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Lynn Cruz, Director

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Meetings and action of committees shall be governed by, noticed, held and taken in accordance with the provisions of these Bylaws concerning meetings of the Board of Directors, with such changes in the context of such Bylaw provisions as are necessary to substitute the committee and its members for the Board of Directors and its members, except that the time for regular meetings of committees may be fixed by resolution of the Board of Directors or by the committee.

## **Article X – Execution of Instruments Deposits ad Funds**

### **Section 1. Execution of Instruments**

The Board of Directors, except as otherwise provided in these Bylaws, may by resolution authorize any officer or agent of the corporation to enter into any contract or execute and deliver any instrument in the name of and on behalf of the corporation, and such authority may be general or confined to specific instances. Unless so authorized, no officer, agent, or employee shall have any power or authority to bind the corporation by any contract or engagement or to pledge its credit or to render it liable monetarily for any purpose or in any amount.

### **Section 2. Checks and Notes**

Except as otherwise specifically determined by resolution of the Board of Directors, or as otherwise required by law, checks, drafts, promissory notes, orders for the payment of money, and other evidence of indebtedness of the corporation shall be signed by the Treasurer and countersigned by the Vice-President of the corporation.

### **Section 3. Deposits**

All funds of the corporation shall be deposited from time to time to the credit of the corporation in such banks, trust companies, or other depositories as the Board of Directors may select.

### **Section 4. Gifts**

The Board of Directors may accept on behalf of the corporation any contribution, gift, bequest, or devise for the charitable or public purposes of this corporation.

## **Article XI- Positions on Legislation**

UCEN positions on legislation must be approved by a majority vote of the Board. Positions must be brought to the Board by a Legislative Committee whose task will be to research the legislation and create a written position statement. The position statement must be approved by the Board. The Board may advise the public of its position on legislation.

## **Article XII- Bylaws**

### **Section 1. Adoption of Bylaws:**

These bylaws shall become effective upon approval of the Board.

### **Section 2. Amendments to Bylaws:**

These bylaws may be amended by a affirmative vote of two-thirds of those Board members present at any meeting provided the amendments have been submitted to the members of the

corporation which relate to the performance of the charitable or public purposes of this corporation.

## **Article IX- Committees**

### **Section 1. Executive Committee**

The Board of Directors may, by a majority vote of directors, designate two (2) or more of its members (who may also be serving as officers of this corporation) to constitute an Executive Committee and delegate to such Committee any of the powers and authority of the board in the management of the business and affairs of the corporation, except with respect to:

- a. The filling of vacancies on the board or on any committee which has the authority of the board.
- b. The fixing of compensation of the directors for serving on the board or on any committee.
- c. The amendment or repeal of Bylaws or the adoption of new Bylaws.
- d. The amendment or repeal or any resolution of the board which by its express terms is not so amendable or able to be repealed..
- e. The appointment of committees of the board or the members thereof.
- f. The expenditure of corporate funds to support a nominee for director after there are more people nominated for director than can be elected.
- g. The approval of any transaction to which this corporation is a party and in which one or more of the directors has a material financial interest, except as expressly provided in Section 5233(d)(3) of the California Nonprofit Public Benefit Corporation Law.

By a majority vote of its members then in office, the board may at any time revoke or modify any or all of the authority so delegated, increase or decrease but not below two (2) the number of its members, and fill vacancies therein from the members of the board. The Committee shall keep regular minutes of its proceedings, cause them to be filed with the corporate records, and report the same to the board from time to time as the board may require.

### **Section 2. Other Committees**

The corporation shall have such other committees as may from time to time be designated by resolution of the Board of Directors. Such other committees may consist of persons who are not also members of the board. These additional committees shall act in an advisory capacity only to the board and shall be clearly titled as "advisory" committees.

### **Section 3. Meetings and Action of Committees**

f. In general, perform all duties incident to the office of Secretary and such other duties as may be required by law, by the Articles of Incorporation of this corporation, or by these Bylaws, or which may be assigned to him or her from time to time by the Board of Directors.

