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Minutes

Regular Meeting of the AMPS Board of Directors

Date and Time
Wednesday April 16, 2025 at 6:00 PM

Location
1450 Marina Way South
Richmond, CA 94804

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Directors Present
J. Lerma, M. Moncada, P. Hanley, R. Ornelas

Directors Absent
None

Guests Present
A. Barnes, D. Clark (remote), K. Palmore (remote), M. Arechiga, M. Busby, S. Li, rodolfo@ornelasconsulting.org

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I. Opening Items

A. Call the Meeting to Order

M. Moncada called a meeting of the board of directors of Amethod Public Schools to order on Wednesday Apr 16, 2025 at 6:04 PM.

B. Record Attendance

C. Announcements

Vice Chair, Monica proposes to move section 3 Business item D- Interview and Consideration of Approval of New Board Member first and Business item A- Board Rotations - The Board Will Elect a Board Chair to second on the business section of the agenda.

Vice Chair, Monica proposes to strike out section 5 Business items D, E, and F from the agenda.
J. Lerma made a motion to move section 3 Business item D first and Business item A second on the business section of the agenda and to strike out section 5 Business items D, E, and F from the agenda.
P. Hanley seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

Roll Call

P. Hanley	Aye
J. Lerma	Aye
M. Moncada	Aye

D. Public Comments on Non-Agenda Items

No public comments were made.

II. Consent

A. Board Member Resignation Acceptances

Board member Peter pulled item from the consent agenda to acknowledge the service of Edgar Quiroz (8 years), Gilbert Lopez Jr. (5 years), and Elisa Gallegos Jackson as board members. Board member Jorge also expressed his gratitude for their contributions. Vice Chair Monica formally accepted their resignations.
P. Hanley made a motion to accept board member resignations.
J. Lerma seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

Roll Call

M. Moncada	Aye
P. Hanley	Aye
J. Lerma	Aye

B. Approval of 3/13/2025 Regular Board Meeting Minutes

P. Hanley made a motion to approve the minutes from Regular Meeting of the AMPS Board of Directors on 03-13-25.
J. Lerma seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

Roll Call

M. Moncada	Aye
P. Hanley	Aye
J. Lerma	Aye

C. Approval of 3/24/2025 Regular Board Meeting Minutes

P. Hanley made a motion to approve the minutes from Special Meeting of the AMPS Board of Directors on 03-24-25.
J. Lerma seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

Roll Call

P. Hanley	Aye
J. Lerma	Aye
M. Moncada	Aye

D. Approval of March 2025 Check Register

P. Hanley made a motion to approve March 2025 Check Register.
J. Lerma seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

Roll Call

J. Lerma	Aye
P. Hanley	Aye
M. Moncada	Aye

III. Business

A. Interview and Consideration of Approval of New Board Member

J. Lerma made a motion to approve Rodolfo Ornelas as a New Board Member to the AMPS Board.
P. Hanley seconded the motion.
Business item D. Interview and Consideration of Approval of New Board Member was approved by the board to go first.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

Roll Call

J. Lerma	Aye
P. Hanley	Aye
M. Moncada	Aye

B. Board Rotations - The Board Will Elect a Board Chair

Vice Chair Monica would like to nominate the newest board member Rodolfo as board chair.

Board member Peter nominated himself for the position, emphasizing the need for experienced leadership on the AMPS board. He voiced concerns about appointing a newly elected member as board chair, citing the importance of institutional knowledge he brings.

Board member Rodolfo expressed support for fresh leadership, stating that a new perspective could be beneficial for the organization at this time given the circumstances with ACOE Board and renewals.
Motion to elect Peter Hanley as Board Chair.
The motion did not carry.

Roll Call

P. Hanley	Aye
M. Moncada	No
J. Lerma	No
R. Ornelas	No

Motion to elect Rodolfo Ornelas as Board Chair.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call

J. Lerma	Aye
P. Hanley	No
R. Ornelas	Aye
M. Moncada	Aye

C. Board Rotations - The Board Will Elect a Treasurer

Board member Peter requested clarification from legal counsel regarding whether the Treasurer must be a board member, as outlined in the AMPS Bylaws. Counsel confirmed that, according to the bylaws, the Treasurer is not required to be a board member.

Board member Jorge expressed a preference for the role to be filled by someone on the board and encouraged Peter to consider serving as Treasurer.

Board Chair Rodolfo inquired whether the board currently has a Finance Committee in place to oversee financial matters. Adrienne, Interim CEO responded that there is no active Finance Committee at the moment, due to the recent resignation of several board members. Board Chair Rodolfo suggested appointing Board member Peter as the Chair of the Finance Committee and having oversight on the Treasurer which will be great marriage of the two.

Vice Chair Monica voiced her support for appointing Kimberly Palmore to the position.
M. Moncada made a motion to elect Kimberly Palmore as Treasurer.
J. Lerma seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

Roll Call

P. Hanley	Aye
M. Moncada	Aye
R. Ornelas	Aye
J. Lerma	Aye

D.

Board Rotations - The Board Will Elect a Secretary

Vice Chair Monica nominated Sally Li for the position of Secretary.

Board member Peter expressed that the Secretary role should ideally be held by a superintendent or executive-level individual and asks legal counsel for clarification regarding the official duties of the role as outlined in the bylaws. He nominates Adrienne Barnes for the position.
P. Hanley made a motion to elect Adrienne Barnes as Secretary.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call	
P. Hanley	Aye
M. Moncada	Aye
R. Ornelas	Aye
J. Lerma	No

IV. Closed Session

A. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL— ANTICIPATED LITIGATION

The board returns from closed session at 8:49pm and there were no reportable actions.

B. Public Employment (Gov. Code § 54957)

No reportable actions.

