



Nevada School of Inquiry Bylaws

Article I. Name

The name of this organization is Nevada School of Inquiry (abbreviated “NVSI” and hereafter also referred to as the “School”).

Article II. Incorporation, Purpose, and Dissolution

Section 1. NVSI is organized exclusively for educational purposes under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding sections of any future federal tax code.

Section 2. The purpose of the Nevada School of Inquiry is to provide an environment to inspire students to follow their passions through inquiry, exploration, and wonder. The mission is to cultivate the next generation of well-rounded, confident problem solvers. NVSI pedagogy includes:

- **Inquiry Based Learning:** Students are empowered to explore subjects and concepts to create meaning and problem solve.
- **Authentic Experiences:** Learning is brought to life through real world experiences throughout the year, that are paired with units of exploration to connect and inspire.
- **Equity:** All students deserve an amazing educational experience regardless of their external or internal, social or cultural contexts.
- **Whole Student:** To focus on all aspects of intellectual and character growth, attending to the social and emotional needs of our students.
- **Relationships:** A small, personalized environment promotes acceptance, belonging, and a family atmosphere.

Section 3. Nevada School of Inquiry shall admit students of any race, color, national or ethnic origin to all the rights, privileges, programs, and activities generally accorded or made available to students at the School. The School shall not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national or ethnic origin in the administration of its educational policies, admissions policies, scholarship and loan programs, athletics, or any other programs administered by the School.

Section 4. No part of the net earnings of the School shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to its Board or other private persons, except that the School 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 hereof. No substantial part of the activities of the School shall be the carrying on of



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propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the School 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. Notwithstanding any other provision of these articles, the School shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on (a) by 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.

Section 5. Upon the dissolution of the School, assets shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of 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, for a public purpose. 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 III. Organizational Structure

Section 1. The Nevada School of Inquiry consists of the Board of Trustees (hereafter also referred to as the “Board”), the School administration, and future staff as necessary.

Section 2. The Board is the highest legislative body of the School. The Board determines the School administration and approves the Bylaws and their amendments.

Section 3. The administration of the School consists of two (2) Directors, both of whom will serve on the Board.

Article IV. Membership

Section 1. The School hereby elects to have no members. Any action which would otherwise require a vote of members shall require only a vote of the Board of Trustees and no meeting or vote of members shall be required for this Corporation. All rights which otherwise would vest in the members shall vest in the Board of Trustees.



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Article V. Offices and the Fiscal Year

Section 1. The School shall have no permanent offices. The Board of Trustees can designate the address of an individual Board Officer or Director residence as its registration address. The facilities where the classes are held may also serve as its offices.

Section 2. The fiscal year will start on July 1st in the calendar year and end on June 30th of the following year.

Article VI. Board of Trustees

Section 1. The Board is responsible for overall policy and direction of the School, and delegates responsibilities for day-to-day operations to the Directors who lead school operations. The Board oversees the School operation and approves School policies and general guidelines recommended by School administration, which include but are not limited to: administrative structure, academic policies, annual budget, financial regulations, operational rules, and tuition, reimbursement and compensation rates.

Section 2. The board shall consist of five (5) persons: the currently elected Directors (2), as well as three (3) other elected Board officers that represent a broad spectrum of the community.

Section 3. The term for each elected position is one (1) year and may serve successive terms. Anyone on the Board who wishes to resign shall submit a resignation letter to the President or to the Secretary of the Board. Should it become necessary due to serious lack of competence, performance, policy violations or other serious issues, the dismissal of anyone on the Board shall be approved by a two-thirds (2/3) majority of the Board. The unexpired term of the resigned or dismissed person shall be filled by a simple majority vote of the Board.

Section 4. The President, the Treasurer, the Secretary shall be elected by a simple majority vote of the Board at the final, fiscal year, organized meeting of the Board. The Board may appoint standing and ad hoc committees as needed.

