenever in its judgment the best interests of Altura Preparatory School will be served thereby, but such removal shall be without prejudice to the contract rights, if any, of the person so removed. Appointment of an officer shall not of itself create contract rights.

Section 4.4 VACANCIES

A vacancy in any principal office because of death, resignation, removal, disqualification or otherwise, shall be filled by the Board of Trustees for the unexpired portion of the term.

Section 4.5 CHAIR OF THE BOARD

The Chair of the Board shall preside at all meetings of the Board of Trustees and shall have such further and other authority, responsibility and duties as may be granted to or imposed upon him/her by the Board of Trustees.

Section 4.6 VICE CHAIR OF THE BOARD

In the absence of the Chair of the Board or in the event of his/her death, inability, or refusal to act, or in the event for any reason it shall be impracticable for the Chair to act personally, the Vice Chair, shall perform the duties of the Chair and when so acting shall have all the powers of and be subject to all the restrictions upon the Chair. Any Vice Chair shall perform such duties as from time to time may be assigned to him/her by the Board of Trustees.

Section 4.7 SECRETARY

The Secretary shall: (a) keep the minutes of the meetings of the Board of Trustees in one or more books provided for that purpose; (b) see that all notices are duly given in accordance with the provisions of these bylaws or as required by law; (c) be custodian of all records; and (d) in general perform all duties incident to the office of Secretary and have such other duties and exercise such authority as from time to time may be delegated

or assigned to him/her by the Chair or by the Board of Trustees

Section 4.8 **TREASURER**

The Treasurer shall: (a) have charge and custody and be responsible for all funds and securities of Altura Preparatory School; (b) receive and give receipts for moneys due and payable to the school from any source whatsoever, and deposit all such moneys in the name of the school in such banks, trust companies or other selected depositories; (c) in general perform all of the duties incident to the office of Treasurer and have such other duties and exercise such other authority as from time to time may be delegated or assigned to him/her by the Chair or by the Board of Trustees. If required by the Board of Trustees, the Treasurer shall give a bond for the faithful discharge of his/her duties in such sum and with such surety or sureties as the Board of Trustees shall determine.

ARTICLE 5 STAFF

Section 5.1 **SCHOOL DIRECTOR(S)**

The Board of Trustees shall have the discretion to appoint Altura Preparatory School's Director(s), who shall be responsible for carrying out the work of Altura Preparatory School in accordance with the policies established by the Board of Trustees.

ARTICLE 6 ADMINISTRATION

Section 6.1 **CONTRACTS**

The Board of Trustees may authorize any officer or officers, agent, or agents, to enter into any contract or execute or deliver any instrument in the name of and on behalf of the school and such authorization may be general or confined to specific instances. In the absence of other designation, all deeds, mortgages and instruments of assignment or pledge made by the school shall be executed in the name of the school by the Chair or one of the Vice Chairs; the Secretary or an Assistant Secretary, when necessary or required, shall affix the school seal, if any, thereto; and when so executed no other party to such instrument or any third party shall be required to make any inquiry into the authority of the signing officer or officers.

Section 6.2 **LOANS**

No indebtedness for borrowed money shall be contracted on behalf of the school and no evidences of such indebtedness shall be issued in its name unless authorized by or under the authority of a resolution of the Board of Trustees. Such authorization may be general or confined to specific instances.

Section 6.3 **CHECKS, DRAFTS, ETC.**

All checks, drafts, or other orders for the payment of money, notes or other evidences of indebtedness issued in the name of the Altura Preparatory School, shall be signed by such officer or officers, agent, or agents of the Altura Preparatory School Board of Trustees and in such manner, including by means of facsimile signatures, as shall from time to time be determined by or under the authority of a resolution of the Board of Trustees.

Section 6.4 **DEPOSITS**

All funds of the school not otherwise employed shall be deposited from time to time to the credit of the school in such banks, trust companies or other depositories as may be selected by or under the authority of a resolution of the Board of Trustees.

Section 6.5 **AGENTS**

The Board of Trustees is authorized and empowered to retain such agents, attorneys, accountants, counsel, or other qualified firms or persons as the Board of Trustees shall document and determine by resolution.

