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# Amethod Public Schools

## Minutes

### Regular Meeting of the AMPS Board of Directors

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#### Date and Time

Wednesday February 12, 2025 at 6:00 PM

#### Location

1450 Marina Way S 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 in the Home Office's Board Room at 1450 Marina Way South, Richmond, CA 94804. Or members of the public may meet via the Zoom meeting platform at:

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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

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**Directors Present**

E. Gallegos, E. Quiroz, G. Lopez Jr., M. Moncada

**Directors Absent**

A. Emmanuelli

**Guests Present**

G. Barriga

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**I. Opening Items**

**A. Call the Meeting to Order**

E. Quiroz called a meeting of the board of directors of Amethod Public Schools to order on Wednesday Feb 12, 2025 at 6:00 PM.

**B. Record Attendance**

**C. Announcements**

Due to personal and professional reasons, Father Andres Emmanuelli has stepped down.

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

Douglas MacLellan shares his personal opinion regarding the allegations from OUSD. Marcos James shares his personal opinion regarding the makeup of the Board of

Directors. Student 1 from OCHS shares his positive experiences at OCHS. Chris Moreno, a staff member and an Oakland native, speaks about the renewal decision and shares his opinion regarding the makeup of the Board of Directors. Student 2 at OCHS, begins to share his experience at OCHS. Student 3, a student at OCHS, shares his wonderful experience at both OCHS and OCA.

## II. Consent

### A. Approval of 1/15/2025 Regular Board Meeting Minutes

E. Gallegos made a motion to Approve 1/15/2025 Regular Board Meeting Minutes Regular Meeting of the AMPS Board of Directors on 01-15-25.

M. Moncada seconded the motion.

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

#### Roll Call

E. Gallegos Aye  
A. Emmanuelli Absent  
G. Lopez Jr. Aye  
E. Quiroz Aye  
M. Moncada Aye

### B. January Check Register

M. Moncada made a motion to Approve January Check Register.

E. Gallegos seconded the motion.

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

#### Roll Call

E. Quiroz Aye  
E. Gallegos Aye  
A. Emmanuelli Absent  
G. Lopez Jr. Aye  
M. Moncada Aye

## III. Business

### A. School Spotlight - BJE

Michelle Walker, BJE Site Director, Introduces her team, Deans Janice Galindo and John Devlin, and Teachers Olivia Lewis and Heavenlei Olmos. They present work from the students, including handcrafted model airplanes, "the 100 days project" where students created canvas art representing 100 days with different objects, a Solar System project, and an update on how they are focusing on the Civil Rights Movement.

### B. Acting CEO Report

Adrienne Barnes, Chief Operating Officer - Acting Chief Operating Officer shares the Acting CEO Report. She shares dates for the RCA and OCHS renewal. A Leadership Coach was contracted in January vs April which is what was listed in the Corrective Action Plan (CAP). CAP items for Governance and Finance are shared, with many deadlines completed early or in process.

**C. Review and Consideration of Approval of Anti-racism Resolution**

E. Quiroz made a motion to Approve the Anti-racism Resolution.  
E. Gallegos seconded the motion.  
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

**Roll Call**

E. Gallegos Aye  
E. Quiroz Aye  
A. Emmanuelli Absent  
M. Moncada Aye  
G. Lopez Jr. Aye

**D. Review and Consideration of Approval of Sanctuary School Resolution**

E. Gallegos made a motion to Approve the Sanctuary School Resolution.  
M. Moncada seconded the motion.  
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

**Roll Call**

E. Gallegos Aye  
A. Emmanuelli Absent  
E. Quiroz Aye  
M. Moncada Aye  
G. Lopez Jr. Aye

**E. Review and Consideration of Approval of The Education Team Substitute Contracts**

E. Gallegos made a motion to Approve The Education Team Substitute Contracts.  
M. Moncada seconded the motion.

Approval for ASES:

Monica Moncada, Board Vice Chair, makes a motion. Gilbert Lopez Jr seconds.

Individual Votes as follows, Edgar Quiroz Aye, Elisa Gallegos, Aye, Gilbert Lopez Jr, Aye, Monica Moncada Aye. Motion passes.

