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Adelante Schools

Minutes

Adelante Schools Board Meeting

Date and Time
Friday October 9, 2026 at 8:30 AM

Location
Adelante Schools at Emma Donnan Elementary & Middle School
1202 E. Troy Ave.
Indianapolis, IN 46203

Goals:

1. Approve organizational foundational tools and policies to govern our school and operate effectively.
2. Deepen our understanding of Adelante's Emma Donnan operational state and provide any necessary support and guidance.

Directors Present
A. St John, C. Tello, D. Baker (remote), L. Aguayo, L. Lennon (remote), M. Meer (remote), M. Staten (remote), N. Frech (remote), R. Scott

Directors Absent
None

Guests Present
B. Chandler, C. Franz, J. Habayeb, K. Gavin, M. Rooney

I. Opening Items

A. Call the Meeting to Order

R. Scott called a meeting of the board of directors of Adelante Schools to order on Friday Oct 9, 2026 at 8:35 AM.

B. Record Attendance

C. Public Comment

None

D. Approve Minutes

M. Staten made a motion to approve the minutes from 8/21/26 Adelante Schools Board Meeting on 08-21-26.
L. Aguayo seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call

L. Aguayo	Aye
A. St John	Aye
C. Tello	Aye
N. Frech	Aye
L. Lennon	Aye
R. Scott	Aye
M. Meer	Abstain
M. Staten	Aye
D. Baker	Aye

II. CEO Report

A. CEO Report & Board Discussion

- Adelante is at a major crossroads: IPS notified them ~2 weeks ago that the current innovation agreement will be terminated, forcing a choice between a building transfer (likely becoming an independent charter) or a new service agreement with IPS at actual cost
- No decision has been made yet — the board's role today was to hear the landscape and provide guidance, not vote
- Key unknowns still outstanding: actual cost of building operations and opt-in services (IPS to provide by **~October 23rd**), outcome of the **November 3rd** operating referendum, and what IPEC does in **2028**

- Hard deadline: IPS wants agreements finalized by **December 31st**; Adelante's internal deadline is **December 9th** (OEI charter renewal hearing), when they need to be able to describe their path forward to their authorizer
- Finance committee work in November is critical — they'll need to model the financial impact of both options once IPS provides cost data

III. Finance & Operations

A. Transactions

L. Lennon made a motion to Approve the transactions.
M. Meer seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call

L. Lennon	Aye
A. St John	Aye
R. Scott	Aye
D. Baker	Aye
N. Frech	Aye
M. Staten	Aye
M. Meer	Aye
C. Tello	Aye
L. Aguayo	Aye

IV. Committee Updates

A. Academic Excellence

Tabled until the next meeting

B. Finance & Development

No new business

C. Governance

No new business

V. Board Chair Update

A. Board Updates

An additional full meeting in November may be required in order to advise on IPS/Innovation agreements.

Additional time may be added to December's meeting.

B.

Upcoming OEI Reports & Due Dates

No Board action required

VI. Closing Items

A. Adjourn Meeting

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 9:56 AM.

Respectfully Submitted,
B. Chandler

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