

FIXED TERM EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT
Between
EL CAMINO REAL ALLIANCE & GREGORY WOOD

This Employment Agreement (“Agreement”) is entered into by and between the above-named employee (the “Employee”) and the Governing Board (“Board”) of El Camino Real Alliance (“ECRA”), a California public charter school approved by the Los Angeles Unified School District (“District”). The Board desires to hire employees who will assist the Board in achieving the goals and meeting the requirements of ECRA’s charter. The parties recognize that the provisions of the California Education Code do not govern ECRA, except as expressly set forth in the Charter Schools Act of 1992 and its successors.

RECITALS

WHEREAS, ECRA is a charter school, organized and operating pursuant to the provisions of the Charter document (“Charter”) and applicable law; and

WHEREAS, ECRA is authorized pursuant to the terms of the Charter to appoint and hire the Employee to assist the Board and to carry out the duties and functions as outlined in the job description attached and incorporated to this Agreement as **Attachment A**; and

WHEREAS, ECRA desires to retain the services of the Employee of ECRA by way of this Agreement and the Employee is qualified to perform such duties; and

WHEREAS, the Employee and ECRA desire to formalize the employment relationship by way of this Agreement;

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the foregoing recitals and the mutual terms and conditions contained herein, the parties hereto do agree as follows:

AGREEMENT

1. **TERM AND WORK SCHEDULE.** Subject to Section 12, “Termination of Contract” herein, ECRA hereby employs the Employee to serve as the Chief Business Officer for a term to commence on July 1, 2020 and end on June 30, 2023.

The Chief Business Officer position is a full-time position exempt from overtime law. As a minimum performance requirement, the work schedule for the Employee shall be Monday through Friday, with daily work hours at the School of 7:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. As this position is exempt from overtime, additional duties of the Employee may need to be performed outside of the daily work schedule.

The Employee will not render services in person or by electronic means, paid or otherwise, for any other person or entity during contracted work hours with ECRA.

2. **COMPENSATION.** The Employee will receive a monthly salary based upon a gross base annual salary of \$174,787.20, subject to all regular withholdings. The Employee’s compensation may be prorated depending on whether the Employee remains employed, or in active work status, for all scheduled workdays of the position. Based upon the annual performance of the Employee as documented in the performance evaluation, as well as the financial stability of the School, the Employee may be eligible, on an annual basis, to receive

additional compensation in the form of a salary increase or bonus from the Board.

3. **BENEFITS.**

- a. **Health/Retirement Benefits.** At the School's expense, the Employee shall be afforded such health benefits as shall be granted to ECRA's certificated employees, including entitlement to participation in PERS or STRS as applicable, subject to program and eligibility requirements.
- b. **Vacation.** The Employee is also entitled to vacation to be accrued at the rate of two (2) days per month (twenty-four (24) days annually). Vacation time may not be utilized before it is earned. Vacation can accrue up to a maximum of thirty-six (36) days of pay. Once this cap is reached, no further vacation will accrue until some vacation is used. When some vacation is used, vacation compensation will begin to accrue again. There is no retroactive grant of vacation compensation for the period of time the accrued vacation compensation was at the cap. During the first six (6) months of employment, vacation time will accrue but may not be utilized (unless otherwise agreed to on a case-by-case basis). Thereafter, vacation days may be used by the Employee subject to the prior approval of the Executive Director.
- c. **Sick Leave.** The Employee shall be entitled to thirteen (13) sick days annually. Sick days carry over from year to year but are not paid out.
- d. **Holidays.** The Employee shall take holiday days according to the calendar of holidays observed by the School annually.
- e. **Technology.** ECRCHS will provide the Employee a cell reimbursement of \$50.00 per month.

4. **DUTIES.** The Employee shall perform the duties of the Chief Business Officer as directed by the Board, Board Policy or procedures, prescribed by the Charter, or specified in the attached job description which is incorporated by reference as **Attachment A** to this Agreement. This description and the job duties for the Employee may be altered from time to time by the Board. The Employee is exempt from overtime law.

