



**SAN BENITO COUNTY
POLYTECHNIC ACADEMY**

AGENDA

REGULAR MEETING

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS
POLYTECHNIC ACADEMY**

(A California Non-Profit Public Benefit Corporation)

Date and Time

Tuesday, November 14, 2023 at 5:00 PM PDT

Location

930 Sunnyslope Road, Suite A4, Hollister, CA 95023

Zoom:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87559735266?pwd=OiNzgmTSwubk5PkkDnZyAzYVAiLHO.1>

Meeting ID: 875 5973 5266

Passcode: 085032

Disability Access

Requests for disability-related modifications or accommodations to participate in this public meeting shall be made 24 hours prior to the meeting to Dr. Ariel Hurtado at email ahurtado@poly-academy.org with such requests. All efforts will be made for reasonable accommodations.

I. PRELIMINARY

1. **Call to Order.**

2. **Roll Call.**

Dr. Ariel Hurtado
Armando Barragan
Jessica Filice

Present	Absent
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

3. **Approval of Agenda.**

4. **Introduction of Board of Directors of Polytechnic Academy.**

5. **Notice of Director Participating in Meeting Remotely pursuant to Government Code Section 54953(f)(2)(A)(i).**

II. OPEN SESSION

1. **Oral Communications.**
Non-agenda items: no individual presentation shall be for more than three (3) minutes and the total time for this purpose shall not exceed fifteen (15) minutes. Ordinarily, Board members will not respond to presentations and no action can be taken. However, the Board may give direction to staff following a presentation.
2. **Consideration and approval of Election of Officers.**
3. **Consideration and approval of Resignation of Sole Incorporator.**
4. **Consideration and approval of Articles of Incorporation and Confirmation of Agent for Service of Process.**
5. **Consideration and approval of Bylaws.**
6. **Consideration and Approval of the Conflict of Interest Code.**
7. **Consideration and Approval of Accounting Year.**
8. **Consideration and Approval of Principal Office Location.**
9. **Consideration and Approval of Payment of the Expenses of Incorporation.**
10. **Consideration and Approval of Filing of Applications for Tax Exemption.**
11. **Consideration and Approval of Authorization to Enter into Contracts.**
12. **Consideration and Approval of Authorization to Retain Counsel.**
13. **Consideration and Approval of Accounting Method.**
14. **Consideration and Approval of Establishment of Bank Account.**
15. **Consideration and Approval of the Hiring of Employees.**

III. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at _____.

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Exhibit A - Resignation of Sole Incorporator

**ACTION BY WRITTEN CONSENT OF SOLE INCORPORATOR OF
POLYTECHNIC ACADEMY**

The undersigned, being the sole incorporator (“Incorporator”) of Polytechnic Academy, a California nonprofit public benefit corporation (the “Corporation”), hereby adopts the following resolutions on behalf of the Corporation:

WHEREAS, pursuant to California Corporations Code section 5134, the Incorporator is authorized to appoint the initial directors of the Corporation;

IT IS RESOLVED THAT effective as of the date of incorporation, June 6, 2023, the following persons be, and hereby are, appointed as the initial directors of the Corporation to serve an initial term of service as specified by action of the Board and until a successor is duly appointed and qualified:


**Dr. Ariel Hurtado
Armando Barragan
Jessica Filice**

RESOLVED FURTHER, the undersigned resigns as Incorporator of the Corporation, effective as of the date of the execution of this Consent.

RESOLVED FURTHER, that this Corporation shall indemnify and defend the Incorporator from and against any and all loss, cost, damage, expense (including, without limitation, attorneys’ fees and expenses) or liability caused by, resulting from or arising out of any action taken or authorized by the Incorporator of this Corporation in respect of the organization of this Corporation in what was deemed to be in or not opposed to the best interests of this Corporation.

This Consent shall be filed with the minutes of the proceedings of the Board of Directors in the official records of the Corporation.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has executed this Consent as of the 3rd day of November 2023.



Kimberly Rodriguez, Sole Incorporator

Exhibit B - Articles of Incorporation



California Secretary of State

Business Programs Division

1500 11th Street, Sacramento, CA 95814

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Entity Name: POLYTECHNIC ACADEMY

Formed In: CALIFORNIA

Entity No.: 5766547

Entity Type: Nonprofit Corporation - CA - Public
Benefit

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I, SHIRLEY N. WEBER, PH.D., California Secretary of State, do hereby certify on the Issuance Date, the attached document(s) referenced above are true and correct copies and were filed in this office on the date(s) indicated above.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I execute this certificate and affix the Great Seal of the State of California on June 12, 2023.

SHIRLEY N. WEBER, PH.D.
Secretary of State

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**ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION
OF
POLYTECHNIC ACADEMY**

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I.

The name of the Corporation shall be Polytechnic Academy.

II.

The Corporation is a nonprofit public benefit corporation and is not organized for the private gain of any person. It is organized under the Nonprofit Public Benefit Corporation Law for charitable purposes. The specific purposes for which this Corporation is organized are manage, operate, guide, direct and promote one or more California public charter schools.

