



# Amethod Public Schools

## Minutes

### Regular Meeting of the AMPS Board of Directors

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#### Date and Time

Wednesday February 21, 2024 at 6:00 PM

#### Location

1450 Marina Way South, Richmond, CA 94804

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The Board of Directors (Board) and employees of Amethod Public Schools will be holding this meeting in person at **1450 Marina Way South, Richmond, CA 94804**.

Members of the public who wish to attend in person can join us at Richmond Charter Academy (RCA) at 1450 Marina Way South, Richmond, CA 94804. Or members of the public may meet via the Zoom meeting platform at:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83187954557>

We also offer two-way teleconference locations for the public to attend in our Oakland school sites:

Oakland Charter High School- 2365 Coolidge Ave, Oakland, CA 94601

Downtown Charter Academy- 2000 Dennison St, Oakland, CA 94606

Oakland Charter Academy- 4215 Foothill Blvd, Oakland, CA 94601

**Participating by Telephone:** 669-900-9128 Meeting ID: 831 8795 4557

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to two minutes. The Board Chair may increase or decrease the time allowed for public comment, depending upon the topic and number of persons wishing to be heard.

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### **Directors Present**

A. Emmanuelli, E. Gallegos, E. Quiroz, G. Lopez Jr.

### **Directors Absent**

*None*

### **Guests Present**

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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 Feb 21, 2024 at 6:03 PM.

### **B. Record Attendance**

Board Chair G. Lopez Jr. announces pursuant to Govt. Code Session 54953(f)(2), Board member Fr. Andres Emmanuelli informed the Board that he must participate in the meeting remotely for just cause. Fr. Andres has recently undergone surgery and is unable to drive. The Brown Act, as recently amended, allows the participation of Board members under these circumstances. The record shall note his participation remotely pursuant to this section.

### **C. Announcements**

No announcements were made.

**D. Public Comments on Non-Agenda Items**

No public comments were made.

**II. Consent**

**A. Approval of 01/17/2024 Regular Board Meeting Minutes**

E. Quiroz made a motion to approve the minutes from Regular Meeting of the AMPS Board of Directors on 01-17-24.

E. Gallegos seconded the motion.

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

**Roll Call**

E. Gallegos     Aye

G. Lopez Jr.   Aye

E. Quiroz       Aye

A. Emmanuelli   Aye

**B. Approval of 01/31/2024 Special Board Meeting Minutes**

E. Quiroz made a motion to approve the minutes from Special Meeting of the AMPS Board of Directors on 01-31-24.

E. Gallegos seconded the motion.

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

**Roll Call**

A. Emmanuelli   Aye

E. Quiroz       Aye

G. Lopez Jr.    Aye

E. Gallegos     Aye

**C. Approval of AMPS Academic Calendar 2024-2025**

E. Quiroz made a motion to approve AMPS Academic Calendar 2024-2025.

E. Gallegos seconded the motion.

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

**Roll Call**

E. Gallegos     Aye

A. Emmanuelli   Aye

E. Quiroz       Aye

G. Lopez Jr.    Aye

**D. Approval of School Safety Plans**

E. Quiroz made a motion to approve School Safety Plans.

E. Gallegos seconded the motion.

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

**Roll Call**

E. Quiroz      Aye  
E. Gallegos    Aye  
G. Lopez Jr.   Aye  
A. Emmanuelli Aye

**E. Approval of Resolution for Notice of Intent to Withdraw from CharterSafe**

E. Quiroz made a motion to approve Resolution for Notice of Intent to Withdraw from CharterSafe.

E. Gallegos seconded the motion.

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

**Roll Call**

G. Lopez Jr.   Aye  
A. Emmanuelli Aye  
E. Quiroz      Aye  
E. Gallegos    Aye

**III. Business**

**A. Mid Year Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP) Update**

Dr. Ellingberg, Site Director from Oakland Charter Academy presents his mid year LCAP update. He provides an update on attendance, suspensions, expulsions, percentage of students reporting positive school climate on mid-year and end of year student surveys, and chronic absenteeism percentages.

Dr. Walker, Site Director from Benito Juarez Elementary presents her mid-year LCAP update. She provides an update on retention of staff, SBAC math and ELA, NWEA, professional growth plans, attendance, expulsions, and suspension rates. She also provides an update on parent engagements and providing use of technology to all students for learning.

Mrs. Lee, Site Director from Downtown Charter Academy presents her mid-year LCAP update. She provides an update on teacher retention rates, SBAC math and ELA, NWEA, and school culture. She also shares updates on family engagement meetings, community partnerships, and students access to technology.

Mrs. Nash, Site Director from Oakland Charter High School presents her mid-year LCAP update. She provides an update on courses with CCSS/NGSS, Lexia Learning, college and career readiness, parent meetings, SBAC math and ELA, teacher credentialing, and AP exams.

Mrs. Crocker, Site Director from John Henry High School presents her mid-year LCAP update. She provides an update on college readiness, family events, staff retention, school climate and culture. She also provides an update on suspension, expulsion, and action plans.

#### **IV. Discussion**

##### **A. TomoClub Presentation**

Avinash presents TomoClub and provides an update on the positive impacts their technology has on Amethod Public School's students. Tomoclub currently provides educational technology related games to Downtown Charter Academy, Oakland Charter Academy, and Benito Juarez Elementary after school program.

#### **V. Closed Session**

##### **A. Conference with Labor Negotiator**

The Board of Directors reconvene from closed session at 8:54pm.

#### **VI. Open Session**

##### **A. Board Chair: Required Oral Report Regarding Interim Chief Executive Officer Employment Contract**

Board Chair G. Lopez Jr. reports out Interim Chief Executive Officer Employment Contractual details. The contract term will begin February 26, 2024 and will end June 30, 2024. The contract states that the 2023-2024 prorated work schedule is based on a 224 annual work day and 2023-2024 prorated salary schedule based on a \$240,000 salary. Health and retirement benefits will be offered and the salary provided is in keeping with the compensation comparability study approved by the board on December 24, 2023.

##### **B. Board Ratification/Approval of Interim Chief Executive Officer Employment Contract**

E. Quiroz made a motion to ratify and approval of Interim Chief Executive Officer Employment Contract.

E. Gallegos seconded the motion.

Board Chair G. Lopez Jr. announces Sylvia Flores as the Interim Chief Executive Officer. The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

##### **Roll Call**

E. Quiroz      Aye

G. Lopez Jr.      Aye

**Roll Call**

E. Gallegos Aye

A. Emmanuelli Aye

**VII. 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 8:59 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

G. Lopez Jr.

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