5. **WORK YEAR.** In accordance with the term of this Agreement, the Employee shall be required to work consistent with the work calendar for this position throughout the school year.

6. **EVALUATION.** The Executive Director shall evaluate the performance of the Employee at least once annually. This evaluation shall be based on the job description and any other mutually developed goals or standards. If applicable, the evaluation shall include recommendations as to areas of improvement in all instances where the Executive Director deems such to be necessary or appropriate. A copy of the written evaluation shall be delivered to the Employee and he shall have the right to make an oral or written response to the evaluation. Within thirty (30) days of the delivery of the written evaluation to the Employee, the Executive Director shall meet with the Employee to discuss the evaluation.

7. **EXPENSE REIMBURSEMENT.** ECRA shall reimburse the Employee for all documented actual and necessary expenses personally incurred within the scope of employment in accordance with applicable ECRA policy and authorization.

8. **FINGERPRINTING/TB CLEARANCE.** Fingerprint clearance for the Employee will be acquired through submitting the Employee's fingerprints to the California Department of Justice. The Employee will be required to assume the cost of all fees related to the fingerprinting process and will be required to submit evidence from a licensed physician that he/she was found to be free from tuberculosis risk factors, or active tuberculosis if risk factors were identified. Both clearances must be in place prior to the first day of service.
9. **CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT REPORTING.** California Penal Code § 11166 requires any child care custodian who has knowledge of, or observes, a child in his or her professional capacity or within the scope of his or her employment whom he or she knows or reasonably suspects has been the victim of child abuse to report the known or suspected instance of child abuse to a child protective agency immediately, or as soon as practically possible, by telephone and to prepare and send a written report thereof within thirty-six (36) hours of receiving the information concerning the incident. By executing this Agreement, the Employee acknowledges he is a child care custodian and is certifying that he has knowledge of California Penal Code § 11166 and will comply with its provisions.
10. **CONFLICTS OF INTEREST.** The Employee understands that, while employed at the School, he will have access to confidential and proprietary information. The Employee therefore shall not maintain employment or contracts for employment, or engage in any consultant or independent contractor relationship, with any other agency or school that will in any way conflict with his employment with ECRA.
11. **OUTSIDE PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES.** Upon obtaining prior written approval of the Executive Director, the Employee may undertake for consideration outside professional activities, including consulting, speaking, and writing. The outside activities shall not occur during regular work hours. ECRA shall in no way be responsible for any expenses attendant to the performance of such outside activities.

12. **TERMINATION OF CONTRACT**

This Agreement may be terminated by any of the following:

- a. **Termination For Cause:** The Employee may be terminated by the Board at any time for cause. In addition, the Employee may be disciplined (e.g. reprimand, suspension without pay) for cause during the term of this Agreement. "Cause" shall include, but is not limited to, breach of this Agreement; any ground enumerated in the Employee Handbook; or the Employee's failure to perform his/her duties as set forth in this Agreement, as defined by law, or as specified in the above-mentioned and incorporated by reference job specification.

The Board shall not terminate this Agreement pursuant to this paragraph until a written statement of the grounds of termination has first been served upon the Employee. The Employee shall have the right to a representative of his/her choice at a conference with the Board. The conference with the Board shall be the Employee's exclusive right to any hearing otherwise required by law.

- b. **Early Termination Without Cause:** The Board may unilaterally and without cause or advance notice terminate this Agreement. In consideration of the Board's right to terminate this Agreement without cause, the Board shall pay to the Employee his/her

salary for a period of time not to exceed three (3) months, or the remaining term of the Agreement, whichever is less.

