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# Amethod Public Schools

## Minutes

### Regular Meeting of the AMPS Board of Directors

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#### Date and Time

Wednesday October 20, 2021 at 6:00 PM

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This meeting will be by teleconference pursuant to [Government Code Section 54953\(e\)](#).

The Board of Directors (Board) and employees of Amethod Public Schools shall meet via the Zoom meeting platform. Members of the public who wish to access this Board meeting may do so at:

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**Directors Present**

E. Quiroz (remote), G. Lopez Jr. (remote), J. Azubuike (remote), N. Driver (remote)

**Directors Absent**

M. Gonzalez

**Guests Present**

L. Romo (remote)

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**I. Opening Items**

**A. Call the Meeting to Order**

G. Lopez Jr. called a meeting of the board of directors of Amethod Public Schools to order on Wednesday Oct 20, 2021 at 6:06 PM.

**B. Roll Call**

**C. Announcements**

Evelia Villa dedicates this meeting to Dirk Tillotson. Nick Driver also shares memories with Dirk.

**D. Public/Board Comments**

Gabriela Gutierrez acknowledges the home office's assistance during the beginning of the school year. Board member Nick Driver announces he will not be able to attend the RCA ribbon cutting ceremony. Administration announces removal of an item listed on the agenda that will instead be talked about during the closed session.

**II. Business I**

**A. Approval of Findings regarding Virtual Board meetings pursuant to AB 361 and Government Code Section 54953**

E. Quiroz made a motion to approve the findings regarding the virtual Board meetings pursuant to Assembly Bill 361 and Government code section 54953.

N. Driver seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

**Roll Call**

E. Quiroz Aye  
G. Lopez Jr. Aye  
M. Gonzalez Absent  
N. Driver Aye  
J. Azubuike Aye

**III. Consent Agenda**

**A. Approval of Consent Agenda**

E. Quiroz made a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented with two items, amended attendance policy and the tuition reimbursement policy.

J. Azubuike seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

**Roll Call**

J. Azubuike Aye  
G. Lopez Jr. Aye  
E. Quiroz Aye  
M. Gonzalez Absent  
N. Driver Aye

**B. Approval of Board Minutes 09/15/2021**

E. Quiroz made a motion to approve the minutes from Regular Meeting of the AMPS Board of Directors on 09-15-21.

J. Azubuike seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

**Roll Call**

G. Lopez Jr. Aye  
E. Quiroz Aye  
J. Azubuike Aye  
M. Gonzalez Absent  
N. Driver Aye

**IV. Business II**

**A. CEO Report**

Evelia Villa makes a presentation.

**B. Approval of 2101 Livingston Street Lease**

This item will be moved to after closed session.

N. Driver made a motion to amend the agenda to move item B to after the closed session.

E. Quiroz seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

**Roll Call**

J. Azubuike Aye  
E. Quiroz Aye  
G. Lopez Jr. Aye  
M. Gonzalez Absent  
N. Driver Aye

**C. Approval of the 2021-2022 Comprehensive School Safety Plan**

Grace Borja present the Safety Plans and take questions from the Board.

E. Quiroz made a motion to approve the comprehensive school safety plans for all six schools as presented.

J. Azubuike seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

**Roll Call**

G. Lopez Jr. Aye  
M. Gonzalez Absent  
N. Driver Aye  
E. Quiroz Aye  
J. Azubuike Aye

**D. Approval of Elementary and Secondary School Relief (ESSER) III Expenditure Plan**

Sylvia Flores makes presentation and answers questions from the Board.

N. Driver made a motion to approve the Elementary and Secondary School Relief (ESSER) III Expenditure Plans for all six schools.

J. Azubuike seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

**Roll Call**

M. Gonzalez Absent  
J. Azubuike Aye  
E. Quiroz Aye  
N. Driver Aye  
G. Lopez Jr. Aye

**E. Amended Employee Handbook 2021-2022**

Mike Barr presents the amended change and takes questions from the Board.

E. Quiroz made a motion to approve the Amended Employee Handbook 2021-2022 as presented.

N. Driver seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

**Roll Call**

M. Gonzalez Absent  
E. Quiroz Aye  
G. Lopez Jr. Aye  
J. Azubuike Aye  
N. Driver Aye

**V. Closed Session**

**A. CLOSED SESSION: Conference with Real Property Negotiators:**

No action was taken during closed session.

N. Driver made a motion to approve the 2101 Livingston Street Lease.

J. Azubuike seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

**Roll Call**

N. Driver Aye  
G. Lopez Jr. Aye  
E. Quiroz Aye  
J. Azubuike Aye  
M. Gonzalez Absent

**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 7:31 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,  
G. Lopez Jr.

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