The Corporation is organized and operated exclusively for educational and charitable purposes pursuant to and within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law. Notwithstanding any other provision of these articles, the Corporation shall not, except to an insubstantial degree, engage in any other activities or exercise of power that do not further the purposes of the Corporation. The Corporation shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on by: (a) a corporation exempt from federal income tax under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code; or (b) by a corporation, contributions to which are deductible under Section 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

III.

The name and address in the State of California of this Corporation's initial agent for service of process is:

Armando Barragan
551 Leisure Ct.
Hollister, CA 95023

IV.

All corporate property is irrevocably dedicated to the purposes set forth in the second article above. No part of the net earnings of the Corporation shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to any of its directors, members, trustees, officers or other private persons except that the Corporation shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered, and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes set forth in Article II.

No substantial part of the activities of the Corporation shall consist of the carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the Corporation shall not

participate in, or intervene in (including the publishing or distribution of statements) any political campaign on behalf of or in opposition to any candidate for public office.

Subject to the provisions of the nonprofit public benefit provisions of the Nonprofit Corporation Law of the State of California, and any limitations in the articles or bylaws relating to action to be approved by the members or by a majority of all members, if any, the activities and affairs of this Corporation shall be conducted and all the powers shall be exercised by or under the direction of the board of directors.

The number of directors shall be as provided for in the bylaws. The bylaws shall prescribe the qualifications, mode of election, and term of office of directors.

V.

The authorized number and qualifications of members of the corporation, if any, the different classes of membership, the property, voting and other rights and privileges of members, and their liability for dues and assessments and the method of collection thereof, shall be set forth in the bylaws.

VI.

Upon the dissolution or winding up of the Corporation, its assets remaining after payment of all debts and liabilities of the Corporation, shall be distributed to a nonprofit fund, foundation, corporation or association which is organized and operated exclusively for educational or charitable purposes and which has established its tax exempt status under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or shall be distributed to the federal government, or to a state or local government. Any such assets not so disposed of shall be disposed of by a court of competent jurisdiction of the county in which the principal office of the Corporation is then located, exclusively for such purposes or to such organization or organizations, as said court shall determine which are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes.

VII.

The initial street address of the Corporation is:

551 Leisure Ct.
Hollister, CA 95023

The initial mailing address of the Corporation is:

P.O. Box 300
Hollister, CA 95024-0300

Dated: 6/6/23



Kimberly Rodriguez, Incorporator

Exhibit C - Board Bylaws

**BYLAWS
OF
POLYTECHNIC ACADEMY**
(A California Nonprofit Public Benefit Corporation)

**ARTICLE I
NAME**

Section 1. NAME. The name of this Corporation is Polytechnic Academy.

**ARTICLE II
PRINCIPAL OFFICE OF THE CORPORATION**

Section 1. PRINCIPAL OFFICE OF THE CORPORATION. The principal office for the transaction of the activities and affairs of the Corporation is located in San Benito County, State of California. The Board of Directors may change the location of the principal office. Any such change of location must be noted by the Secretary on these bylaws opposite this Section; alternatively, this Section may be amended to state the new location.

Section 2. OTHER OFFICES OF THE CORPORATION. The Board of Directors may at any time establish branch or subordinate offices at any place or places where the Corporation is qualified to conduct its activities.

**ARTICLE III
GENERAL AND SPECIFIC PURPOSES; LIMITATIONS**

Section 1. GENERAL AND SPECIFIC PURPOSES. The purpose of the Corporation is to manage, operate, guide, direct and promote one or more California public charter schools. Also, in the context of these purposes, the Corporation shall not, except to an insubstantial degree, engage in any other activities or exercise of power that do not further the purposes of the Corporation.

The Corporation shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on by: (a) a corporation exempt from federal income tax under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code; or (b) a corporation, contributions to which are deductible under section 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code. No substantial part of the activities of the Corporation shall consist of the carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the Corporation shall not participate in, or intervene in (including the publishing or distributing of statements) any political campaign on behalf of or in opposition to any candidate for public office.

**ARTICLE IV
CONSTRUCTION AND DEFINITIONS**

Section 1. CONSTRUCTION AND DEFINITIONS. Unless the context indicates otherwise, the general provisions, rules of construction, and definitions in the California Nonprofit

Corporation Law shall govern the construction of these bylaws. Without limiting the generality of the preceding sentence, the masculine gender includes the feminine and neuter, the singular includes the plural, and the plural includes the singular, and the term “person” includes both a legal entity and a natural person.

ARTICLE V DEDICATION OF ASSETS

Section 1. **DEDICATION OF ASSETS.** The Corporation’s assets are irrevocably dedicated to public benefit purposes as set forth in the charter governing the charter schools operated as or by the Corporation. No part of the net earnings, properties, or assets of the Corporation, on dissolution or otherwise, shall inure to the benefit of any private person or individual, or to any director or officer of the Corporation. On liquidation or dissolution, all properties and assets remaining after payment, or provision for payment, of all debts and liabilities of the Corporation shall be distributed to a nonprofit fund, foundation, corporation or association which is organized and operated exclusively for educational or charitable purposes and which has established its tax exempt status under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or shall be distributed to the federal government, or to a state or local government. Any such assets not so disposed of shall be disposed of by a court of competent jurisdiction of the county in which the principal office of the Corporation is then located, exclusively for such purposes or to such organization or organizations, as said court shall determine which are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes.