- c. **Death or Incapacitation of Employee:** The death of the Employee shall terminate this Agreement and all rights entitled under this Agreement. In the event that the Employee becomes incapacitated to the extent that, in the judgment of the Board, the Employee may no longer perform the essential functions of his job with or without reasonable accommodation, as set forth in job specifications, the Board may terminate this Agreement.
 - d. **Revocation/Nonrenewal:** In the event that the ECRA charter with its granting agency is either revoked or nonrenewed, this Agreement shall terminate immediately upon the effective date of the revocation/nonrenewal of the charter, and without the need for the process outlined in Sections a or b above.
13. **NON-RENEWAL/EXPIRATION OF TERM.** The Board may elect not to offer future employment agreements to the Employee at its sole discretion, without cause, and this Agreement will lapse by its own terms.
 14. **REQUIRED CONTRACT PROVISIONS.** The following provisions are required to be included in this Agreement by the California Government Code:
 - a. **Limitations on Cash Settlement.** In no case upon termination of this Agreement shall the maximum cash settlement exceed an amount equal to the monthly salary of the Employee multiplied by 6.
 - b. **Required Reimbursements.** The Employee shall be required to reimburse ECRA for any salary or fees he receives from ECRA in relation to his/her placement on paid administrative leave pending criminal charges if he is convicted of a crime involving the abuse of office/position. Regardless of the term of this Agreement, if the Agreement is terminated, the Employee must reimburse ECRA for any cash settlement he/she receives in relation to his termination if he is convicted of a crime involving the abuse of office/position.
 15. **ENTIRE AGREEMENT.** This Agreement supersedes any and all other Agreements, either oral or in writing, between the parties hereto with respect to the subject matter hereof, and no other Agreement, statement or promise related to the subject matter of this Agreement which is not contained in this Agreement shall be valid or binding.
 16. **WAIVER.** Either party to this Agreement may specifically and expressly waive, in writing, compliance by the other party thereto with any term, condition or requirements set forth in this Agreement. Either party to this Agreement may specifically and expressly waive, in writing, any breach of any term, condition or requirement of this Agreement by the other party hereto. However, in the event that either party makes or gives such a waiver, such action shall not constitute a further or continuing waiver of any preceding or succeeding breach, or requirement of compliance with, the same or any other provision or contractual requirement, unless a specific statement to the contrary is contained with such waiver. No waiver or consent shall be implied from the silence or from the failure of any party to act, except as otherwise specified in this Agreement.
 17. **JURISDICTION.** The parties hereby understand and agree that this Agreement, and the

attachments hereto, have been negotiated and executed in the State of California and shall be governed by, and construed under, the laws of the State of California.

18. **AMENDMENTS.** No addition to, or modification of, any provision contained in this Agreement shall be effective unless fully set forth in writing *and* signed by the authorized representative of both of the parties hereto.
19. **INTERPRETATION AND OPPORTUNITY TO COUNSEL.** The parties hereto acknowledge and agree that each has been given an opportunity to independently review this Agreement with legal counsel. In the event of a controversy or dispute between the parties concerning the provisions herein, this document shall be interpreted according to the provisions herein and no presumption shall arise concerning the draftsman of such provision.
20. **SEVERABILITY.** If any term, provision, condition or covenant of the Agreement shall, to any extent, be held invalid or unenforceable, the remainder of the Agreement shall not be affected thereby, and each term and provision of this Agreement shall be valid and enforceable to the fullest extent provided by law.
21. **EXECUTION OF COUNTERPARTS.** This Agreement may be executed in any number of counterparts, each of which shall be deemed a duplicate original when all counterparts are executed, but all of which constitute a single instrument.
22. **SIGNATURES.** In witness therein, we affix our signatures to this Agreement with the full and complete understanding of the relationship between the parties hereto.

The Governing Board of and on Behalf
of ECRA

DATED: _____

By: _____
David Hussey, Executive Director,

DATED: _____

Gregory Wood

This Employment Agreement is subject to ratification and approval by the Governing Board of ECRA.

ATTACHMENT A

The Chief Business Officer is responsible for all financial matters of El Camino Real Alliance dba El Camino Real Charter High School (“ECRCHS” or the “School”), including, but not limited to, its fiscal operations, its funds and investments, and its financial programs. The CBO leads, manages, and directs all financial and non-academic operational functions of the School.

