

Bylaws of the School of Consciousness

Article I: Name

The name of the organization shall be **School of Consciousness**.

Article II: Purpose

The School of Consciousness is organized exclusively for charitable, religious, and educational purposes under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code. Our purpose is to provide a nurturing environment where children can grow holistically—integrating mind, body, and spirit—and develop their creativity, curiosity, and connection to the world.

Article III: Membership

1. **Membership Eligibility:**

The School of Consciousness does not have formal members. However, families participating in the homeschool co-op may be considered program participants and are encouraged to contribute to its success.

2. **Rights of Participants:**

Participants may have opportunities to volunteer, attend meetings, and provide feedback on the co-op's activities but will not have voting rights.

Article IV: Board of Directors

1. **Powers:**

The Board of Directors shall govern the organization, overseeing its programs, finances, and policies to ensure alignment with its mission.

2. **Number and Composition:**

The Board shall consist of a minimum of 3 and a maximum of 9 directors, including officers.

3. **Terms of Service:**

Directors shall serve two-year terms, renewable by a vote of the Board.

4. **Meetings:**

- Regular meetings shall be held quarterly, with at least 10 days' notice provided to all directors.
- A quorum, consisting of a majority of directors, is required for any official action.

5. **Removal and Vacancies:**

- Directors may be removed by a two-thirds vote of the remaining Board members for misconduct or failure to fulfill their responsibilities.

- Vacancies shall be filled by a majority vote of the remaining directors.
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Article V: Officers

1. Officer Positions:

The officers of the organization shall be a President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer.

2. Duties:

- **President:** Leads Board meetings, represents the organization, and oversees operations.
- **Vice President:** Assists the President and assumes their duties if absent.
- **Secretary:** Maintains meeting minutes and organizational records.
- **Treasurer:** Oversees financial management, including budgets and reports.

3. Election and Terms:

Officers shall be elected by the Board and serve two-year terms. Officers may be reelected.

Article VI: Committees

The Board may establish committees as needed to support the organization's mission, such as:

- **Education Committee:** Develops co-op curricula and programs.
 - **Finance Committee:** Oversees budgeting and fundraising efforts.
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Article VII: Financial Management

1. Fiscal Year:

The fiscal year of the School of Consciousness shall be from January 1 to December 31.

2. Budget:

An annual budget shall be approved by the Board prior to the start of each fiscal year.

3. Funds and Assets:

- All funds shall be used exclusively for the organization's purposes.
- No earnings shall inure to the benefit of private individuals.

4. Checks and Contracts:

- All checks over \$500 require two signatures.
- Contracts must be approved by the Board.

Article VIII: Conflict of Interest Policy**1. Disclosure:**

Any director, officer, or employee with a potential conflict of interest must disclose it to the Board.

2. Recusal:

Individuals with conflicts may not participate in decisions affecting the conflict.

Article IX: Indemnification

The organization shall indemnify directors, officers, and employees to the fullest extent permitted by law.

Article X: Amendments

These Bylaws may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the Board, provided the amendment aligns with Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and advance notice of the proposed change is given to all directors.

Article XI: Dissolution

Upon dissolution, all remaining assets shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or shall be distributed to a government entity for a public purpose, as outlined in the Articles of Incorporation.

Certification

These Bylaws were adopted by the Board of Directors of the School of Consciousness on 11/25/24.

President (Signature): _____

Secretary (Signature): _____