ARTICLE VI CORPORATION WITHOUT MEMBERS

Section 1. **CORPORATION WITHOUT MEMBERS.** The Corporation shall have no members within the meaning of the Nonprofit Corporation Law.

ARTICLE VII BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 1. **GENERAL POWERS.** Subject to the provisions and limitations of the California Nonprofit Public Benefit Corporation Law and any other applicable laws, and subject to any limitations of the articles of incorporation or bylaws, the Corporation’s activities and affairs shall be managed, and all corporate powers shall be exercised, by or under the direction of the Board of Directors (“Board”).

Section 2. **SPECIFIC POWERS.** Without prejudice to the general powers set forth in Section 1 of this article, but subject to the same limitations, the Board of Directors shall have the power to:

- a. Appoint and remove, at the pleasure of the Board of Directors, all corporate officers, agents, and employees; prescribe powers and duties for them as are consistent with the law, the articles of incorporation, and these bylaws; fix their compensation; and require from them security for faithful service.

- b. Change the principal office or the principal business office in California from one

location to another; cause the Corporation to be qualified to conduct its activities in any other state, territory, dependency, or country; conduct its activities in or outside California.

- c. Borrow money and incur indebtedness on the Corporation's behalf and cause to be executed and delivered for the Corporation's purposes, in the corporate name, promissory notes, bonds, debentures, deeds of trust, mortgages, pledges, hypothecations, and other evidences of debt and securities.
- d. Adopt and use a corporate seal.

Section 3. APPOINTED DIRECTORS. The number of directors shall be no less than three (3) and no more than seven (7), unless changed by amendments to these bylaws. If the chartering authority designates a representative to serve on the Board of Directors, the Board of Directors may appoint an additional director to ensure an odd number of Board members. All directors, except for the representative designated by the chartering authority, shall be appointed by the existing Board of Directors. In addition to the number of directors otherwise prescribed by these Bylaws, pursuant to Education Code section 47604.2, the Board composition shall also include a seat reserved for a pupil member.

Section 4. RESTRICTION ON INTERESTED PERSONS AS DIRECTORS. No persons serving on the Board of Directors may be interested persons. An interested person is (a) any person currently being compensated by the Corporation for services rendered to it within the previous 12 months, whether as a full-time or part-time employee, independent contractor, or otherwise; and (b) any brother, sister, ancestor, descendant, spouse, brother-in-law, sister-in-law, son-in-law, daughter-in-law, mother-in-law, or father-in-law of such person. The Board may adopt other policies circumscribing potential conflicts of interest.

Section 5. DIRECTORS' TERMS. Terms for the initial Board of Directors shall be staggered as determined by the Board. After expiration of the initial terms, each director shall hold office unless otherwise removed from office in accordance with these bylaws for four (4) years and until a successor director has been designated and qualified. Directors may serve up to four (4) consecutive terms. The term of the pupil member shall be one (1) year commencing on July 1 each year.

Section 6. BOARD MEMBER APPOINTMENT PROCESS. The Chair or, if none, the President will appoint a committee to designate qualified candidates for election to the Board of Directors at least thirty (30) days before the date of any election of directors. The nominating committee shall make its report at least seven (7) days before the date of such designation or at such other time as the Board of Directors may set and the Secretary shall forward to each Board member, with the notice of meeting required by these bylaws, a list of all candidates nominated by committee.

Pupils enrolled in a charter school managed by the Corporation in ninth through twelfth grades are eligible for election to the Board of Directors as the pupil member. The pupil member shall be elected by a vote of the students enrolled in a charter school operated by the Corporation in ninth through twelfth grades. If it is determined that the pupil member is not fulfilling their duties, the Board of Directors may appoint an alternate pupil member and if appointed, the Board shall

suspend the prior pupil member's rights and privileges related to service on the Board of Directors.

Section 7. EVENTS CAUSING VACANCIES ON BOARD. A vacancy or vacancies on the Board of Directors shall occur in the event of (a) the death, resignation, or removal of any director; (b) the declaration by resolution of the Board of Directors of a vacancy in the office of a director who has been convicted of a felony, declared of unsound mind by a court order, or found by final order or judgment of any court to have breached a duty under California Nonprofit Public Benefit Corporation Law, Chapter 2, Article 3; or (c) the increase of the authorized number of directors.

Section 8. RESIGNATION OF DIRECTORS. Except as provided below, any director may resign by giving written notice to the Chair, if any, or to the President, or the Secretary, or to the Board. The resignation shall be effective when the notice is given unless the notice specifies a later time for the resignation to become effective. If a director's resignation is effective at a later time, the Board of Directors may elect a successor to take office as of the date when the resignation becomes effective.

Section 9. DIRECTOR MAY NOT RESIGN IF NO DIRECTOR REMAINS. Except on notice to the California Attorney General, no director may resign if the Corporation would be left without a duly elected director or directors.