#### **Section 9. Duties of the Treasurer**

- a. Subject to the provisions of these Bylaws relating to the "Execution of Instruments, Deposits and Funds," the Treasurer shall:
- b. Have charge and custody of, and be responsible for, all funds and securities of the corporation, and deposit all such funds in the name of the corporation in such banks, trust companies, or other depositories as shall be selected by the Board of Directors.
- c. Receive, and give receipt for, monies due and payable to the corporation from any source whatsoever.
- d. Disburse, or cause to be disbursed, the funds of the corporation as may be directed by the Board of Directors, taking proper vouchers for such disbursements.
- e. Keep and maintain adequate and correct accounts of the corporation's properties and business transactions, including accounts of its assets, liabilities, receipts, disbursements, gains and losses.
- f. Exhibit at all reasonable times the books of account and financial records to any director of the corporation, or to his or her agent or attorney, on request therefor.
- g. Render to the President and directors, whenever requested, an account of any or all of his or her transactions as Treasurer and of the financial condition of the corporation.
- h. Prepare, or cause to be prepared, and certify, or cause to be certified, the financial statements to be included in any required reports.
- i. In general, perform all duties incident to the office of Treasurer and such other duties as may be required by law, by the Articles of Incorporation of the corporation, or by these Bylaws, or which may be assigned to him or her from time to time by the Board of Directors.

#### **Section 10. Compensation**

The salaries of the officers, if any, shall be fixed from time to time by resolution of the Board of Directors, and no officer shall be prevented from receiving such salary by reason of the fact that he or she is also a director of the corporation, provided, however, that such compensation paid a director for serving as an officer of this corporation shall only be allowed if permitted under the provisions of Article 3, Section 6 of these Bylaws. In all cases, any salaries received by officers of this corporation shall be reasonable and given in return for services actually rendered for the

Any vacancy caused by the death, resignation, removal, disqualification, or otherwise, of any officer shall be filled by the Board of Directors. In the event of a vacancy in any office other than that of President, such vacancy may be filled temporarily by appointment by the President until such time as the Board shall fill the vacancy. Vacancies occurring in offices of officers appointed at the discretion of the board may or may not be filled as the board shall determine.

#### **Section 6. Duties of President**

The President shall be the chief executive officer of the corporation and shall, subject to the control of the Board of Directors, supervise and control the affairs of the corporation and the activities of the officers. He or she shall perform all duties incident to his or her office and such other duties as may be required by law, by the Articles of Incorporation of this corporation, or by these Bylaws, or which may be prescribed from time to time by the Board of Directors. He or she shall preside at all meetings of the Board of Directors. Except as otherwise expressly provided by law, by the Articles of Incorporation, or by these Bylaws, he or she shall, in the name of the corporation, execute such deeds, mortgages, bonds, contracts, checks, or other instruments which may from time to time be authorized by the Board of Directors.

#### **Section 7. Duties of the Vice President- President Elect**

In the absence of the President, or in the event of his or her inability or refusal to act, the Vice President shall perform all the duties of the President, and when so acting shall have all the powers of, and be subject to all the restrictions on, the President. The Vice President shall have other powers and perform such other duties as may be prescribed by law, by the Articles of Incorporation, or by these Bylaws, or as may be prescribed by the Board of Directors. In addition the Vice President shall serve as President the year following their term as Vice-President.