ARTICLE 7 LIABILITY AND INDEMNITY OF OFFICERS AND TRUSTEES

Section 7.1 **LIABILITY OF TRUSTEES AND OFFICERS**

Except as otherwise provided by law, no Trustee or officer shall be liable to the school, or any person asserting rights on behalf of the school, its creditors, or any other person, for damages, settlements, fees, fines, penalties or other monetary liabilities arising from a breach of, or failure to perform, any duty resulting solely from his or her status as a Trustee or officer, unless the person asserting liability proves that the breach or failure to perform constitutes (a) a willful failure to deal fairly with the Altura Preparatory School Board of Trustees in connection with a matter in which the Trustee or officer has a material conflict of interest, (b) a violation of criminal law, unless the Trustee or officer had reasonable cause to believe his or her conduct was lawful or no reasonable cause to believe his or her conduct was unlawful, (c) a transaction from which the Trustee or officer derived an improper personal profit or benefit, or (d) willful misconduct.

Section 7.2 **INDEMNITY OF TRUSTEES AND OFFICERS**

The school shall indemnify a Trustee or officer, to the extent he or she has been successful on the merits or otherwise in the defense of any threatened, pending or completed civil, criminal, administrative or investigative action, suit, arbitration or other proceeding, whether formal or informal, which involves foreign, federal, state or local law and which is brought by or in the right of the Altura Preparatory School Board of Trustees or by any other person, for all reasonable expenses, including fees, costs, charges, disbursements and attorney fees, incurred in the proceeding, provided the Trustee or officer was a party because he or she is a Trustee or officer of the Board, and in all other cases, the Board shall indemnify a Trustee or officer against liability, including judgments, settlements, penalties, assessment, forfeitures, fines, including any excise tax assessed with respect to an employee benefit plan, and reasonable expenses, incurred by the Trustee or officer in the proceeding, provided the Trustee or officer was a party because he or she is Trustee or officer of the school, unless the liability was incurred because the Trustee or officer breached or failed to perform a duty he or she owes to the Board and the breach or failure to perform constitutes (a) a willful failure to deal fairly with the Board of Trustees in connection with the matter in which the Trustee or officer has a material conflict of interest, (b) a violation of criminal law, unless the Trustee or officer had reasonable cause to believe that his or her conduct was lawful or no reasonable cause to believe that his or her conduct was unlawful, (c) a transaction from which the Trustee or officer derived an improper personal profit or benefit, or (d) willful misconduct.

The termination of a proceeding by judgment, order, settlement, or conviction, or upon a

plea of no contest or an equivalent plea, shall not, by itself, create a presumption that indemnification of the Trustee or officer is not required under this by-law. No indemnification is required under this by-law to the extent the officer or Trustee has previously received indemnification, reimbursement, or allowance of expenses from any person, including Altura Preparatory School, in connection with the same proceeding.

The school, by its Board of Trustees, may indemnify in a like manner, or with any limitations, any employee or agent of the Altura Preparatory School who is not a Trustee or officer with respect to any action taken or not taken in his or her capacity as such employee or agent. The foregoing rights of indemnification shall be in addition to all rights to which Trustees, officers, employees, or agents may be entitled as a matter of law, by resolution of the Board of Trustees, or by written agreement with Altura Preparatory School.

Section 7.3 **MAINTENANCE OF INSURANCE**

The school may, by its Board of Trustees, purchase and maintain insurance on behalf of any person who is a Trustee, officer, employee, or agent of the school against liability asserted against and incurred by the person in his or her capacity as a Trustee, officer, employee, or agent, or arising from his/her status as a Trustee, officer, employee, or agent, regardless of whether the Altura Preparatory School Board of Trustees is required or authorized to indemnify the person against the same liability.

ARTICLE 8 GENERAL

Section 8.1 **FISCAL YEAR**

The fiscal year of Altura Preparatory School shall be as provided in Section 0.1.

Section 8.2 **WRITING**

The terms “in writing” or “written” as used within these bylaws include communications that are transmitted or received by electronic means.

Section 8.3 **SIGN**

The word “sign” as used within these bylaws includes executing an electronic signature.

ARTICLE 9 RULES OF ORDER

Section 9.1 **RULES OF ORDER**

In case of conflict or challenge, the rules of order in the current edition of Robert’s Rules of Order shall govern the conduct of all meetings of Altura Preparatory School.

ARTICLE 10 AMENDMENTS

Section 10 **AMENDMENTS BY TRUSTEES**

These bylaws may be altered, amended, or repealed and new bylaws may be adopted by the Board of Trustees by affirmative vote of two-thirds of the number of Trustees present at any meeting at which a quorum is in attendance.



Regular Governing Board Meeting

Date: April 10, 2025

Time: 9:00 am

Location: Altura Preparatory School, 8650 Alameda Blvd. NE, Bldg. 2B, Albuquerque, NM

Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88232129431> Meeting ID: 882 3212 9431 | One tap mobile
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Meeting Type: Regular Meeting

Members:	Present	Absent
Nicholas Gordon	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Jake Lujan	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Matt O'Brien	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
LeeAnn Ortiz	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Christine Sargent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Pam Scanlon	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Also Present:

Meaghan Hindman and Lissa Hines, Co-Directors

Ms. Sargent brought the meeting to order at 9:02 am.