Section 10. REMOVAL OF DIRECTORS. Any director, except for the representative appointed by the chartering authority, may be removed, with or without cause, by the vote of the majority of the members of the entire Board of Directors at a special meeting called for that purpose, or at a regular meeting, provided that notice of that meeting and such removal are given in compliance with the provisions of the Ralph M. Brown Act (Chapter 9 (commencing with Section 54950) of Division 2 of Title 5 of the Government Code) as said chapter may be modified by subsequent legislation ("Brown Act"). The representative designated by the chartering authority may be removed without cause by the chartering authority or with the written consent of the chartering authority. Any vacancy caused by the removal of a director shall be filled as provided in Section 11.

Section 11. VACANCIES FILLED BY BOARD. Vacancies on the Board of Directors, except for the representative appointed by the chartering authority, may be filled by approval of the Board of Directors or, if the number of directors then in office is less than a quorum, by (a) the affirmative vote of a majority of the directors then in office at a regular or special meeting of the Board, or (b) a sole remaining director. A vacancy in the seat of the representative of the chartering authority shall be filled by the chartering authority.

Section 12. NO VACANCY ON REDUCTION OF NUMBER OF DIRECTORS. Any reduction of the authorized number of directors shall not result in any directors being removed before his or her term of office expires.

Section 13. PLACE OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETINGS. Meetings shall be held at the principal office of the Corporation unless the Board of Directors designates another location in accordance with these bylaws. The Board of Directors may also designate that a meeting be held at any place within the physical boundaries of the county in which that charter school or schools are located. All meetings of the Board of Directors shall be called, held and conducted in

accordance with the terms and provisions of the Brown Act. A two-way teleconference location shall be established at each schoolsite.

Section 14. MEETINGS; ANNUAL MEETINGS. All meetings of the Board of Directors and its committees shall be called, noticed, and held in compliance with the provisions of the Brown Act. The Board of Directors shall meet annually for the purpose of organization, appointment of officers, adoption of the regular Board meeting schedule, and the transaction of such other business as may properly be brought before the meeting. This meeting shall be held at a time, date, and place as noticed by the Board of Directors in accordance with the Brown Act.

Section 15. REGULAR MEETINGS. The Board shall adopt a regular Board meeting schedule at the annual Board meeting. The regular Board meeting schedule may be revised as necessary by the Board of Directors. At least 72 hours before a regular meeting, the Board of Directors, or its designee shall post an agenda containing a brief general description of each item of business to be transacted or discussed at the meeting. The Chair shall have the authority to reschedule a regular meeting as necessary to establish a quorum of directors.

Section 16. SPECIAL MEETINGS. Special meetings of the Board of Directors for any purpose may be called at any time by the Chair, if there is such an officer, or a majority of the Board of Directors. If a Chair has not been elected then the Vice-Chair is authorized to call a special meeting in place of the Chair. The party calling a special meeting shall determine the place, date, and time thereof.

Section 17. NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETINGS. In accordance with the Brown Act, special meetings of the Board of Directors may be held only after twenty-four (24) hours notice is given to the public through the posting of an agenda. Directors shall also receive at least twenty-four (24) hours notice of the special meeting, in the following manner:

- a. Any such notice shall be addressed or delivered to each director at the director's address as it is shown on the records of the Corporation, or as may have been given to the Corporation by the director for purposes of notice, or, if an address is not shown on the Corporation's records or is not readily ascertainable, at the place at which the meetings of the Board of Directors are regularly held.
- b. Notice by mail shall be deemed received at the time a properly addressed written notice is deposited in the United States mail, postage prepaid. Any other written notice shall be deemed received at the time it is personally delivered to the recipient or is delivered to a common carrier for transmission, or is actually transmitted by the person giving the notice by electronic means to the recipient. Oral notice shall be deemed received at the time it is communicated, in person or by telephone or wireless, to the recipient or to a person at the office of the recipient whom the person giving the notice has reason to believe will promptly communicate it to the receiver.

The notice of special meeting shall state the time of the meeting, the place, and the general nature of the business proposed to be transacted at the meeting. No business, other than the business the general nature of which was set forth in the notice of the meeting, may be transacted at a special meeting.

Section 18. QUORUM. A majority of the directors then in office shall constitute a

quorum. The pupil member shall not be counted for purpose of establishing quorum. All acts or decisions of the Board of Directors will be by majority vote of the directors in attendance, based upon the presence of a quorum. The pupil member shall have preferential voting rights. Preferential voting means a formal expression of opinion that is recorded in the minutes and cast before the official vote of the Board of Directors, but that shall not serve in determining the final numerical outcome of a vote. Should there be less than a majority of the directors present at the inception of any meeting, the meeting shall be adjourned. Directors may not vote by proxy. The vote or abstention of each Board member present for each action taken shall be publicly reported.

Section 19. TELECONFERENCE MEETINGS¹. Members of the Board of Directors may participate in teleconference meetings so long as all of the following requirements in the Brown Act are complied with:

- a. At a minimum, a quorum of the members of the Board of Directors shall participate in the teleconference meeting from locations within the physical boundaries of the county in which that charter school or schools are located;
- b. All votes taken during a teleconference meeting shall be by roll call;
- c. If the Board of Directors elects to use teleconferencing, it shall post agendas at all teleconference locations with each teleconference location being identified in the notice and agenda of the meeting;
- d. All locations where a member of the Board of Directors participates in a meeting via teleconference must be fully accessible to members of the public, shall be listed on the agenda; and members of the public shall be provided with an opportunity to address the Board of Directors directly at each teleconference location;²
- e. Members of the public must be able to hear what is said during the meeting; and
- f. Members of the public attending a meeting conducted via teleconference need not give their name when entering the conference call.³

Section 20. ADJOURNMENT. A majority of the directors present, whether or not a quorum is present, may adjourn any Board of Directors meeting to another time or place. Notice of such adjournment to another time or place shall be given, prior to the time scheduled for the continuation of the meeting, to the directors who were not present at the time of the adjournment, and to the public in the manner prescribed by the Brown Act.