#### **Section 8. Duties of Secretary**

The Secretary shall:

- a. Certify and keep at the principal office of the corporation the original, or a copy of these Bylaws as amended or otherwise altered to date.
- b. Keep at the principal office of the corporation or at such other place as the board may determine, a book of minutes of all meetings of the directors, and, if applicable, meetings of committees of directors and of members, recording therein the time and place of holding, whether regular or special, how called, how notice thereof was given, the names of those present or represented at the meeting, and the proceedings thereof.
- c. See that all notices are duly given in accordance with the provisions of these Bylaws or as required by law.
- d. Be custodian of the records and of the seal of the corporation and see that the seal is affixed to all duly executed documents, the execution of which on behalf of the corporation under its seal is authorized by law or these Bylaws.
- e. Exhibit at all reasonable times to any director of the corporation, or to his or her agent or attorney, on request therefor, the Bylaws, the membership book, and the minutes of the proceedings of the directors of the corporation.

that he or she is, or was, an agent of the corporation, or has been successful in defense of any claim, issue or matter, therein, such person shall be indemnified against expenses actually and reasonably incurred by the person in connection with such proceeding.

If such person either settles any such claim or sustains a judgment against him or her, then indemnification against expenses, judgments, fines, settlements and other amounts reasonably incurred in connection with such proceedings shall be provided by this corporation but only to the extent allowed by, and in accordance with the requirements of, Section 5238 of the California Nonprofit Public Benefit Corporation Law.

### **Section 20. Insurance for Corporate Agents**

The Board of Directors may adopt a resolution authorizing the purchase and maintenance of insurance on behalf of any agent of the corporation (including a director, officer, employee or other agent of the corporation) against any liability other than for violating provisions of law relating to self-dealing (Section 5233 of the California Nonprofit Public Benefit Corporation Law) asserted against or incurred by the agent in such capacity or arising out of the agent's status as such, whether or not the corporation would have the power to indemnify the agent against such liability under the provisions of Section 5238 of the California Nonprofit Public Benefit Corporation Law.

## **Article VIII-Officers**

### **Section 1. Number of Officers**

The officers of the corporation shall be a President, a Vice-President/President Elect, Secretary, and Treasurer. Any board member may hold more than one office.

### **Section 2. Qualification, Election and Term of Office**

Any person may serve as officer of this corporation. Officers shall be elected by the Board of Directors, at any time, and each officer shall hold office for one year.

### **Section 3. Subordinate Officers**

The Board of Directors may appoint such other officers or agents as it may deem desirable, and such officers shall serve such terms, have such authority, and perform such duties as may be prescribed from time to time by the Board of Directors.

### **Section 4. Removal and Resignation**

Any officer may be removed, either with or without cause, by the Board of Directors, at any time. Any officer may resign at any time by giving written notice to the Board of Directors or to the President or Secretary of the corporation. Any such resignation shall take effect at the date of receipt of such notice or at any later date specified therein, and, unless otherwise specified therein, the acceptance of such resignation shall not be necessary to make it effective. The above provisions of this Section shall be superseded by any conflicting terms of a contract which has been approved or ratified by the Board of Directors relating to the employment of any officer of the corporation.

### **Section 5. Vacancies**

board" shall not include any "interested director" as defined in Section 5233 of the California Nonprofit Public Benefit Corporation Law. Such written consent or consents shall be filed with the minutes of the proceedings of the board. Such action by written consent shall have the same force and effect as the unanimous vote of the directors. Any certificate or other document filed under any provision of law which relates to action so taken shall state that the action was taken by unanimous written consent of the Board of Directors without a meeting and that the Bylaws of this corporation authorize the directors to so act, and such statement shall be prima facie evidence of such authority.

#### **Section 17. Vacancies**

Vacancies on the Board of Directors shall exist (1) on the death, resignation or removal of any director, and (2) whenever the number of authorized directors is increased.

The Board of Directors may declare vacant the office of a director who has been declared of unsound mind by a final order of court, or convicted of a felony, or been found by a final order or judgment of any court to have breached any duty under Section 5230 and following of the California Nonprofit Public Benefit Corporation Law.

Since this corporation has no members, directors may be removed without cause by a majority of the directors then in office.

Any director may resign effective upon giving written notice to the Chairperson of the Board, the President, the Secretary, or the Board of Directors, unless the notice specifies a later time for the effectiveness of such resignation. No director may resign if the corporation would then be left without a duly elected director or directors in charge of its affairs, except upon notice to the Attorney General.

