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Minutes

Special Meeting of the AMPS Board of Directors

Date and Time
Thursday August 27, 2026 at 5:30 PM

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 a two-way teleconference location for the public to attend at our Oakland school site:
Downtown Charter Academy- 2000 Dennison St, Oakland, CA 94606

Participating by Telephone: 669-900-9128 Meeting ID: 831 8795 4557

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Directors Present
D. Leung, J. Lerma, L. Martinez (remote), M. DiGiorgio, R. Ornelas

Directors Absent
None

Guests Present
A. Barnes, M. Arechiga, 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 Aug 27, 2026 at 5:32 AM.

B. Record Attendance

C. Announcements

Board Chair Rodolfo announced Board Member Liz will be participating in the meeting via Zoom under just cause.

D. Approval of the Agenda

L. Martinez made a motion to approve the agenda with the removal of item 2B due to insufficient information.

R. Ornelas seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

Roll Call	
D. Leung	Aye
J. Lerma	Aye
R. Ornelas	Aye
L. Martinez	Aye
M. DiGiorgio	Aye

E. Public Comments on Non-Agenda Items

No public comments.

II. Business

A. Review and Consideration of the OCA Closure Milestone Timeline

Adrienne, CEO shared the Oakland Unified School District's Office of Charter Schools requested a closure milestone timeline as part of the charter closure request list. Staff populated the required items with specific dates and presented the finalized timeline to the board for formal approval before submission to the district.
D. Leung made a motion to approve OCA Closure Milestone Timeline.
L. Martinez seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

Roll Call	
D. Leung	Aye
L. Martinez	Aye
J. Lerma	Aye
M. DiGiorgio	Aye
R. Ornelas	Aye

B. Review and Consideration of Approval of Request for Authorization for Traffic Management

Item was pulled from the agenda.

C. Review and Consideration of Approval of SB740 Application for Downtown Charter Academy

Prasanth, from Charter Impact requested the board's review and approval to apply for the SB740 grant program. He noted that this is a reapplication for funding the schools have received in the past, highlighting that it provides significant financial support to offset facility and rent costs and that the application is prepared for submission.
D. Leung made a motion to Approve SB740 Application for Downtown Charter Academy.
R. Ornelas seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

Roll Call

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

D. Review and Consideration of Approval of SB740 Application for John Henry High School

R. Ornelas made a motion to Approve SB740 Application for John Henry High School.
M. DiGiorgio seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

Roll Call

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

E. Review and Consideration of Approval of SB740 Application for Richmond Charter Academy

M. DiGiorgio made a motion to Approve SB740 Application for Richmond Charter Academy.
D. Leung seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

Roll Call

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

F. Review and Consideration of Approval of SB740 Application for Richmond Charter Elementary - Benito Juarez

D. Leung made a motion to Approve SB740 Application for Richmond Charter Elementary - Benito Juarez.
R. Ornelas seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

Roll Call

R. Ornelas	Aye
M. DiGiorgio	Aye
D. Leung	Aye

Roll Call

J. Lerma Aye
L. Martinez Aye

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 5:44 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
R. Ornelas

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