Section 21. COMPENSATION AND REIMBURSEMENT. Directors may not receive

¹ Pursuant to Government Code Section 54953, the Corporation may use teleconferencing without complying with the requirements of paragraphs (a), (c), and (d) if the Corporation complies with the requirements of Section 54953(e).

² This means that members of the Board of Directors who choose to utilize their homes or offices as teleconference locations must open these locations to the public and accommodate any members of the public who wish to attend the meeting at that location.

³ The Brown Act prohibits requiring members of the public to provide their names as a condition of attendance at the meeting.

compensation for their services as directors or officers, only such reimbursement of expenses as the Board of Directors may establish by resolution to be just and reasonable as to the Corporation at the time that the resolution is adopted.

Section 22. CREATION AND POWERS OF COMMITTEES. The Board, by resolution adopted by a majority of the directors then in office, may create one or more committees of the Board, each consisting of two or more directors and no one who is not a director, to serve at the pleasure of the Board. Appointments to committees of the Board of Directors shall be by majority vote of the directors then in office. The Board of Directors may appoint one or more directors as alternate members of any such committee, who may replace any absent member at any meeting. Any such committee shall have all the authority of the Board, to the extent provided in the Board of Directors' resolution, except that no committee may:

- a. Fill vacancies on the Board of Directors or any committee of the Board;
- b. Amend or repeal bylaws or adopt new bylaws;
- c. Amend or repeal any resolution of the Board of Directors that by its express terms is not so amendable or subject to repeal; or
- d. Create any other committees of the Board of Directors or appoint the members of committees of the Board.

The Board may also create one or more advisory committees composed of directors and non-directors. It is the intent of the Board to encourage the participation and involvement of faculty, staff, parents, students and administrators through attending and participating in open committee meetings. The Board may establish, by resolution adopted by a majority of the directors then in office, advisory committees to serve at the pleasure of the Board.

Section 23. MEETINGS AND ACTION OF COMMITTEES. Meetings and actions of committees of the Board of Directors shall be governed by, held, and taken under the provisions of these bylaws concerning meetings, other Board of Directors' actions, and the Brown Act, if applicable, except that the time for general meetings of such committees and the calling of special meetings of such committees may be set either by Board of Directors' resolution or, if none, by resolution of the committee. Minutes of each meeting shall be kept and shall be filed with the corporate records. The Board of Directors may adopt rules for the governance of any committee as long as the rules are consistent with these bylaws. If the Board of Directors has not adopted rules, the committee may do so.

Section 24. NON-LIABILITY OF DIRECTORS. No director shall be personally liable for the debts, liabilities, or other obligations of the Corporation.

Section 25. COMPLIANCE WITH LAWS GOVERNING STUDENT RECORDS. The Charter School and the Board of Directors shall comply with all applicable provisions of the Family Education Rights Privacy Act ("FERPA") as set forth in Title 20 of the United States Code Section 1232g and attendant regulations as they may be amended from time to time.

ARTICLE VIII

OFFICERS OF THE CORPORATION

Section 1. **OFFICES HELD.** The officers of the Corporation shall be a President, a Secretary, and a Chief Financial Officer. The Corporation, at the Board's direction, may also have a Chair and a Vice-Chair. The officers, in addition to the corporate duties set forth in this Article VIII, shall also have administrative duties as set forth in any applicable contract for employment or job specification. Except for the Chair and Vice-Chair, officers shall not also be directors (Board members).

Section 2. **DUPLICATION OF OFFICE HOLDERS.** Any number of offices may be held by the same person, except that neither the Secretary nor the Chief Financial Officer may serve concurrently as either the President or the Chair.

Section 3. **ELECTION OF OFFICERS.** The officers of the Corporation shall be chosen annually by the Board of Directors and shall serve at the pleasure of the Board, subject to the rights of any officer under any employment contract.

Section 4. **REMOVAL OF OFFICERS.** Without prejudice to the rights of any officer under an employment contract, the Board of Directors may remove any officer with or without cause.

Section 5. **RESIGNATION OF OFFICERS.** Any officer may resign at any time by giving written notice to the Board. The resignation shall take effect on the date the notice is received or at any later time specified in the notice. Unless otherwise specified in the notice, the resignation need not be accepted to be effective. Any resignation shall be without prejudice to any rights of the Corporation under any contract to which the officer is a party.

Section 6. **VACANCIES IN OFFICE.** A vacancy in any office because of death, resignation, removal, disqualification, or any other cause shall be filled in the manner prescribed in these bylaws for normal appointment to that office, provided, however, that vacancies need not be filled on an annual basis.

