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Minutes

Regular Meeting of the AMPS Board of Directors

Date and Time
Thursday May 8, 2025 at 6:00 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.**

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Directors Present
D. Leung, J. Lerma, M. DiGiorgio, P. Hanley, R. Ornelas

Directors Absent
None

Guests Present
A. Barnes, S. Li

I. Opening Items

A. Call the Meeting to Order

R. Ornelas called a meeting of the board of directors of Amethod Public Schools to order on Thursday May 8, 2025 at 6:00 PM.

B. Record Attendance

C. Announcements

Board Chair Rodolfo announced that Business Item D, the Finance Presentation, will be removed from the current agenda and rescheduled for the next board meeting.

Board Member Peter requested that the board receive monthly summaries of all signed contracts, including those below the board approval threshold, similar to the current check register reports.

D.

Public Comments on Non-Agenda Items

No public comments.

II. Consent

A. Approval of 4/29/2025 Special Board Meeting Minutes

P. Hanley made a motion to approve the consent agenda items and Special Meeting of the AMPS Board of Directors on 04-29-25.
J. Lerma seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

Roll Call

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

B. Approval of April 2025 Check Register

III. Business

A. Interview and Consideration of Approval of New Board Member(s)

Adrienne, Interim CEO, shared that the Nominating Committee and she have conducted multiple interviews with Margie DiGiorgio and Davis Leung. The Nominating Committee approved both candidates for recommendation to the AMPS Board of Directors.

Margie DiGiorgio expressed that she is excited to be here and eager to learn about a new school community.

Davis Leung shared that he has a background in finance and accounting. He is a former CPA and has served on Urban Montessori's school board for three years, including two years as Board Chair.
J. Lerma made a motion to approve Margie DiGiorgio and Davis Leung for appointment to AMPS Board of Directors.
P. Hanley seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

Roll Call

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

B. Review and Consideration AMPS Regular Board Meeting Calendar 2024-2025

Adrienne, Interim CEO, shared that at the last meeting, three additional dates were proposed to be added to the regular board meeting calendar: May 22, June 12, and June

26. The previously scheduled Wednesday meetings conflicted with other board meetings that staff were required to attend. These new dates were discussed and approved at the April 29 Board Meeting. The amended board calendar is now presented for final approval.
P. Hanley made a motion to approve AMPS Regular Board Meeting Calendar 2024-2025.
M. DiGiorgio seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

Roll Call

J. Lerma	Aye
R. Ornelas	Aye
P. Hanley	Aye
D. Leung	Aye
M. DiGiorgio	Aye

C. Review and Consideration AMPS Regular Board Meeting Calendar 2025-2026

Adrienne, Interim CEO, presented the proposed AMPS Regular Board Meeting Calendar for 2025-2026. The proposal includes holding board meetings on the third Thursday of each month and adding three additional dates- August 28, December 1, and February 26 to align with key interim reporting deadlines.

Board Member Peter inquired about the need for an additional meeting on August 28, asking why the regular meeting on August 21 could not accommodate those items. He also expressed concern about the December 1 meeting falling immediately after the Thanksgiving break.

Adrienne explained that the three additional meetings correspond to interim reporting deadlines, which typically fall on the first of the following month. Due to the tight turnaround, these additional meetings are necessary to ensure timely review and submission of reports.

Board Chair Rodolfo added that, as the organization moves toward tighter fiscal controls, the added dates will give board members more time to thoroughly review interim reports prior to approval. This approach allows the board to engage more deeply with the interim reports before submission to authorizers and provides staff sufficient time to finalize the reports.
D. Leung made a motion to approve AMPS Regular Board Meeting Calendar 2025-2026.
J. Lerma seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call

P. Hanley	No
R. Ornelas	Aye
D. Leung	Aye
J. Lerma	Aye
M. DiGiorgio	Aye

D. Finance Presentation

Item was removed from the agenda.

E. CEO Update

Adrienne, Interim CEO, provided an update on charter renewals and upcoming school events. For OCHS, the appeal was submitted to the California Department of Education (CDE) and State Board of Education (SBE) on May 8. The Advisory Commission on Charter Schools (ACCS) is scheduled to review the appeal on August 12, with the SBE decision hearing to follow on September 10–11. For RCA, the renewal application was submitted to the Contra Costa County Office of Education (CCCOE) on May 1. The Initial Public Hearing is set for May 21 at 5:00 PM, with the Decision Hearing scheduled for June 11 at 5:00 PM. For OCA, the projected completion date for the draft renewal is June 16. It will plan to be presented to the AMPS Board on June 22 and submitted to OUSD on August 1. The Initial Public Hearing is expected to take place in mid to late September, and the Decision Hearing is anticipated by the end of October.
Adrienne also shared the schedule for upcoming promotion and graduation events. On June 3, OCA will hold its promotion ceremony at 9:00 AM. On June 4, BJE's TK/K promotion will begin at 8:45 AM, followed by DCA's graduation at 10:15 AM and RCA's graduation at 4:00 PM. On June 5, BJE's 5th Grade Promotion will take place at 9:00 AM. On June 6, OCHS will hold its graduation ceremony at 1:00 PM, followed by JHHS's graduation at 5:00 PM. She shares JHHS career day with professionals that came to the school and gave presentations to the students. BJE started SBAC testing and families were invited for a parade and to cheer students on.

Board Member Peter inquired whether the August 1 submission date might be premature, given that testing results may not yet be available. He also asked which career organizations visited JHHS.

Adrienne, Interim CEO responded that the team expects to have preliminary testing data and intends to submit to OUSD as soon as possible.

Board Chair Rodolfo noted that the preliminary testing results are typically strong indicators of final outcomes.

Mary, Interim CAO reported that 73 different career vendors participated in the event at JHHS.

Board Member Davis asked Adrienne if she recommends applying for OCA's renewal on the early track.

Adrienne confirmed, and stated that several charter networks plan to submit either by August 1 or even earlier.

Board Chair Rodolfo supported the strategy, stating that many charters are submitting early to improve their chances.

IV. Closed Session

A. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL— ANTICIPATED LITIGATION

The board returns from closed session at 7:14pm and no there were no reportable actions.

B. Public Employment (Gov. Code § 54957)

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 7:14 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
R. Ornelas

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