

Charter Contract Amendment for Estancia Valley Classical Academy

July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2027

This Charter Contract Amendment (“Amendment”) is hereby entered into by and between the New Mexico Public Education Commission (“PEC”) and the governing body of Estancia Valley Classical Academy, a New Mexico Charter School (the “School”), effective the 1st day of July 2022. PEC and School are together referred to as the “Parties.”

WHEREAS, a charter contract and performance frameworks currently exist between the PEC and the School that are valid through June 30, 2022 (the contract, all amendments thereto and the performance frameworks shall be referred to hereafter as “Existing Contract and Performance Frameworks”).

WHEREAS, the PEC has approved the School for a five-year charter renewal period from July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2027 (the “Term”);

WHEREAS, the PEC and state-authorized charter schools, including the School, intend to work together in good faith to look to create a new performance framework template that would allow for more options for assessment of charter schools considering the unique missions and student populations of charter schools; and

WHEREAS, the PEC and state-authorized charter schools, including the School, intend to work together in good faith to create a new charter contract template that may, upon agreement of the Parties, replace the Existing Contract to ensure both Parties’ contract rights and responsibilities are more accurately and clearly articulated.

IT IS THEREFORE AGREED BETWEEN THE PARTIES THAT the Existing Contract between the PEC and the School is extended and amended as follows:

- 1.) The School was renewed for the Term without conditions.
- 2.) The Existing Contract and Performance Frameworks is extended for the Term as amended herein until superseded or replaced by the Parties:
- 3.) The mission statement of the School (Section 4, Subsection 2 provided here as unchanged from the original contract) is as follows:

To preserve our Nation's founding principles, Estancia Valley Classical Academy seeks to furnish willing students a rigorous education in the humanities, the sciences, and the arts with such instruction in the virtues as will best develop the mind and character of its pupils.

- 4.) Educational Program:

- a. The educational program of the School (Section 4, Subsection 6 provided here as modified from the original contract language) is as follows:
- i. The EVCA provides students with a content-rich, academically rigorous education in the classical liberal arts tradition.
 - ii. The EVCA grounds education in the humanities, the sciences, and the arts in several current research-based curricula/programs in the grammar school grades. First is a specific, grade-by-grade core curriculum of common learning, such as the Core Knowledge Sequence. Such curricula are distinguished by a planned progression of specific knowledge in world history and geography, American history and geography, mathematics, science, language arts, visual arts and music. Students read and discuss classical literature. The core curriculum is supplemented with a multi-sensory, brain-based approach for teaching “explicit” phonics, reading, and language arts as well as a conceptual approach to mathematical skill building and problem solving.
 - iii. Students at the EVCA also receive instruction in the fine arts. In keeping with classical education, the EVCA teaches music and art largely through an intensive study of technique and through the works of the masters. In music, students are exposed to a wide array of music. They learn about composers and their music, the elements of music, and vocal ranges. In the visual arts, students learn about the elements of art and works of art from various periods and cultures.
 - iv. In high school, students receive a classical liberal arts education that aligns with but exceeds New Mexico standards. High school students complete 24.5 credits of core curriculum and 0.5 credits of elective courses.
 - v. Students in grades 7-12 are required to complete at least two years of Latin.
 - vi. To graduate, students are required to complete a Moral Philosophy course and present a Senior Thesis. These represent an in-depth inquiry into a question or topic that is the culmination of the student’s academic and character development at the EVCA. The process of researching and completing the thesis hones students’ ability to conduct research, to analyze and synthesize information, and to communicate effectively about what they have learned.

- vii. To achieve our mission, EVCA teachers employ the following methods:
 - a) The Socratic method
 - b) Use of Primary Source documents in History
 - c) Integrating Eight Pillars of Character (citizenship, cooperation, courage, honesty, integrity, perseverance, respect, and responsibility). Throughout the curriculum and in all grades, specifically through student exposure to stories of self-command and self-sacrifice found in classical literature and history.
 - d) Teaching of Study Skills
 - e) Studying Latin and Greek roots in grammar school
- viii. Academic progress of students in K-8th grade is monitored through frequent communication with parents. The school utilizes standard-based, normed internal assessments of student progress to ensure that the foundations of reaching are displayed. After implementing appropriate interventions and support, the school makes recommendations for current grade retention, within constraints of statute and administrative code, if students do not demonstrate the necessary foundations of reading.
- ix. The EVCA will provide in-person instruction for 100% of the educational hours of the school.

5.) The Notice section of the Contract is updated as follows:

Any notice required, or permitted, under the Contract shall be in writing and shall be effective immediately upon personal delivery, upon receipt of electronic mail, or three (3) days after mailing to the following:

Charter School:	New Mexico Public Education Commission:
Head of School Governing Board Chair At the email addresses provided by the Charter School to the PED and listed on a PED maintained school directory. Email is the primary notification.	Chair of the Public Education Commission New Mexico Public Education Commission 300 Don Gaspar Santa Fe, NM 87505 At the email address of the Chair of the Public Education Commission as listed on the PEC website with a copy to: charter.schools@state.nm.us .

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The PEC may make changes in the address of its contact person by posting the change(s) on its website.

- 6) A new definition is added to Section 1:

“Attendance for Success Act” means the compulsory school attendance law set out at § 22-12A-1 NMSA 1978 et.seq., as amended and supplemented.

All references to the Compulsory School Attendance Law are replaced with Attendance for Success Act.

- 7) Attached hereto are revised Performance Frameworks that provide the performance indicators and school specific or mission specific indicators for the School.

8) The Parties intend to work together in good faith to create and renegotiate a new form of contract, which may also contain a new performance framework, by October 15, 2022 (“New Contract”) which date may be extended by agreement of the Parties. If the New Contract is accepted by the Parties, it will replace this Amendment and govern the relationship of the Parties. However, if the New Contract is not completed and agreed to by the Parties by December 31, 2022, the Parties shall operate under this Amendment until such time as revisions/negotiations can be completed and agreed to by the Parties or until either party declares that the Amendment shall stand for the entirety of the renewal term, unless further amended by mutual agreement.

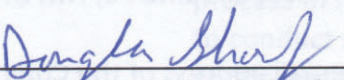
All other terms and conditions of the Existing Contract remain in full force and effect.

IT IS SO AGREED.

NEW MEXICO PUBLIC EDUCATION COMMISSION

By: _____
Rebekka Burt, Chair

ESTANCIA Valley Classical Academy

By: 
For the governing body, by Douglas Ghormley, President

[Attach minutes or documentation from the PEC and board meeting showing approval]

CERTIFICATE OF GOVERNING BODY VOTE

This document certifies that on Apr 30, 2022 at 8:00 a.m., a meeting of the Governing Body of Estancia Valley Classical Academy, a New Mexico public charter school, was held at 110 State Hwy 344, Edgewood, NM, 87015. The meeting and all votes were conducted in compliance with the New Mexico Open Meetings Act.

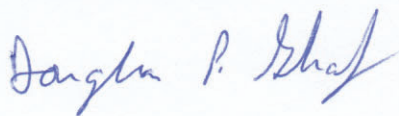
A quorum of the Governing Body's members being present and voting, it was voted 6 in favor and 0 opposed to approve the Charter Contract Amendment for Estancia Valley Classical Academy - July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2027 as sent to the school on April 27, 2022.

The members voting in favor were: Douglas Ghormley, Deron Knoner, Bill Richard, Kim Adams, Theresa Nunneley, and Lynn Perlman.

The members voting in opposition were: None

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

Douglas P. Ghormley

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Douglas P. Ghormley", is written over the printed name.

President