Vacancies on the board may be filled by approval of the board or, if the number of directors then in office is less than a quorum, by (1) the unanimous written consent of the directors then in office, (2) the affirmative vote of a majority of the directors then in office at a meeting held pursuant to notice or waivers of notice complying with this Article of these Bylaws, or (3) a sole remaining director.

A person elected to fill a vacancy as provided by this Section shall hold office until the next annual election of the Board of Directors or until his or her death, resignation or removal from office.

#### **Section 18. Non-Liability of Directors**

The directors shall not be personally liable for the debts, liabilities, or other obligations of the corporation.

#### **Section 19. Indemnification By Corporation of Directors, Officers, Employees and Other Agents**

To the extent that a person who is, or was, a director, officer, employee or other agent of this corporation has been successful on the merits in defense of any civil, criminal, administrative or investigative proceeding brought to procure a judgment against such person by reason of the fact



### **Section 13. Quorum for Meetings**

A quorum shall consist of at least 50% of the current Directors.

Except as otherwise provided in these Bylaws or in the Articles of Incorporation of this corporation, or by law, no business shall be considered by the board at any meeting at which a quorum, as hereinafter defined, is not present, and the only motion which the Chair shall entertain at such meeting is a motion to adjourn. However, a majority of the directors present at such meeting may adjourn from time to time until the time fixed for the next regular meeting of the board.

When a meeting is adjourned for lack of a quorum, it shall not be necessary to give any notice of the time and place of the adjourned meeting or of the business to be transacted at such meeting, other than by announcement at the meeting at which the adjournment is taken, except as provided in Section 10 of this Article.

The directors present at a duly called and held meeting at which a quorum is initially present may continue to do business notwithstanding the loss of a quorum at the meeting due to a withdrawal of directors from the meeting, provided that any action thereafter taken must be approved by at least a majority of the required quorum for such meeting or such greater percentage as may be required by law, or the Articles of Incorporation or Bylaws of this corporation.

### **Section 14. Majority Action as Board Action**

Every act or decision done or made by a majority of the directors present at a meeting duly held at which a quorum is present is the act of the Board of Directors, unless the Articles of Incorporation or Bylaws of this corporation, or provisions of the California Nonprofit Public Benefit Corporation Law, particularly those provisions relating to appointment of committees (Section 5212), approval of contracts or transactions in which a director has a material financial interest (Section 5233) and indemnification of directors (Section 5238e), require a greater percentage or different voting rules for approval of a matter by the board.

### **Section 15. Conduct of Meetings**

Meetings of the Board of Directors shall be presided over by the President of the Corporation. In his or her absence, the meeting shall be presided over by the Vice President of the corporation or, in the absence of each of these persons, by a Chairperson chosen by a majority of the directors present at the meeting. The Secretary of the corporation shall act as secretary of all meetings of the board, provided that, in his or her absence, the presiding officer shall appoint another person to act as Secretary of the Meeting.

Meetings shall be governed by Roberts Rules of Order, as such rules may be revised from time to time, insofar as such rules are not inconsistent with or in conflict with these Bylaws, with the Articles of Incorporation of this corporation, or with provisions of law.

### **Section 16. Action by Unanimous Written Consent Without a Meeting**

Action required or permitted to be taken by the Board of Directors under any provision of law may be taken without a meeting, if all members of the board shall individually or collectively consent in writing to such action. For the purposes of this Section only, "all members of the

meeting as hereinafter provided for special meetings of the board. Any meeting, regular or special, may be held by conference telephone or similar communications equipment, so as long as all directors participating in such meeting can hear one another.

#### **Section 8. Regular and Annual Meetings**

Regular meetings of Directors shall be held once each month during each month of the traditional school calendar except December. All Directors will be notified as to the exact time, date, and location by telephone, mail or electronic mail.

