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# Amethod Public Schools

## Minutes

### AMPS Board Retreat

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**Date and Time**

Friday July 18, 2025 at 9:00 AM

**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:

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**Directors Present**

D. Leung, J. Lerma, L. Martinez, M. DiGiorgio, R. Ornelas

**Directors Absent**

P. Hanley

**Guests Present**

A. Barnes, M. Arechiga, S. Li

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**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 Friday Jul 18, 2025 at 9:12 AM.

**B. Record Attendance**

**C. Announcements**

No announcements.

**D. Approval of the Agenda**

D. Leung made a motion to Approve the Agenda.

J. Lerma seconded the motion.

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

**Roll Call**

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

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

No public comments.

**II. Business**

**A. Board Retreat**

Brian Carpenter opened the board retreat training with introductions and personal reflections, highlighting the importance of education. He then led discussions on charter school governance, financial management, and regulatory compliance. Board members explored the distinct roles of management and governance, emphasizing the need for effective oversight and ethical decision-making in school operations. Brian continued by examining board responsibilities, collective authority, and the importance of maintaining clear boundaries between governance and management to support school performance and stability.

**III. 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 11:58 AM.

Respectfully Submitted,  
R. Ornelas

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