Section 7. **CHAIR.** If a Chair is elected, he or she shall preside at the Board of Directors' meetings and shall exercise and perform such other powers and duties as the Board of Directors may assign from time to time. If a Chair of Directors is elected, there shall also be a Vice-Chair. In the absence of the Chair, the Vice-Chair shall preside at Board of Directors meetings and shall exercise and perform such other powers and duties as the Board of Directors may assign from time to time.

Section 8. **PRESIDENT.** The President, also known as the Executive Director, shall be the general manager of the Corporation and shall supervise, direct, and control the Corporation's activities, affairs, and officers as fully described in any applicable employment contract, agreement, or job specification. The President shall have such other powers and duties as the Board of Directors or the bylaws may require.

Section 9. **SECRETARY.** The Secretary shall keep or cause to be kept, at the Corporation's principal office or such other place as the Board of Directors may direct, a book of minutes of all meetings, proceedings, and actions of the Board and of committees of the Board. The

minutes of meetings shall include the time and place that the meeting was held; whether the meeting was annual, regular, special, or emergency and, if special or emergency, how authorized; the notice given; the names of the directors present at Board of Directors and committee meetings; and the vote or abstention of each Board member present for each action taken.

The Secretary shall keep or cause to be kept, at the principal California office, a copy of the articles of incorporation and bylaws, as amended to date.

The Secretary shall give, or cause to be given, notice of all meetings of the Board and of committees of the Board of Directors that these bylaws require to be given. The Secretary shall keep the corporate seal, if any, in safe custody and shall have such other powers and perform such other duties as the Board of Directors or the bylaws may require.

Section 10. CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER. The Chief Financial Officer shall keep and maintain, or cause to be kept and maintained, adequate and correct books and accounts of the Corporation's properties and transactions. The Chief Financial Officer shall send or cause to be given to directors such financial statements and reports as are required to be given by law, by these bylaws, or by the Board. The books of account shall be open to inspection by any director at all reasonable times.

The Chief Financial Officer shall (a) deposit, or cause to be deposited, all money and other valuables in the name and to the credit of the Corporation with such depositories as the Board of Directors may designate; (b) disburse the Corporation's funds as the Board of Directors may order; (c) render to the President, Chair, if any, and the Board, when requested, an account of all transactions as Chief Financial Officer and of the financial condition of the Corporation; and (d) have such other powers and perform such other duties as the Board, contract, job specification, or the bylaws may require.

If required by the Board, the Chief Financial Officer shall give the Corporation a bond in the amount and with the surety or sureties specified by the Board of Directors for faithful performance of the duties of the office and for restoration to the Corporation of all of its books, papers, vouchers, money, and other property of every kind in the possession or under the control of the Chief Financial Officer on his or her death, resignation, retirement, or removal from office.

ARTICLE IX CONTRACTS WITH DIRECTORS

Section 1. CONTRACTS WITH DIRECTORS. The Corporation shall not enter into a contract or transaction in which a director directly or indirectly has a material financial interest (nor shall the Corporation enter into any contract or transaction with any other corporation, firm, association, or other entity in which one or more of the Corporation's directors are directors and have a material financial interest).

ARTICLE X CONTRACTS WITH EMPLOYEES

Section 1. CONTRACTS WITH EMPLOYEES. The Corporation shall not enter into a contract or transaction in which an employee directly or indirectly has a material financial interest unless all of the requirements in the Corporation's Conflict of Interest Code have been

fulfilled.

ARTICLE XI LOANS TO DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS

Section 1. LOANS TO DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS. The Corporation shall not lend any money or property to or guarantee the obligation of any director or officer; provided, however, the Corporation may advance money to a director or officer of the Corporation for expenses reasonably anticipated to be incurred in the performance of his or her duties if that director or officer would be entitled to reimbursement for such expenses of the Corporation.

ARTICLE XII INDEMNIFICATION

Section 1. INDEMNIFICATION. To the fullest extent permitted by law, the Corporation shall indemnify its directors, officers, employees, and other persons described in Corporations Code Section 5238(a), including persons formerly occupying any such positions, against all expenses, judgments, fines, settlements, and other amounts actually and reasonably incurred by them in connection with any "proceeding," as that term is used in that section, and including an action by or in the right of the Corporation by reason of the fact that the person is or was a person described in that section. "Expenses," as used in this bylaw, shall have the same meaning as in that section of the Corporations Code.

On written request to the Board of Directors by any person seeking indemnification under Corporations Code Section 5238 (b) or Section 5238 (c) the Board of Directors shall promptly decide under Corporations Code Section 5238 (e) whether the applicable standard of conduct set forth in Corporations Code Section 5238 (b) or Section 5238 (c) has been met and, if so, the Board of Directors shall authorize indemnification.

ARTICLE XIII INSURANCE

Section 1. INSURANCE. The Corporation shall have the right to purchase and maintain insurance to the full extent permitted by law on behalf of its directors, officers, employees, and other agents, to cover any liability asserted against or incurred by any director, officer, employee, or agent in such capacity or arising from the director's, officer's, employee's, or agent's status as such.

ARTICLE XIV MAINTENANCE OF CORPORATE RECORDS

Section 1. MAINTENANCE OF CORPORATE RECORDS. The Corporation shall keep:

- a. Adequate and correct books and records of account;
- b. Written minutes of the proceedings of the Board and committees of the Board; and
- c. Such reports and records as required by law.

