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UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT

EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA, SACRAMENTO DIVISION

In re Highlands Community Charter and Technical Schools, Debtor and Debtor in Possession.	Case No. 26-25868 Chapter 11 DCN: SMR-12 Judge: Hon. Christopher D. Jaime Date: November 10, 2026 Time: 11:00am Place: Courtroom 32 501 I Street Sacramento, California 95814

SUPPLEMENTAL DECLARATION OF MATTHEW ENGLISH IN SUPPORT OF DEBTOR'S APPLICATION TO EMPLOY ARCH & BEAM GLOBAL, LLC AS FINANCIAL ADVISORS

I, Matthew English, declare:

1. The matters stated herein are true and correct and are within my personal knowledge or information provided to me by other employees of Arch & Beam Global, LLC ("Arch + Beam"), and if called upon to testify as a witness, I could and would testify competently thereto.

2. I am a Senior Managing Director of Arch + Beam, proposed financial advisors to Highlands Community Charter and Technical Schools ("HCCTS" or the "Debtor") a California Non-Profit Corporation, and the debtor and debtor in possession in the above-captioned chapter 11 case. I founded Arch + Beam in 1998. I am a Certified Turnaround Professional and a Certified Insolvency and Restructuring Advisor. I have significant operational and financial experience in bankruptcy cases, including serving as financial advisor to companies in bankruptcy proceedings and to official committees of unsecured creditors.

3. This supplemental Declaration is made in further support of the *Debtor's Application to Employ Arch & Beam Global, LLC as Financial Advisors* (the "Application") filed on October 13 at Docket No. 82 and in response to informal questions submitted by the Office of the United States Trustee regarding Arch + Beam's employment. I give capitalized terms not defined here the meanings provided to them in the Application.

Updated Conflicts Report

4. In connection with the proposed retention of Arch + Beam by the Debtor, Arch + Beam performed an internal conflicts search to ensure that Arch + Beam does not have a conflict of interest that would prohibit it from representing the Debtor in this matter. The internal conflicts search was completed, and Arch + Beam is not aware of any conflicts that would prevent Arch + Beam from working on the Debtor's Bankruptcy Case, nor is it aware of any relationships or connections that it should disclose at this time.

Arch + Beam's Retention

5. Arch + Beam was first engaged by the Debtor on May 28, 2026.

Payment Information for the 90 days Preceding the Petition Date

6. Arch + Beam received retainer advances from the Debtor in the ordinary course in the aggregate amount of $819,350.06 during the 90 days preceding the Petition Date. Of these retainer advances, Arch + Beam is currently holding $500,000 in its client retainer account. At all times during Arch + Beam's engagement, the unapplied balance of its retainer account was sufficient to cover all accrued but unpaid fees and expenses, such that Arch + Beam never performed services or incurred expenses in excess of the retainer funds then held in such account.

7. I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States of America that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed on this 9th day of November, 2026, at Belmont, California.

Dated: November 9, 2026

By DocuSigned by: Matthew English 102C0850A852408...
MATTHEW ENGLISH