



# Amethod Public Schools

## Minutes

### Regular Meeting of the AMPS Board of Directors

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#### Date and Time

Tuesday February 25, 2025 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 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:

<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

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## ORDER OF BUSINESS MAY BE CHANGED WITHOUT NOTICE

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### **Directors Present**

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

### **Directors Absent**

*None*

### **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 Tuesday Feb 25, 2025 at 6:02 PM.

### **B. Record Attendance**

### **C. Announcements**

Edgar Quiroz, moves to remove item S from the Agenda, and move item T and U up in the Agenda to the front. Monica Moncada, seconds the motion. We take individual votes: Edgar, Elisa, Gilbert, and Monica agree, therefore motion passes unanimously to reorder agenda.

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

No Public Comments on Non-Agenda Items.

## II. Consent

### A. Approval of 2/12/2025 Regular Board Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve the minutes from Regular Meeting of the AMPS Board of Directors on 02-12-25.

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

#### Roll Call

G. Lopez Jr. Aye

M. Moncada Aye

E. Gallegos Aye

E. Quiroz Aye

## III. Business

### A. LCAP Mid-Year Update - Six Schools

Mary Busby, Interim Chief Academic Officer, presents Local Control and Accountability Plans for all six schools. They are three year plans, describing each school's goals, actions, and expenditures. This document drives the work of the school, and explains how funds are allocated, reporting on the goals using a variety of metrics. This LCAP was approved in June of 2024. Across all six sites the the LCAP goals are aligned to the mission and vision of the organization, yet the metrics and actions vary from site to site. The goal of this presentation is to do a mid year review of available data, and providing an update on each school's progress.

### B. Review and Consideration of Approval of the Updated Comprehensive School Safety Plan - Richmond Charter Elementary - Benito Juarez

E. Gallegos made a motion to Approve the Updated Comprehensive School Safety Plan - Richmond Charter Elementary - Benito Juarez.

M. Moncada seconded the motion.

Shameka Henderson, HR Consultant, presents the School Safety Plan for Richmond Charter Elementary - Benito Juarez. She states this item is in compliance with AB1747, where all schools must annually review and update their comprehensive school plan by March 1st.

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

#### Roll Call

E. Gallegos Aye

M. Moncada Aye

G. Lopez Jr. Aye

E. Quiroz Aye

J. Lerma Aye

**C. Review and Consideration of Approval of the Updated Comprehensive School Safety Plan - Richmond Charter Academy**

M. Moncada made a motion to Approve the Updated Comprehensive School Safety Plan - Richmond Charter Academy.

E. Gallegos seconded the motion.

Shameka presents the School Safety Plan for Richmond Charter Academy. She states this item is in compliance with AB1747 school safety plans, where all schools must annually review and update their comprehensive school plan by March 1st.

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

**Roll Call**

J. Lerma Abstain

E. Quiroz Aye

G. Lopez Jr. Aye

E. Gallegos Aye

M. Moncada Aye

**D. Review and Consideration of Approval of the Updated Comprehensive School Safety Plan - John Henry High School**

E. Gallegos made a motion to Approve the Updated Comprehensive School Safety Plan - John Henry High School.

M. Moncada seconded the motion.

Shameka presents the School Safety Plan for John Henry High School. She states this item is in compliance with AB1747, where all schools must annually review and update their comprehensive school plan by March 1st.

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

**Roll Call**

G. Lopez Jr. Aye

E. Gallegos Aye

M. Moncada Aye

E. Quiroz Aye

J. Lerma Aye

**E. Review and Consideration of Approval of the Updated Comprehensive School Safety Plan - Oakland Charter Academy**

M. Moncada made a motion to Approval of the Updated Comprehensive School Safety Plan - Oakland Charter Academy.

G. Lopez Jr. seconded the motion.

Shameka presents the School Safety Plan for Oakland Charter Academy. She states this item is in compliance with AB1747, where all schools must annually review and update their comprehensive school plan by March 1st.

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

**Roll Call**

J. Lerma Aye  
M. Moncada Aye  
E. Gallegos Aye  
G. Lopez Jr. Aye  
E. Quiroz Aye

**F. Review and Consideration of Approval of the Updated Comprehensive School Safety Plan - Downtown Charter Academy**

E. Gallegos made a motion to Approve the Updated Comprehensive School Safety Plan - Downtown Charter Academy.

M. Moncada seconded the motion.

Shameka presents the School Safety Plan for Downtown Charter Academy. She states this item is in compliance with AB1747, where all schools must annually review and update their comprehensive school plan by March 1st.

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

**Roll Call**

E. Quiroz Aye  
G. Lopez Jr. Aye  
E. Gallegos Aye  
J. Lerma Aye  
M. Moncada Aye

**G. Review and Consideration of Approval of the Updated Comprehensive School Safety Plan - Oakland Charter High School**

M. Moncada made a motion to Approval of the Updated Comprehensive School Safety Plan - Oakland Charter High School.

G. Lopez Jr. seconded the motion.

Shameka presents the School Safety Plans for Oakland Charter High School. She states this item is in compliance with AB1747 school safety plans, where all schools must annually review and update their comprehensive school plan by March 1st.