ARTICLE XV

INSPECTION RIGHTS

Section 1. **DIRECTORS' RIGHT TO INSPECT.** Every director shall have the right at any reasonable time to inspect the Corporation's books, records, documents of every kind, physical properties, and the records of each subsidiary, as permitted by California and federal law. This right to inspect may be circumscribed in instances where the right to inspect conflicts with California or federal law (e.g., restrictions on the release of educational records under FERPA) pertaining to access to books, records, and documents. The inspection may be made in person or by the director's agent or attorney. The right of inspection includes the right to copy and make extracts of documents as permitted by California and federal law.

Section 2. **MAINTENANCE AND INSPECTION OF ARTICLES AND BYLAWS.** The Corporation shall keep at its principal California office the original or a copy of the articles of incorporation and bylaws, as amended to the current date, which shall be open to inspection by the directors at all reasonable times during office hours.

ARTICLE XVI REQUIRED REPORTS

Section 1. **ANNUAL REPORTS.** The Board of Directors shall cause an annual report to be sent to itself (the members of the Board of Directors) within 120 days after the end of the Corporation's fiscal year. That report shall contain the following information, in appropriate detail:

- a. The assets and liabilities, including the trust funds, of the Corporation as of the end of the fiscal year;
- b. The principal changes in assets and liabilities, including trust funds;
- c. The Corporation's revenue or receipts, both unrestricted and restricted to particular purposes;
- d. The Corporation's expenses or disbursement for both general and restricted purposes;
- e. Any information required under these bylaws; and
- f. An independent accountant's report or, if none, the certificate of an authorized officer of the Corporation that such statements were prepared without audit from the Corporation's books and records.

Section 2. **ANNUAL STATEMENT OF CERTAIN TRANSACTIONS AND INDEMNIFICATIONS.** The Corporation will comply with Corporations Code section 6322.

ARTICLE XVII BYLAW AMENDMENTS

Section 1. **BYLAW AMENDMENTS.** The Board of Directors may adopt, amend or repeal any of these bylaws by a majority vote of the directors present at a meeting duly held at

which a quorum is present, except that no amendment shall change any provisions of any charter governing any charter school operated as or by the Corporation or make any provisions of these bylaws inconsistent with such charter, the Corporation's articles of incorporation, or any laws.

ARTICLE XVIII
FISCAL YEAR

Section 1. FISCAL YEAR OF THE CORPORATION. The fiscal year of the Corporation shall begin on July 1st and end on June 30th of each year.

CERTIFICATE OF SECRETARY

I certify that I am the duly elected and acting Secretary of Polytechnic Academy, a California nonprofit public benefit corporation; that these bylaws, consisting of 14 pages, are the bylaws of the Corporation as adopted by the Board of Directors on _____; and that these bylaws have not been amended or modified since that date.

Executed on _____ at _____, California.

_____, Secretary

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Exhibit D - Conflict of Interest Code

**POLYTECHNIC ACADEMY
CONFLICT OF INTEREST CODE**

I. ADOPTION

In compliance with the Political Reform Act of 1974, California Government Code Section 87100, et seq., Polytechnic Academy hereby adopts this Conflict of Interest Code (“Code”), which shall apply to all governing board members and all other designated employees of Synergy Academies (“Charter School”), as specifically required by California Government Code Section 87300.

II. DEFINITION OF TERMS

As applicable to a California public charter school, the definitions contained in the Political Reform Act of 1974, the regulations of the Fair Political Practices Commission, specifically California Code of Regulations Section 18730, and any amendments or modifications to the Act and regulations are incorporated by reference to this Code.

III. DESIGNATED EMPLOYEES

Employees of this Charter School, including governing board members, who hold positions that involve the making or participation in the making, of decisions that may foreseeably have a material effect on any financial interest, shall be “designated employees.” The designated positions are listed in “Exhibit A” attached to this Code and incorporated by reference herein.

IV. STATEMENT OF ECONOMIC INTERESTS: FILING

Each designated employee, including governing board members, shall file a Statement of Economic Interest (“Statement”) at the time and manner prescribed by California Code of Regulations, title 2, section 18730, disclosing reportable investments, interests in real property, business positions, and income required to be reported under the category or categories to which the employee’s position is assigned in “Exhibit A.”

An investment, interest in real property or income shall be reportable, if the business entity in which the investment is held, the interest in real property, the business position, or source of income may foreseeably be affected materially by a decision made or participated in by the designated employee by virtue of his or her position. The specific disclosure responsibilities assigned to each position are set forth in “Exhibit B.”

Statements Filed With the Charter School. All Statements shall be supplied by the Charter School. All Statements shall be filed with the Charter School. The Charter School’s filing official shall make and retain a copy of the Statement and forward the original to the County Board of Supervisors.

V. DISQUALIFICATION

No designated employee shall make, participate in making, or try to use his/her official position to influence any Charter School decision which he/she knows or has reason to know will have a reasonably foreseeable material financial effect, distinguishable from its effect on the public generally, on the official or a member of his or her immediate family.

