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Minutes

Regular Meeting of the AMPS Board of Directors

Date and Time
Thursday September 17, 2026 at 6:00 PM

Location
1450 Marina Way South, Richmond, CA 94804

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Downtown Charter Academy- 2000 Dennison St, Oakland, CA 94606

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

Directors Absent
L. Martinez

Guests Present
A. Barnes, M. Arechiga, M. Busby, M. Magana, 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 Sep 17, 2026 at 6:05 PM.

B. Record Attendance

C. Announcements

No announcements.

D. Approval of the Agenda

R. Ornelas made a motion to pull Business Item C and approve the agenda.

M. DiGiorgio seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call

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

E. Public Comments on Non-Agenda Items

No public comments.

II. Consent

A. Approval of 08/27/2026 Special Board Meeting Minutes

D. Leung made a motion to approve the minutes from Special Meeting of the AMPS Board of Directors on 08-27-26.
M. DiGiorgio seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call

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

B. Approval of 08/27/2026 Regular Board Meeting Minutes

D. Leung made a motion to approve the minutes from Board Meeting on 08-27-26.
M. DiGiorgio seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call

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

C. Acceptance of August Check Register

D. Leung made a motion to approve August Check Register.
M. DiGiorgio seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call

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

III. Business I

A. HR Presentation

Maria, COO, shared as of September 17, overall credential teacher vacancies across all four schools decreased from 16 to 9 after closing roughly eight positions and adding one new role.

Sally, HR Coordinator, shared across all school sites, 27 teachers hold clear credentials, 16 hold preliminary credentials, 19 hold intern credentials, 2 hold provisional internship permits, 1 holds a short-term staff permit, and 6 hold 30-day sub permits with pending STSP/ PIP applications with CTC. To maintain compliance while pending CTC applications are processed, temporary county certificates have been issued for teachers at the Richmond sites. Additionally, 25 new credentials were issued in the past 90 days, and HR is currently supporting 19 teachers enrolled in intern programs, 9 in induction programs, and 5 in CTEL programs to help them reach their credentialing milestones.

IV. Closed Session

A. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL— ANTICIPATED LITIGATION

B. Public Employee Performance Evaluation (Gov. Code, § 54957)

The board returned from closed session at 7:40pm and there were no reportable actions.

V. Business II

A. CEO Update

Marisol, Senior Director of Operations, shared as of September 17, overall enrollment is near target. Across most school sites, ADA is performing higher than budgeted, and schools are actively tracking attendance and launching incentive programs like weekly perfect attendance recognition at BJE.

Adrienne, CEO, shared four recent back to school nights wrapped up with strong attendance across sites, featuring well prepared classroom spaces and presentation slideshows from the teaching staff. Additionally, she shared photos from the summer AMPS Summit, highlighting team collaboration, professional development led both by

external guests and staff members, and special recognition for team members who have been with the organization for 10 or more years.

B. Review and Consideration of Approval of EL Blueprint

Mary, CAO, proposed the English Learner (EL) Blueprint, formerly known as the EL Master Plan, which establishes a coherent, system-wide framework for identifying, serving, monitoring, and supporting EL students from enrollment through reclassification. Aligned with the California English Learner Roadmap, the blueprint translates state priorities into AMPS-specific expectations to ensure consistent implementation of English learner services.

Board member Margie asked whether there are plans to update the document to include Assembly Bill 2555 and the new reclassification criteria.

Legal counsel will review and inform staff if an update is required on the EL Blueprint.
D. Leung made a motion to approve EL Blueprint pending legal updates.
R. Ornelas seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call

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

C. Review and Consideration of Approval of CEO Goals

Item was pulled from the agenda.

D. Review and Consideration of Approval of City Rise Invoice

Marisol explained that to comply with conditional use permit requirements and manage school traffic near a planned city bike lane, AMPS temporarily hired City Rise Traffic for the first two weeks of school to deploy six traffic flaggers. She requested board approval for the resulting invoice, noting that traffic flow at the site has significantly improved as a result.
R. Ornelas made a motion to approve City Rise Invoice.
D. Leung seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call

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

E. Review and Consideration of Approval of Joyce Montgomery Contract/Statement of Work #4

Adrienne informed the board that Joyce Montgomery, a highly regarded charter school finance expert and former CFO for Summit and Leadership Public Schools, is committed to supporting AMPS. She noted that an updated statement of work is being proposed to expand Joyce's contracted role and provide increased support for fractional CFO services as they build back-office capacity.
D. Leung made a motion to approve Joyce Montgomery Contract/Statement of Work #4.
M. DiGiorgio seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call

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

F. Review and Consideration of Lease Termination Agreement for 4215 Foothill Blvd, Oakland

Adrienne reported that the property previously occupied by the now-closed Oakland Charter Academy is currently under a lease running through November 2028. She presented a lease termination agreement offered by the landlord for $200,000, which has been review by legal counsel.
R. Ornelas made a motion to approve Lease Termination Agreement for 4215 Foothill Blvd, Oakland.
J. Lerma seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call

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

G. Review and Consideration of Approval of Transitional Kindergarten (TK) Teacher Credentialing and ECE Qualification Requirements

Sally presented a document designed to establish operational criteria for evaluating Transitional Kindergarten (TK) teacher eligibility in alignment with Education Code and CTC requirements. She asked for board approval to formally implement this framework for assessing incoming TK candidates.
R. Ornelas made a motion to approve Transitional Kindergarten (TK) Teacher Credentialing and ECE Qualification Requirements.

D. Leung seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call	
D. Leung	Aye
M. DiGiorgio	Aye
L. Martinez	Absent
J. Lerma	Aye
R. Ornelas	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 7:58 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
R. Ornelas

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