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

**Roll Call**

M. Moncada Aye  
G. Lopez Jr. Aye  
E. Quiroz Aye  
E. Gallegos Aye  
J. Lerma Aye

**H. Review and Consideration of Approval of Second Interim Report- Richmond Charter Elementary - Benito Juarez**

M. Moncada made a motion to Approval of Second Interim Report- Richmond Charter Elementary - Benito Juarez.

G. Lopez Jr. seconded the motion.

Kimberly Palmore, Sr. Director of Finance & Administration, introduces Roger Castillo from Charter Impact to present the Second Interim Reports.

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

**Roll Call**

J. Lerma Aye

E. Gallegos Aye

M. Moncada Aye

G. Lopez Jr. Aye

E. Quiroz Aye

**I. Review and Consideration of Approval of Second Interim Report - Richmond Charter Academy**

M. Moncada made a motion to Approve Second Interim Report - Richmond Charter Academy.

E. Gallegos seconded the motion.

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

**Roll Call**

E. Quiroz Aye

M. Moncada Aye

E. Gallegos Aye

G. Lopez Jr. Aye

J. Lerma Aye

**J. Review and Consideration of Approval of Second Interim Report - John Henry High School**

M. Moncada made a motion to Approve the Second Interim Report - John Henry High School.

G. Lopez Jr. seconded the motion.

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

**Roll Call**

E. Gallegos Aye

J. Lerma Aye

G. Lopez Jr. Aye

M. Moncada Aye

E. Quiroz Aye

**K. Review and Consideration of Approval Second Interim Report - Oakland Charter Academy**

G. Lopez Jr. made a motion to Approve the Second Interim Report - Oakland Charter Academy.

M. Moncada seconded the motion.

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

**Roll Call**

J. Lerma     Aye  
G. Lopez Jr. Aye  
E. Quiroz     Aye  
M. Moncada Aye  
E. Gallegos   Aye

**L. Review and Consideration of Approval of Second Interim Report - Downtown Charter Academy**

M. Moncada made a motion to Approval of Second Interim Report - Downtown Charter Academy.

E. Gallegos seconded the motion.

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

**Roll Call**

E. Gallegos   Aye  
J. Lerma     Aye  
M. Moncada Aye  
G. Lopez Jr. Aye  
E. Quiroz     Aye

**M. Review and Consideration of Approval of Second Interim Report - Oakland Charter High School**

M. Moncada made a motion to Approve Second Interim Report - Oakland Charter High School.

E. Gallegos seconded the motion.

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

**Roll Call**

M. Moncada Aye  
E. Quiroz     Aye  
J. Lerma     Aye  
G. Lopez Jr. Aye  
E. Gallegos   Aye

**N. Review and Consideration of Approval of ASES Vendor Contracts - Get Empowered 24-25**

E. Gallegos made a motion to Approval of ASES Vendor Contracts - Get Empowered 24-25.

G. Lopez Jr. seconded the motion.

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

**Roll Call**

J. Lerma     Aye

**Roll Call**

E. Quiroz Aye

M. Moncada Aye

G. Lopez Jr. Aye

E. Gallegos Aye

**O. Review and Consideration of Approval of the 2023-24 Audited Financial Statements**

This item has been tabled until the next meeting.

**P. Review and Consideration of Approval of Sub Teacher Source Substitute Contract**

G. Lopez Jr. made a motion to Approve Sub Teacher Source Substitute Contract.

M. Moncada seconded the motion.

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

**Roll Call**

M. Moncada Aye

E. Quiroz Aye

G. Lopez Jr. Aye

J. Lerma Aye

E. Gallegos Aye

**Q. Review and Consideration of Approval of Scoot Education Substitute Contract**

G. Lopez Jr. made a motion to Approve Scoot Education Substitute Contract.

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

M. Moncada Aye

J. Lerma Aye

**R. Review and Consideration of Approval of Swing Education Substitute Contract**

E. Gallegos made a motion to Approve Swing Education Substitute Contract.

M. Moncada seconded the motion.

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

**Roll Call**

E. Gallegos Aye

M. Moncada Aye

G. Lopez Jr. Aye

J. Lerma Aye

E. Quiroz Aye

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### **Acting CEO Report**

This item has been removed from the agenda.

#### **T. Nominating Committee: Nomination/Presentation**

Edgar begins by describing that the Nominating Committee met with Jorge Lerma, interviewed him, and recommend adding Mr. Lerma to the board.

#### **U. Interview and Consideration of Approval of New Board Member**

E. Gallegos made a motion to Approve New Board Member.

M. Moncada seconded the motion.

Edgar reads Jorge Lerma's short Bio. Mr. Lerma thanks the Board and AMPS employees, he states he comes from evaluating charter renewals, and is very familiar with the process and knows the behind the scenes works. He feels there is room for everyone to join. He is impressed by what AMPS is doing with the students, he is ready to put in the hard work as he brings an experienced eye. He hopes that his experience will be an asset to AMPS. Gilbert Lopez Jr, Board Member, thanks Mr. Lerma for being here, and being a part of this experience. Elisa Gallegos, Board Member, thanks him for his lifelong dedication to education and equity amongst its families.

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

#### **Roll Call**

G. Lopez Jr. Aye

E. Quiroz Aye

M. Moncada Aye

E. Gallegos Aye

#### **IV. Closed Session**

##### **A. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL— ANTICIPATED LITIGATION**

No reportable actions

##### **B. Public Employment**

No reportable actions

#### **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 10:09 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

E. Quiroz

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