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DATE: August 31, 2026

TO: Dr. Ben Ubovich, PhD, President & CEO American College of Music

FROM: Kevin La Mountain, Executive Director Arizona State Board for Private Postsecondary Education

**SUBJECT: APPROVAL OF PROVISIONAL DEGREE-GRANTING LICENSE RENEWAL AND
ESTABLISHMENT OF COMPLIANCE STIPULATIONS**

Dr. Ubovich,

This letter serves as official notification of the administrative action taken by the Arizona State Board for Private Postsecondary Education (the "Board") during its public meeting on August 27, 2026. Under the pending licensure applications portion of the agenda, the Board reviewed and considered the renewal application for the American College of Music's provisional non-accredited degree-granting license. Following a thorough review of the application materials, a discussion led by Board Member Lauren Marocco, a presentation of your institutional operations and a review of the institution's financial stability, the Board voted unanimously (5–0) to approve the renewal of the American College of Music's provisional non-accredited degree-granting license for the upcoming year.

To ensure continued compliance with Arizona Revised Statutes (A.R.S.) and Board regulations as your institution works toward regional accreditation, this license renewal is subject to several binding stipulations.

BOARD STIPULATIONS:

1. **Maintenance of the Surety Bond:** The American College of Music must continuously maintain a **\$15,000 surety bond** on file as required and approved by the Board. Dr. Ubovich formally agreed to this stipulation during the public hearing.
2. **Submission of an Expanded Faculty Roster:** Within 60 days of this approval, the institution must submit to Board staff an updated, expanded faculty roster. This roster must clearly demonstrate that the newer programs are adequately staffed with qualified instructors who meet the credentialing standards of the state of Arizona. The Board reminds the institution that, in general, the preference for graduate-level instruction is faculty members who possess terminal degrees.

3. **DEAC Workshop Attendance and Verification:** The institution must submit formal proof of attendance at the October 2026 Distance Education Accrediting Commission (DEAC) workshop in San Diego, California immediately upon its completion.

On behalf of the Board, I would like to congratulate your leadership team on this provisional license renewal and wish the American College of Music continued success as it progresses through the DEAC accreditation process. Please continue to coordinate closely with Noelle Vedder to ensure all reporting and compliance deadlines are met.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Kevin J. LaMountain". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Kevin" and last name "LaMountain" clearly distinguishable.

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