Ms. Ortiz called roll at 9:02 am, a quorum was present.

I. Public Comment

There were no public comments.

Just as a reminder, to speak during public comment, interested parties must sign up by 3:00 pm the day prior to the meeting.

II. Review and Approval of April 10, 2025 Meeting Agenda

Action Requested: Adopt Meeting Agenda

Motion: Jake Lujan

Second: Nicholas Gordon

Ayes: 6 **Nays:** 0

A copy of the meeting minutes are available for public inspection at Altura Preparatory School, Albuquerque, NM 87122, within 10 calendar days for proposed minutes and 2 calendar days of approval for approved minutes.

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III. Review and Approval of the Minutes from the March 13, 2025 Work Session

Discussion: No changes.

Ayes: 6 **Nays:** 0

IV. Review and Approval of Minutes from March 13, 2025 Regular Meeting Minutes

Discussion: No changes.

Ayes: 6 **Nays:** 0

V. Governing Board Committee Reports

- A. Governance Report:** A reminder that PED board member training requirements changed to five hours per year for existing board members and trainings are available again through Canvas. Mr. O'Brien, Ms. Scanlon, Ms. Sargent, Mr. Gordon and Ms. Ortiz have completed their training hours. Mr. Lujan has two hours to complete.

VI. Finance Report: Ms. Woodard-Storey was at a conference but relayed to Ms. Hindman that revenues are on track. Allocations were discussed. The operational fund is operating in a surplus with no significant changes in purchase orders. The team is reviewing purchase orders so we can get a better measure for carry-over funds. Ms. Hindman also discussed the special Capital Outlay funding for school security cameras, playground equipment.

Ms. Hindman discussed the bank registers, and everything is reconciled and balanced.

Ms. Hindman explained one BAR this month, BAR 2425-0021-I which is proposed as an increase BAR to fund the Universal Free Lunch in the amount of \$8,117.00.

Ms. Scanlon reported having reviewed the bank registers and no irregularities were noted.

VII. Consent Agenda: Approval of Budget Adjustment Requests

Discussion: BAR 2425-0021-I is proposed as an increase BAR to fund the Universal Free Lunch program in the amount of \$8,117.00.

Ayes: 6 **Nays:** 0

VIII. Altura Preparatory School 2025-26 School Year Calendar

Ms. Hindman discussed the two proposed calendars for the upcoming school year which include 180 days of school and over 1,140 required hours. The calendars track the APS calendar for major breaks. The difference in the two calendars is to allow for teacher conferences which have not yet been finalized/scheduled.

Ayes: 6 **Nays:** 0

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IX. Altura Preparatory School Lease Amendment

Ms. Hindman reviewed the proposed lease amendment which addresses the minor changes in school ground improvements.

Ayes: 6 Nays: 0

X. Altura Preparatory School Acceptable Use Policy Update

SB11 Requirement: Ms. Hindman discussed the updated policy regarding the definition of a wireless device and the acceptable use thereof by students.

Ayes: 6 Nays: 0

XI. Altura Preparatory School Bylaws Change

Ms. Hindman discussed the possibility of low or no board membership and the change required in the bylaws. The proposed language addresses the situation of low or no board membership and the timing of meetings if either event should arise in the future.

Ayes: 6 Nays: 0

XII. Equity Council Report

Discussion: Ms. Hines reported that a meeting is scheduled on April 24, 2025 and will discuss the budget.

XIII. Co-Director Report

2025-26 Enrollment: Ms. Hindman reported that the lottery is scheduled for April 11, 2025. 345 applications have been received. We have 57 or maybe 60 available spots. Ms. Hindman reported that three tours have been provided with about 60 interested families attending each tour. The registration process is being sped up to fill spots more efficiently when a position opens up unexpectedly.

Data Dashboard: Ms. Hindman reported the data assessments are looking very good. In August, reading proficiency was 67% and moved to 80% now. Math proficiency was at 73% and is now at 86%. Students are taking state tests this week and next week. Attendance was at a rate of 96% last month with the best attendance in 3rd grade followed by 4th grade. There are 261 kids currently enrolled.

XIV. Adjourn

Motion: Pam Scanlon

Second: Jake Vigil

Ayes: 6 Nays: 0

Meeting was adjourned by Ms. Sargent at 9:22 a.m.

Next Meeting: The next meeting will be May 8, 2025 at 9:00 a.m. at Altura Preparatory School.

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