This corporation makes no provision for members, therefore at the annual meeting of directors held in September. Directors shall be elected by the Board of Directors in accordance with this section. The candidates receiving the highest number of votes up to the number of directors to be elected shall be elected. Each director shall cast one vote, with voting being by ballot only.

#### **Section 9. Special Meetings**

Special meetings of the Board of Directors may be called by the, the President, the Vice President, the Secretary, and such meetings shall be held at the place, within or without the State of California, designated by the person or persons calling the meeting, and in the absence of such designation, at the principal office of the corporation.

#### **Section 10. Notice of Meetings**

Regular meetings of the board may be held without notice. Special meetings of the board shall be held upon four (4) days' notice by first-class mail or forty-eight (48) hours' notice delivered personally or by telephone, electronic mail or telegraph. If sent by mail, electronic mail or telegraph, the notice shall be deemed to be delivered on its deposit in the mails or on its delivery to the telegraph company. Such notices shall be addressed to each director at his or her address as shown on the books of the corporation. Notice of the time and place of holding an adjourned meeting need not be given to absent directors if the time and place of the adjourned meeting are fixed at the meeting adjourned and if such adjourned meeting is held no more than twenty-four (24) hours from the time of the original meeting. Notice shall be given of any adjourned regular or special meeting to directors absent from the original meeting if the adjourned meeting is held more than twenty-four (24) hours from the time of the original meeting.

#### **Section 11. Contents of Notice**

Notice of meetings not herein dispensed with shall specify the place, day and hour of the meeting. The purpose of any board meeting need not be specified in the notice.

#### **Section 12. Waiver of Notice and Consent to Hold Meetings**

The transactions of any meeting of the board, however called and noticed or wherever held, are as valid as though the meeting had been duly held after proper call and notice, provided a quorum, as hereinafter defined, is present and provided that either before or after the meeting each director not present signs a waiver of notice, a consent to holding the meeting, or an approval of the minutes thereof. All such waivers, consents, or approvals shall be filed with the corporate records or made a part of the minutes of the meeting.

b. Appoint and remove, employ and discharge, and, except as otherwise provided in these Bylaws, prescribe the duties and fix the compensation, if any, of all officers, agents and employees of the corporation;

c. Supervise all officers, agents and employees of the corporation to assure that their duties are performed properly;

d. Meet at such times and places as required by these Bylaws;

e. Register their addresses with the Secretary of the corporation and notices of meetings mailed or sent by electronic mail or telegraphed to them at such addresses shall be valid notices thereof.

#### **Section 4. Terms of Office**

The members of the Board shall serve for a term of two years. In order to ensure continuity of the Board one half of the members shall be appointed in even numbered years and one half in odd numbered years. Board members may serve more than one term but must be re-appointed at the end of their two- year term.

#### **Section 5. Compensation**

Directors shall serve without compensation. Board members shall be allowed reasonable advancement or reimbursement of expenses incurred in the performance of their regular duties as specified in Section 3 of this Article. Directors may not be compensated for rendering services to the corporation in any capacity other than director unless such other compensation is reasonable and is allowable under the provisions of Section 6 of this Article.

#### **Section 6. Restriction Regarding Interested Directors**

Notwithstanding any other provision of these Bylaws, not more than forty-nine percent (49%) of the persons serving on the board may be interested persons. For purposes of this Section, "interested persons" means either:

a. Any person currently being compensated by the corporation for services rendered it within the previous twelve (12) months, whether as a full- or part-time officer or other employee, independent contractor, or otherwise, excluding any reasonable compensation paid to a director as director; or

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 any such person.

#### **Section 7. Place of Meetings**

Meetings shall be held at the principal office of the corporation unless otherwise provided by the board or at such place within or without the State of California which has been designated from time to time by resolution of the Board of Directors. In the absence of such designation, any meeting not held at the principal office of the corporation shall be valid only if held on the written consent of all directors given either before or after the meeting and filed with the Secretary of the corporation or after all board members have been given written notice of the

**Article V – Offices**

**Section 1. Principal Office**

The principal office of the corporation for the transaction of its business is located in Monterey County, California.