C. Confidential Student Discipline Matter – Consideration of Potential Expulsion Case No.202501

M. Moncada made a motion to approve the panels recommendation for an expulsion.
J. Lerma seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call	
M. Moncada	Aye
R. Ornelas	Abstain
P. Hanley	Aye
J. Lerma	Aye

V. Business

A. Review and Consideration of Approval of JHHS Grad Nite Proposal

J. Lerma made a motion to approve JHHS Grad Nite Proposal.
P. Hanley seconded the motion.
Mary Busby, Interim CEO, presented the JHHS senior Grad Night proposal for a trip to Universal Studios. According to the proposal, seniors will depart at 4:00 AM on May 28, 2025, and return to campus by 8:00 AM on May 29, 2025. The event is open to all

students in “Good Standing,” with a required chaperone ratio of 10:1, as set by Universal Studios. The estimated cost for the trip is $10,570, which includes transportation via two buses. Per school policy, no student will be excluded from participation due to lack of funds.

Adrienne, Interim CEO, added that the ticket price is $133 per student, and the total cost JHHS is expected to cover is $11,415. The Finance Team confirmed that sufficient funds are available in the current budget to support the trip.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

Roll Call

R. Ornelas	Aye
J. Lerma	Aye
M. Moncada	Aye
P. Hanley	Aye

B. Review and Consideration of Approval of Turf Improvement Quote - Downtown Charter Academy

J. Lerma made a motion to approve Turf Improvement Quote for Downtown Charter Academy.
R. Ornelas seconded the motion.
Adrienne Barnes, Interim CEO, presented a proposal for turf replacement at Downtown Charter Academy. The project will be funded through the G-1 Plan, with the G-1 Commission having approved reimbursement for 100% of the expenditure. Since the total cost exceeds $50,000, board approval is required.

Board member Peter inquired about the contractor selection process and whether a formal bidding process was conducted. Adrienne explained that multiple contractors were contacted, and two submitted bids. The current proposal reflects the best bid.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call

M. Moncada	Aye
R. Ornelas	Abstain
P. Hanley	Aye
J. Lerma	Aye

C. Review and Consideration of Approval of 2% COLA Increase for 2025-2026

J. Lerma made a motion to approve 2% COLA Increase for 2025-2026.
M. Moncada seconded the motion.
Adrienne, Interim CEO noted that offer letters for the upcoming academic year will be issued prior to the final approval of the budget. She has received estimates from the Governor's January budget proposal at 2.43% for a revenue pull up and AMPS proposes a 2% COLA increase for the next academic year. The increase will apply to all staff hired on or before March 1, 2025.

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

Roll Call

J. Lerma Aye
P. Hanley Aye
R. Ornelas Abstain
M. Moncada Aye

D. Review and Consideration of Approval of Arts, Music, and Instructional Materials (AMIM) Discretionary Block Grant- All Sites

This item was removed during the announcements portion of the agenda.
J. Lerma made a motion to remove this item from the agenda.
P. Hanley seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

Roll Call

P. Hanley Aye
M. Moncada Aye
J. Lerma Aye

E. Review and Consideration of Approval of CECA Lease Extension (OCHS)

This item was removed during the announcements portion of the agenda.
J. Lerma made a motion to remove this item from the agenda.
P. Hanley seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

Roll Call

J. Lerma Aye
P. Hanley Aye
M. Moncada Aye

F. Review and Consideration of Approval of Updated Organization Chart

This item was removed during the announcements portion of the agenda.
J. Lerma made a motion to remove this item from the agenda.
P. Hanley seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

Roll Call

P. Hanley Aye
J. Lerma Aye
M. Moncada Aye

G. Review and Consideration of Approval of Hae-Sin Thomas Contract

P. Hanley made a motion to approve Hae-Sin Thomas Contract.
J. Lerma seconded the motion.

Adrienne, Interim CEO proposed two contract extensions for Hae-Sin Thomas- one focused on leadership support and the other dedicated to charter renewal efforts. These contracts are extensions to her existing contract, which began in January in which she has been supporting the OCHS renewal process. Hae-Sin's strategic guidance and contributions played a key role in strengthening OCHS's position during both the appeal and renewal phases.

No public comments.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call

J. Lerma	Aye
R. Ornelas	Abstain
M. Moncada	Aye
P. Hanley	Aye

H. Review, Adoption and Ratification of the Response and Corrective Action Plan

J. Lerma made a motion to Adopt and Ratify the Response and Corrective Action Plan.
P. Hanley seconded the motion.
Adrienne reported that on March 13, 2025, WCCUSD submitted a letter of fiscal concern regarding RCA. In response, AMPS provided a comprehensive corrective action plan on April 12, 2025, outlining steps to strengthen fiscal management. WCCUSD has requested that this plan be formally approved by the board.

Board member Jorge asked whether the corrective action plan addresses the board's recognition and new configuration. Adrienne clarified that while WCCUSD is aware of those changes, their primary concern centers on financial matters.

Board members Peter and Jorge expressed their appreciation for the efforts made by the AMPS organization in addressing the issue and supporting the RCA community and families.

No public comments.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call

M. Moncada	Aye
R. Ornelas	Abstain
J. Lerma	Aye
P. Hanley	Aye

I. Review and Consideration of Approval of Bank Account Signers

J. Lerma made a motion to approve Bank Account Signers.
P. Hanley seconded the motion.

Adrienne, Interim CEO recommending to amend and adding Board Chair, Rodolfo to bank account signers for Bank of America, Umpqua Bank, and adding EastWest Bank.

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

Roll Call	
J. Lerma	Aye
M. Moncada	Aye
R. Ornelas	Aye
P. Hanley	Aye

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 9:10 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
M. Moncada

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