Section 5. The Board President is responsible for presiding over Board meetings, preparing and distributing meeting agendas, appointing committees, and announcing to the community about the Board voting results, resolutions, and ongoing issues that affect School operations. The Secretary shall assume the duties of the President in case of the President's absence.



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Section 6. The Secretary is responsible in assisting the President for organizing the Board meetings, keeping the meeting minutes, and getting the minutes approved by the Board in a timely manner through email communications.

Section 6. The Treasurer is responsible for overseeing the School's financial management, which includes (1) tuition and all other receivables, (2) signing checks or delegating other authorized signers to reimburse staff and to make payments for all other expenses approved by the School Directors, (3) maintaining the School bank account, (5) assisting the School Directors in preparing the annual budget and financial reports.

Section 7. The School Directors are responsible for all school operations. School operations include, but are not limited to; overall planning, enabling smooth functioning collaboration and communication between various school staff and school volunteers in carrying out the following tasks: (1) overseeing school's academic tasks, (2) providing logistic support to the School operations, (3) maintaining an overall healthy financial status through financial planning and budgeting, (4) facilitating all school's culture enrichment and other extracurricular programs and activities.

Section 8. The Board meeting may be closed or open; only the Board of Trustees shall have voting rights. During a voting procedure for any proposed subject, anyone on the Board who may have conflict of interest (determined by a two-third majority of the Board) in the proposed subject matter shall be refrained from voting.

Section 9. A quorum must be formed by at least two third (2/3) of the Board before business can be transacted or motions made or passed. The Board may vote either in person or by an absentee email vote. In the case of absentee votes, the absent Board Trustee must email their votes to the entire Board. An official Board meeting requires that all Board of Trustees be informed of the detailed meeting agenda at least seven (7) days in advance. An emergency meeting may be called by the President or School administration with no less than twenty-four (24) hours advanced email notification followed by phone call confirmation to all Board Trustees. Detailed meeting agenda must be sent to the Board at least twenty-four (24) hours in advance to allow enough consideration of issues to be discussed.

Section 10. All communications using the name of NVSI Board shall have permission from the two third (2/3) majority of Board Trustees in advance to be considered legitimate. All public relations impacting the School operation shall be communicated to the community in a timely manner.

Section 4. The Directors are responsible for coordinating the School's overall financial management, which includes (1) collecting tuition and all other receivables, (2) signing checks or delegating other authorized signers to reimburse staffs and teachers and



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to make payments for all other expenses approved by the Principal or his/her appointees, (3) compiling student records with financial information, (4) maintaining the School bank account, (5) preparing financial statements and publishing them in the School Newsletters, (6) preparing the annual budget and financial reports.

Article VII. School Tuition and Financial Operation

Section 1. The tuition and other appropriate fees are set by the Board of Trustees on an annual basis. The tuition shall be set to help cover costs of School operation, including reimbursements to teachers and compensations to other contractors, upkeep of facilities, teaching supplies, and other services retained by the School. The support and maintenance of the School shall be by payment of tuition, together with voluntary gifts, solicitations, contributions, devises, bequests, and endowment, either absolutely or in trust, public and private grants.

Section 2. The School Directors have complete authority to make necessary purchases for the School. Major unbudgeted spending shall be approved by a majority of the Board of Trustees.

Section 3. The Board of Trustees shall review and approve the budget proposed by the School Directors, and all expenditures must be within the budget. Any major change in the budget must be approved by the Board. Annual reports are required to be submitted to the Board showing incomes, receivables, expenditures, payables, and all other financial matters. The financial records of the School are public information and shall be made available to the public at a due request.

Article X. Amendments

Amendments to the Bylaws may be proposed by no less than three (3) Board Trustees. The proposed amendment shall be presented by the Board and shall be approved by a simple majority vote of the Board at a general meeting.



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These Bylaws have been adopted and approved in the Board meeting on Thursday November 18, 2021.

Sherry Pendleton, Board President	Date
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Adriana Pereyra, Secretary	Date
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Charles Thompson, Treasurer	Date
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Christina Threeton, School Director	Date
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Eric Threeton, School Director	Date
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