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# Amethod Public Schools

# Minutes

## Special Meeting of the AMPS Board of Directors

**Date and Time**
Wednesday January 31, 2024 at 5:00 PM

**Location**
1450 Marina Way South, Richmond, CA 94804

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

**Public Comment:** Members of the public attending in person who wish to comment on an agenda item please fill out a speaker card and submit it to a staff member. The Board Chair will call on you to enter the Boardroom. Members of the public who are join in via teleconference, please use raise hand tool in the reactions tab located at the bottom of the zoom screen or press star (*) nine if joining by telephone. The Board Chair will call on you. Please note that comments are limited

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**
S. Li

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## I. Opening Items

### A. Call the Meeting to Order

Board Chair Gilbert Lopez Jr. at 5:02pm announces that one board member is running 15-20 minutes late. The board meeting will start upon her arrival.
G. Lopez Jr. called a meeting of the board of directors of Amethod Public Schools to order on Wednesday Jan 31, 2024 at 5:17 PM.

### B. Record Attendance

Board Chair Gilbert 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. Open Session/ Action:

### A. Board Rotations

E. Quiroz made a motion to nominate Gilbert Lopez Jr. as the Board President.
E. Gallegos seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

**Roll Call**

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

G. Lopez Jr. made a motion to nominate Edgar Quiroz as the Vice Chair.
A. Emmanuelli seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

**Roll Call**

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

G. Lopez Jr. made a motion to nominate Sally Li as the Board Secretary.
E. Quiroz seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

**Roll Call**

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

G. Lopez Jr. made a motion to nominate Elisa Gallegos as the Board Treasurer.
E. Quiroz seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

**Roll Call**

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

### B.

**Approval of a Resolution Confirming the Board Composition**

E. Quiroz made a motion to approve of a Resolution Confirming the Board Composition.
E. Gallegos seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

**Roll Call**

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

## III. Closed Session

### A. Public Employee: Discipline/Dismissal/Release

The Board reconvenes from closed session at 8:02pm.

The Board announces by unanimous vote to release the CFO from her at-will employment at Amethod Public Schools effective February 2, 2024.

The Board announces by unanimous vote to release the CEO from employment at Amethod Public Schools, pursuant to the employment agreement, Section 14(b) "Early Termination Without Cause," effective February 2, 2024. In exercising this option, in addition to receiving all pay for time worked or any vacation accured, per the terms of the employment agreement, the CEO shall also receive the equivalent of six (6) weeks of salary as severance.

## IV. Open Session/ Action:

### A. Approval of Board Resolution and Other Documents Approving the Board Chair as a Signatory on Amethod Public School's Bank Accounts

E. Gallegos made a motion to approve Board Resolution and Other Documents Approving the Board Chair as a Signatory on Amethod Public School's Bank Accounts.
E. Quiroz seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

**Roll Call**

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

## V. 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 8:05 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
G. Lopez Jr.

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