

Charter Contract Amendment for La Tierra Montessori School for the Arts and Sciences

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 La Tierra Montessori School for the Arts and Sciences, a New Mexico Charter School (the “School”), effective the 1st day of July 2022. The 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 PEC renewed the School 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 The Existing Contract and Performance Frameworks is extended for the Term as amended herein until superseded or replaced by the Parties;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 with proposed language change from the mission in the original charter) is as follows:

La Tierra Montessori School of the Arts and Sciences will prepare for students and their families an authentic Montessori environment that fosters collaboration, cooperation and peace; that promotes curiosity, exploration, and engagement; and that emphasizes a whole-child approach integrating the Arts and Sciences.

- 4.) Educational Program:

- a. The educational program of the School (Section 4, Subsection 4 provided here and unchanged from the original contract) is as follows:
 - i. Montessori methods and materials that address the education of the whole child will be utilized as an approach to instruction. The school will use Montessori instruction in multi-age groupings with teachers who are trained in Montessori curriculum and practices. Self-directed Montessori materials designed for hands-on learning are a part of each child's experience in every classroom.
 - ii. Students receive visual arts and performing arts instruction weekly that is aligned with grade-level appropriate New Mexico State Standards.
 - iii. Students participate in an agricultural curriculum which complements classroom instruction and offers opportunities for hand-on learning in the school's greenhouse and gardening plots. This part of the school's instructional plan lends itself to studies of health, environment, resources sustainability and community involvement.
 - iv. Parents have many opportunities to participate at school and in school-related events such as the following:
 - a. "Family Nights" to inform parents of the Montessori philosophy and instructional practices being used at the school and how these can be reinforced at home.
 - b. Activities that showcase student learning for their families and involved community members.

The school will provide 100% in-person instruction.

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

	<p>on the PEC website with a copy to: charter.schools@state.nm.us.</p> <p>Email is the primary notification.</p>
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The Commission 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

La Tierra Montessori School for the Arts and Sciences

By: 
 Willie Williams
 President of the Governing body

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

MISSION STATEMENT

La Tierra Montessori School of the Arts and Sciences will provide students and their families in the Española region the opportunity to improve educational outcomes utilizing an integrated approach that includes Montessori, the Arts and the Sciences.

Governing Council. MINUTES

LTMAS GOVERNING COUNCIL MEETING:

Wednesday, May 11, 2022 at 6:30 p.m.

LTMAS Governing Council is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: Governing Council Special Meeting

Time: May 11, 2022 06:30 PM Mountain Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting [https://zoom.us/j/6405403241?](https://zoom.us/j/6405403241?pwd=L1lVMmJEbnQxMEhPMGlRVBNZ1dzUT09)

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Passcode: LTMASGC

***The recording of this meeting will be maintained on file.*

I. Call meeting to order.

- Willie call meeting to order at 6:30pm

II. Roll Call: Quorum Needed is 3 – 3 GC members present for Quorum.

Seat	Name	Position	Present/ Absent
1	Willie Williams	Chair	Present
2	Isaac Casados	Vice Chair	Absent
3	Brenda Atencio	Secretary	Absent
4	Delisha Gordon	Member	Present
5	Charlie Riddick	Member	Present
6	Position to be filled	Open N/A	
7	Position to be filled	Open N/A	
8	Position to be filled	Open N/A	

III. Vote on approval of Today's Agenda (ACTION*)

- Delisha motion to amend agenda item V. to reflect Performance Framework needs (*Action) per Patty Matthew's email.
- Charlie Riddick second that motion
- Vote to Approve. Delisha Yes. Charlie Yes. Willie Yes. 3-0 pass

IV. Charter Renewal and Amendment (ACTION*)

- Delisha Gordon-Brown motion to approve Charter Renewal Amendment
- Charlie Riddick second that motion.
- Vote to Approve Charter Renewal and Amendment. Delisha Yes. Charlie Yes. Willie Yes. 3-0 pass.

V. Performance Framework (*ACTION)

- Delisha Gordon-Brown motion to approve Performance Framework.
- Charlie Riddick second that motion.
- Vote to Approve Performance Framework. Delisha Yes. Charlie Yes. Willie Yes. 3-0 pass.

VI. GC Compliance Paperwork

- Willie reminded board members to stop by LTMAS to sign compliance paperwork. Delisha will go on Monday. Charlie will be there tomorrow. Willie will also be there tomorrow.

VII. Committee Assignments

- Only Charlie and Delisha online so Willie has tabled this item for discussion at the next board meeting.

VIII. Adjourn (ACTION)*

- Willie motion to adjourn meeting.
- Delisha second the motion.
- Vote to adjourn meeting. 3-0 so passed. Meeting adjourned at 6:37 pm.