



## Certification of Board Vote

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### Certificate Of Governing Body Vote

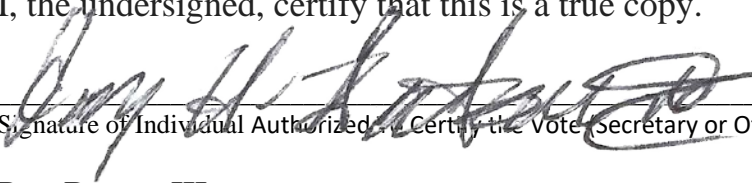
This document certifies that on 3/10/20 at 5:30 PM PM a meeting of the Governing Body of EXPLORE ACADEMY a New Mexico public charter school, was held at 5100 MASTHEAD NE in ALBUQUERQUE, NM. The meeting and all votes were conducted in compliance with the New Mexico Open Meetings Act.

A quorum of the Governing Body's members being present and voting, it was voted 5 in favor and 0 opposed to approve Explore Academy's contract amendment request for a change of location notification to the PEC.

The members voting in favor were: Pickard, Montano, Barton, Garletts, and Kulb

The members voting in opposition were: N/A

I, the undersigned, certify that this is a true copy.



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Signature of Individual Authorized to Certify the Vote (Secretary or Other Officer)

Ray Barton III

Secretary

3/12/20

## **ADDENDUM:**

Given the school's recent request to expand to its nearby facility, this request comes close behind. As the school was finalizing its plan to expand in purchasing the adjacent property to add to its total facility space, an offer came from a facility the school had explored in the past.

While the school had stated that its neighboring facility was an opportunity that needed consideration, this facility exceeds that potential in the long term financial stability it would provide the school. The building is located one mile from the school's current location, so there would not be any considerable upheaval in moving to a location so close.

In terms of the financial viability, the school's facility and operational outlook would be improved with this move. With the planned expansion to its neighboring site, the school would be paying roughly \$262/sq ft (including construction) while, in comparison, the school relocating to the site described in this proposal (6600 Gulton Court) would \$187/sq ft (including construction), which amounts to almost \$450,000 per year in saved facility payments. This money would no doubt be redistributed to adding more teachers and maintaining smaller class sizes and more options for students in the school's choice-based curriculum.

The school has made arrangements to continue leasing its existing site until construction is completed in December of 2020, at which time the school would relocate to the new site and vacate its current facility. The portion of the building required for enrollment of the projected student body for next year would consist of approximately 70% of the building, which will be completed by December 2020. After moving all students to the newly-renovated portion (70%), construction will commence on the front 30% of the building, making it available for the further growth of the student body for the following school year. Based on the school's enrollment growth projections, this will accommodate the student enrollment levels for the upcoming school year.

# AMENDMENT REQUEST – NARRATIVE

EXPLORE ACADEMY



## **PROVIDE THE RATIONALE FOR MOVING THE SCHOOL TO A NEW LOCATION.**

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## **IDENTIFY THE NUMBER OF STUDENTS DISPLACED BY THE MOVE AND DISCUSS THE PLAN TO SUPPORT THESE STUDENTS:**

With the proposed facility residing only a mile away, there should be little to no displacement of students in this relocation proposal. The majority of the school's bus routes travel by the proposed facility each morning and afternoon on their way to the current facility.

## **DISCUSS COMMUNICATION OF THE PLANNED MOVE TO THE SCHOOL COMMUNITY;**

Parents have been advised that the school is seeking expansion in some capacity, however the exact facility has not been specified given the sensitivity of real estate negotiations with other facility options over the past several months.

## **DISCUSS HOW DISPLACED STUDENTS WILL BE/HAVE BEEN SUPPORTED IN IDENTIFYING OTHER EDUCATIONAL OPTIONS; AND ENROLLING IN ANOTHER SCHOOL.**

Students should not experience displacement as a result of this location change as it will reside near the current facility. That being said, the school will provide guidance for students who seek other educational pathways if they so choose.

# AMENDMENT REQUEST ASSURANCES

EXPLORE ACADEMY



## **Assurance – Certificate of Occupancy**

Explore Academy will not occupy any space until the school possesses a Certificate of Occupancy and provides the same to the PEC.

## **Assurance – NMCI Letter from PSFA**

Explore Academy will not occupy any space until the school possesses a NMCI letter from the PSFA and provides the same to the PEC.

## **Assurance – Capacity Load**

Explore Academy will not occupy any space that does not have a sufficient capacity load to sustain the enrollment requested and provides documentation of the capacity load to the PEC.

## **Assurance – Lease**

Explore Academy will not occupy any space that does not meet the ownership and leasing requirements of Section 22-8B-4.2 NMSA 1978 and the school will not occupy the facility until a copy of the fully executed lease has been provided to the PEC.

## **Assurance – Liability Insurance Coverage**

Explore Academy will cover the additional facility with liability insurance coverage. Since the school does not yet own the building or is not otherwise engaged in a lease, there is no liability coverage at present.