Duties and Responsibilities:

- Performs the initial infrastructure set-up of fiscal controls and procedures, and on an on-going basis supervises purchasing accounting/finance, payroll, and funding and fiscal compliance.
- Serves as the liaison between the School and various local, state and federal government agencies such as LACOE, EDD, IRS, CDE, and LAUSD.
- Prepares and monitors the annual budget, including estimated revenues and expenditures along with multi-year projections.
- Responsible for certifying and processing transactions (fund control, disbursements, receivables, loans, and receipts), establishing financial management systems, preparing financial statements, and ensuring compliance with financial management laws and regulations.
- Responsible for reviewing the process of salary payments for all school employees and performing other duties related to payroll including tax deposits, external reporting, and third-party payments.
- Assist the coordination and implementation of the various employee benefits programs offered by the schools such as retirement and health benefit administration.
- Oversees all financial aspects of the Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP) as implemented through the Local Control Funding Formula (LCFF).
- Organizes, administrates, and supervises support services (payroll, purchasing, associated student body personnel).
- Responsible for risk management, including legal and environmental issues.
- Serves as the investment manager.
- Oversees the accounting department to ensure proper maintenance of all accounting systems, records and functions.
- Ensures maintenance of appropriate internal controls and financial procedures.
- Coordinates year end close of financial records, audits and proper filing of tax returns.
- Ensures legal and regulatory compliance regarding all financial functions.
- Approves purchase orders, signs invoices, signs checks and approves wire transfers.
- Prepare informational documents and report to support ECRCHS’ negotiations teams in collective bargaining with all groups; monitor, analyze, and report to the Executive Director and the Board information related to collective bargaining .
- Finance:
 - Oversees cash flow planning and ensure availability of funds as needed.
 - Oversees financing strategies and activities, as well as banking relationships.
 - Execute a well-structured financial plan which ensures healthy reserves to meet future obligations including future capital expenditures, and contributions to the school’s retiree benefits trust.
 - Explore the availability of alternate funding sources to augment the school’s overall revenue (e.g. facility rentals, student activities, international student programs, student store sales, development fundraising, etc.).

- Oversees budgeting, and the implementation of budgets, to monitor progress and present operational metrics both internally and externally.
- Ensures that finance staff maintains financial record systems in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP) and monitor the use of all funds.
- Oversees the preparation and approval of all financial reporting materials and metrics for funding organizations and board of directors; prepare and communicate monthly and annual financial statements.
- Manages cashflow and forecasting.
- Strategy:
 - As a true business partner to the Executive Director and chief officers, assesses organizational performance against both the annual budget and long-term strategy. Develops tools and systems to provide critical financial and operational information to the Executive Director.
 - Participates in the on-going strategic planning process as an integral member of the senior management team.
 - Oversees long-term budgetary planning and cost management in alignment with strategic plan.
 - Engages the Executive Director to align financial management with short-and long-term financial planning and projections.
- Work closely with the School's back office accounting firm to review produced reports and financial, research accounting issues, provide information needed for the final budget, and provide information on internal accounting transactions (e.g. accruals, depreciation, reserves, liability calculations).
- Work with actuary on the final calculation for retiree benefits by supervising the information gathering for the actuarial calculation.
- Work with and attend meetings held by various educational institutions, including LACOE and LAUSD specific to SELPA, Charter Offices, Facilities, Human Resources, Child Nutrition, Compliance, etc. Attend relevant trainings and workshops and ensure proper understanding of all bulletins and articles that require further planning and/or action.
- Troubleshoot issues from government authorities including but not limited to the IRS/EDD/ BOE/STRS/PERS/City of LA/Secretary of State; assist with any audits and reviews and provide necessary reports and tax forms.
- Conduct financial feasibility studies for possible expansion projects; work with Pacific Charter School Development or other consultants on possible expansion projects.
- Train and supervise business personnel and Back Office provider.
- Review the final restricted spending reports (e.g. LCAP, College Readiness, Title I, etc.) and incorporate the spending items into the final budget; communicate spending items to the Back Office provider effectively and on a timely basis.
- Work closely and harmoniously with School staff, administration, Board, and contract service providers.
- Responsible for any additional duties, responsibilities, and functions as delegated by the School's Executive Director.