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

**Roll Call**

A. Emmanuelli Absent  
G. Lopez Jr. Aye  
E. Gallegos Aye  
E. Quiroz Aye  
M. Moncada Aye

**F. Review and Consideration of Approval of Updated Conflict of Interest Policy**

E. Gallegos made a motion to Approve the Updated Conflict of Interest Policy.

M. Moncada seconded the motion.

Adrienne Barnes, shares the Updated Conflict of Interest Policy. Part of CAP was to separate Anti-Nepotism Policy. This is most updated version.

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

**Roll Call**

A. Emmanuelli Absent

E. Quiroz Aye

M. Moncada Aye

G. Lopez Jr. Aye

E. Gallegos Aye

**G. Review and Consideration of Approval of Nepotism Policy**

M. Moncada made a motion to Approval of the Anti-Nepotism Policy.

G. Lopez Jr. seconded the motion.

Adrienne Corrects the title of the Agenda, as it is an Anti-Nepotism Policy.

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

**Roll Call**

G. Lopez Jr. Aye

M. Moncada Aye

E. Quiroz Aye

A. Emmanuelli Absent

E. Gallegos Aye

**H. Review and Consideration of Approval of Criminal Background Check Policy**

G. Lopez Jr. made a motion to Approve the Criminal Background Check Policy.

E. Gallegos seconded the motion.

Adrienne Barnes presents this policy, explaining that we currently do fingerprints but this policy will explicitly state it.

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

**Roll Call**

E. Quiroz Aye

E. Gallegos Aye

M. Moncada Aye

G. Lopez Jr. Aye

A. Emmanuelli Absent

**I. Review and Consideration of Approval of Updated Organizational Chart**

M. Moncada made a motion to Approve the Updated Organizational Chart.

G. Lopez Jr. seconded the motion.

Adrienne Barnes presents the Updated Organization chart which removes the HR Manager position, adds an HR Coordinator position and the Data Manager role moved to the Compliance team.

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

**Roll Call**

G. Lopez Jr. Aye  
A. Emmanuelli Absent  
E. Gallegos Aye  
M. Moncada Aye  
E. Quiroz Aye

**J. Review and Consideration of Approval of Revised Board Meeting Calendar**

E. Gallegos made a motion to Approve the Revised Board Meeting Calendar.

M. Moncada seconded the motion.

Due to projected conflict Adrienne proposes changing the Board Meetings from February 26th to February 25th and then from March 12th to March 13th.

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

**Roll Call**

A. Emmanuelli Absent  
M. Moncada Aye  
G. Lopez Jr. Aye  
E. Gallegos Aye  
E. Quiroz Aye

**K. Review and Consideration of Approval of Board Resolution to Add Members**

M. Moncada made a motion to Approve the Board Resolution to Add Members.

E. Gallegos seconded the motion.

Approval of Board Resolution to Add 2 Member seats (total of 7 board members) to the Board is presented.

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

**Roll Call**

E. Quiroz Aye  
G. Lopez Jr. Aye  
M. Moncada Aye  
E. Gallegos Aye  
A. Emmanuelli Absent

**L. Review and Consideration of Approval of Creation of Committee for Board Candidate Search**

E. Gallegos made a motion to Approval of Creation of Committee for Board Candidate Search.

G. Lopez Jr. seconded the motion.

A nomination committee is established. Edgar Quiroz nominates Board Member Elisa Gallegos, Board Vice Chair Monica Moncada, and himself. Elisa makes a motion to accept nomination, Monica Seconds. Individual Votes as follows, Edgar Quiroz Aye, Elisa Gallegos, Aye, Gilbert Lopez Jr, Aye, Monica Moncada Aye. Motion passes.  
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

**Roll Call**

M. Moncada Aye  
G. Lopez Jr. Aye  
E. Quiroz Aye  
E. Gallegos Aye  
A. Emmanuelli Absent

**IV. Closed Session**

**A. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - EXISTING LITIGATION**

This item is struck from the meeting.

**B. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL— ANTICIPATED LITIGATION**

No reportable action taken.

**C. Public Employment**

No reportable action taken.

**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 9:43 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,  
E. Quiroz

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