**Section 2. Change of Address**

The county of the corporation's principal office can be changed only by amendment of these Bylaws and not otherwise. The Board of Directors may, however, change the principal office from one location to another within the named county by noting the changed address and effective date below, and such changes of address shall not be deemed an amendment of these Bylaws:

_____	Dated: _____, 20__
_____	Dated: _____, 20__
_____	Dated: _____, 20__

**Section 3. Other Offices**

The corporation may also have offices at such other places, within or without the State of California, where it is qualified to do business, as its business may require and as the board of directors may, from time to time, designate.

**Article VI- Membership**

There are no members of this corporation.

**Article VII - Directors**

**Section 1. Number**

The corporation shall have between 5 and 10 directors and collectively they shall be known as the Board of Directors. The number may be changed by amendment of this Bylaw, or by repeal of this Bylaw and adoption of a new Bylaw, as provided in these Bylaws.

**Section 2. Powers**

Subject to the provisions of the California Nonprofit Public Benefit Corporation law and any limitations in the Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws relating to action required or permitted to be taken or approved by the members, if any, of this corporation, the activities and affairs of this corporation shall be conducted and all corporate powers shall be exercised by or under the direction of the Board of Directors.

**Section 3. Duties**

It shall be the duty of the directors to:

- a. Perform any and all duties imposed on them collectively or individually by law, by the Articles of Incorporation of this corporation, or by these Bylaws;

**BYLAWS  
Of  
Under Construction Educational Network, Inc.**

**Article I – Name**

The corporation formerly known as All Children for Tomorrow, Inc., shall as of April 27, 2000 be designated, Under Construction Educational Network, Inc., referred to hereafter as UCEN.

**Article II – Authority**

All Children for Tomorrow was formed by Barbara Blalock on July 26, 1998. Authority was passed to the Board of Directors on March 27, 2000. The Board of Directors officially changed the name of the corporation on April 27, 2000.

**Article III- Mission**

"The mission of the Under Construction Educational Network Inc. is to provide educational programs and forums to further the understanding of Constructivist learning theory and its relationship to cognitive development, educational equity and social justice.

**Article IV- Objectives and Purposes**

The primary objectives and purposes of this corporation shall be:

- a. To demonstrate how a school built on a solid foundation of Constructivist learning theory can support an increase in children's social, academic and moral development
- b. To hold public meetings and forums to assist the community of parents and teachers in separating educational issues from political issues
- c. To equip parents and teachers with strategies so that they can advocate for children in the public school system
- d. To provide parents with the means and opportunities to take an active role in their children's education.
- e. To provide teachers with professional development opportunities through discussion groups, action research projects and collegial support
- f. To make a resource library available to the community of parents and teachers so that they can develop shared understanding of Constructivist learning theory and a commitment to the mission of UCEN

**Under Construction Educational Network, Inc.  
21 August 2004**

The mission of the Under Construction Educational Network, Inc., is to provide educational programs and forums for the Monterey Bay region that generate advocacy for active student engagement (Constructivist learning theory) with culturally relevant, intellectually rich curriculum aimed toward equity, social justice and participation in a linguistically and culturally diverse democracy.

In the next 3-5 years, UCEN, Inc., will:

Create and implement a plan to ensure financial sustainability and growth of the organization and its programs

Create evaluation protocols that will regularly measure its successes and challenges at meeting its mission as well as provide qualitative and quantitative information for reflection and improvement.

Develop conferences, forums, and workshops for the Monterey Bay community.

Work in collaboration with other groups whose missions complement ours while developing an identifiable network of people who will advocate jointly for the UCEN mission.

**NOTE: In August of '04 the board voted to adopt these changes in the mission statement of the organization. They were never officially changed in the document because the electronic copy of the document has been lost.**