VI. MANNER OF DISQUALIFICATION

A. Non-Governing Board Member Designated Employees

When a non-Governing Board member designated employee determines that he/she should not make a decision because of a disqualifying interest, he/she should submit a written disclosure of the disqualifying interest to his/her immediate supervisor. The supervisor shall immediately reassign the matter to another employee and shall forward the disclosure notice to the Executive Director, who shall record the employee's disqualification. In the case of the Executive Director, this determination and disclosure shall be made in writing to the Board of Directors.

B. Governing Board Member Designated Employees

The Charter School shall not enter into a contract or transaction in which a director directly or indirectly has a material financial interest (nor shall the Charter School enter into any contract or transaction with any other corporation, firm, association, or other entity in which one or more of the Charter School's directors are directors and have a material financial interest).

EXHIBIT A

Designated Positions

<u>Designated Position</u>	<u>Assigned Disclosure Category</u>
Members of the Governing Board	1, 2
Executive Director	1, 2
Principal/Learning Director	1, 2
Consultants/New Positions	*

*Consultants/New Positions shall be included in the list of designated positions and shall disclose pursuant to the broadest disclosure category in the code, subject to the following limitation:

The Executive Director may determine in writing that a particular consultant or new position, although a “designated position,” is hired to perform a range of duties that is limited in scope and thus is not required to fully comply with the disclosure requirements in this section. Such written determination shall include a description of the consultant’s or new position’s duties and, based upon that description, a statement of the extent of disclosure requirements. The Executive Director’s determination is a public record and shall be retained for public inspection in the same manner and location as this conflict of interest code (Govt. Code § 81008).

EXHIBIT B

Disclosure Categories

Category 1

Designated positions assigned to this category must report all interests in real property which are located in whole or in part within two (2) miles of any facility utilized by Polytechnic Academy, including any leasehold, beneficial or ownership interest or option to acquire such interest in real property.

Category 2

Designated positions assigned to this category must report investments and business positions in business entities and sources of income (including receipt of gifts, loans, and travel payments) that are contractors engaged in the performance of work or services, or sources that manufacture, sell, repair, rent or distribute school supplies, books, materials, school furnishings or equipment of the type to be utilized by Polytechnic Academy.

Category 3

Designated positions assigned to this category must report investments and business positions in business entities and sources of income (including receipt of gifts, loans, and travel payments) that are contractors engaged in the performance of work or services, or sources that manufacture, sell, repair, rent or distribute school supplies, books, materials, school furnishings or equipment of the type to be utilized by the designated position's department.

Exhibit E - Establishment of Bank Account

BUSINESS BANC

Advantage Suite



For established businesses with greater transaction activity and Treasury Management needs

Number of Monthly Items	400
Cost Per Excess Item	\$0.50
Minimum Opening Deposit	\$100
Balance Required to Waive Monthly Fee	\$20,000
Monthly Service Fee	\$20
Monthly Cash Deposits	\$20,000
Cash Deposit Fee	\$1 per \$1,000
Earns Interest	No
Advantage Suite Includes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Select Business Checking Account • Business Online Banking • Business Mobile Banking with Mobile Check Deposit • Business Bill Pay • Transaction information reporting, account transfers, and stop payment capabilities • Wire & ACH Services • Remote Deposit Services
Additional Services Available	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Small Business Line/Loan • Small Business Card • Merchant Services • Payroll Services • Courier Services • Commercial Card

Business Banc Advantage Suite

KEY DETAILS



SELECT BUSINESS CHECKING

Select Business Checking is tailored for established businesses with high transaction volumes. Monthly service charge of \$20.00 waived with an average daily balance of \$20,000.

Up to 400 items (paid items, deposits and deposited items) processed each statement period, \$0.50 for each additional item.*

Minimum opening balance is \$100.00.



BUSINESS ONLINE BANKING

Business Online Banking provides advanced features and a wide range of self-service banking capabilities:

- 24/7 access to account information
- File and funds transfers
- State and federal tax payments
- Remittance manager
- Stop payments
- Commercial loan payments and advances
- Single sign-on
- Customer review and approval of designated transactions
- Account number masking
- Balance authentication options
- Account nicknames and favorites



BUSINESS MOBILE BANKING WITH MOBILE CHECK DEPOSIT**

Our Business Mobile Banking service provides a convenient and secure channel for businesses to manage their accounts on Apple or Android smartphones. For added convenience, the Mobile Check Deposit feature allows businesses to make individual check deposits anywhere and any time.



WIRE SERVICES

Wire Services provide a quick and easy way to send and receive real-time payments in multiple currencies using a secure electronic channel. Wires can be initiated using our Business Online or Business Mobile Service.



REMOTE DEPOSIT

Save time, reduce expenses, and speed up cash flow by depositing checks 24/7 from your desktop using a Single Feed or Multi Feed check scanner and an easy-to-use online application.

Businesses with multiple locations can deposit checks into a single Banc of California account using multiple scanners.

Checks scanned before 5:00 p.m. PT (Monday thru Friday) will be credited to your account the same business day. All other deposits after 5:00PM and on weekends will be credited the next business day.



ACH SERVICES

VA cost-effective service providing a quick and easy way to handle routine transactions by creating electronic payments and deposits. Banc of California offers both Prefund and Traditional ACH services to meet our business clients' needs.

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