



## Alta Public Schools

### Minutes

#### Meeting of the Alta Public Schools Board

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##### **Date and Time**

Wednesday January 8, 2025 at 6:00 PM

##### **Location**

In Person:

8001 Santa Fe Ave., Walnut Park, CA 90255

2410 Broadway, Walnut Park, CA 90255

2547 Flower St., Huntington Park, CA 90255

10616 S. Western Ave., Los Angeles CA 900047

6350 N Laurel Canyon Blvd, #201, North Hollywood CA 91606

9850 Wilshire Blvd., Beverly Hills, CA 90201

Zoom: <https://altaps-org.zoom.us/j/89498453252>, Meeting ID: 894 9845 3252, Phone: (669) 900-6833,

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##### **Directors Present**

G. Tanner (remote), L. Castellanos (remote), M. Castro (remote), M. Porras (remote), R. Carranza (remote), S. Cortez (remote)

##### **Directors Absent**

*None*

##### **Guests Present**

N. Saenz (remote), X. Reyes (remote)

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## I. Opening Items

### A. Record Attendance and Guests

### B. Call the Meeting to Order

G. Tanner called a meeting of the board of directors of Alta Public Schools to order on Wednesday Jan 8, 2025 at 6:13 PM.

## II. Public Comment

### A. Public Comment

No public speakers.

## III. Consent Agenda

### A. Approve Minutes of the December 10, 2024 Board Meeting

R. Carranza made a motion to Approve Minutes of the December 10, 2024 Board Meeting.

S. Cortez seconded the motion.

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

#### Roll Call

R. Carranza	Aye
G. Tanner	Aye
M. Castro	Aye
S. Cortez	Aye
L. Castellanos	Absent
M. Porras	Aye

## IV. Action Items

### A. Approve October 2024 Financials for Academia Moderna, Prepa Tec LA and Central Office

S. Cortez made a motion to Approve October 2024 Financials for Academia Moderna, Prepa Tec LA Middle School and Central Office.

L. Castellanos seconded the motion.

Note: Board Member Luz Maria Castellanos signed onto the meeting at 6:29 pm.

Board Member Dr. Raul Carranza logged off at 6:28 pm, Dr. Raul Carranza reconnected at 6:40 pm.

Presentation and staff report was presented by Jim Surmeian from Charter Impact.

Approve October 2024 for Academia Moderna was moved by Sam Cortez, and seconded by Luz Maria Castellanos.

Ayes:

Dr. Raul Carranza

Greg Tanner

Samuel Cortez

Luz Maria Castellanos

Mary Porras

Mario Castro

Noes:

None

Approve October 2024 for Prepa Tec LA Middle School was moved by Mario Castro, and seconded by Greg Tanner.

Ayes:

Dr. Raul Carranza

Greg Tanner

Samuel Cortez

Luz Maria Castellanos

Mary Porras

Mario Castro

Noes:

None

Approve October 2024 for Prepa Tec LA Middle School was moved by Mario Castro, and seconded by Samuel Cortez.

Ayes:

Dr. Raul Carranza

Greg Tanner

Samuel Cortez

Luz Maria Castellanos

Mary Porras

Mario Castro

Noes:

None

Jim Surmeian from Charter Impact notified the board members that Mr. Mark Hendrie will be presented staff reports as today will be his last meeting.

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

**Roll Call**

R. Carranza	Aye
M. Castro	Aye
S. Cortez	Aye
G. Tanner	Aye
L. Castellanos	Aye
M. Porras	Aye

**B. AMCS & PTLA: Comprehensive Safety Plan**

M. Porras made a motion to Approve 2024-2025 Comprehensive Safety Plan for Academia Moderna and Prepa Tec LA Middle School.

R. Carranza seconded the motion.

Staff report and presentation was provided by Superintendent Ms. Rachel Villalobos.

Ms. Villalobos informed the board the Safety Plan differed from the Safety Plan that was filed 2 years ago which were highlighted in Ms. Villalobos such as the removal of COVID information and Independent Studies policies.

Board member Mary Porras and Ms. Villalobos ensued in brief conversation.

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

**Roll Call**

R. Carranza	Aye
M. Castro	Aye
S. Cortez	Aye
M. Porras	Aye
L. Castellanos	Aye
G. Tanner	Aye

**C. AMCS & PTLA: EL Master Plan**

R. Carranza made a motion to Approve the updated 2024-2025 EL Master Plan for Academia Moderna and Prepa Tec LA Middle School.

M. Porras seconded the motion.

Staff report and presentation was provided by Superintendent Ms. Rachel Villalobos.

Ms Villalobos highlighted some of the updates to the EL Plan such as more resources and SLPs for newcomers and long term English Learners to match CA Dash Board.

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

**Roll Call**

S. Cortez Aye  
M. Castro Aye  
R. Carranza Aye  
M. Porras Aye  
L. Castellanos Aye  
G. Tanner Aye

**D. APS Suicide Prevention Policy**

G. Tanner made a motion to Approve Suicide Prevention Policy.

R. Carranza seconded the motion.

Staff report and presentation was provided by Superintendent Ms. Rachel Villalobos.

Motion moved by Board member Greg Tanner.

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

**Roll Call**

G. Tanner Aye  
M. Porras Aye  
R. Carranza Aye  
M. Castro Aye  
S. Cortez Aye  
L. Castellanos Aye

**E. Approve Student Discipline Policy**

M. Porras made a motion to Approve Student Discipline Policy.

G. Tanner seconded the motion.

Staff report and presentation was provided by Superintendent Ms. Rachel Villalobos.

Motion moved by Board member Mary Porras.

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

**Roll Call**

R. Carranza Aye  
S. Cortez Aye  
G. Tanner Aye  
L. Castellanos Aye  
M. Castro Aye  
M. Porras Aye

**F. Approve APS Expenditures Reimbursement Requisition #1 from 2024 Bond Revenues**

R. Carranza made a motion to Approve APS Expenditure Reimbursement Requisition from 2024 Bond Revenues.

S. Cortez seconded the motion.

Staff report was provided to the APS board members by CEO Mr. Xavier Reyes.

Board members and staff ensued in a brief discussion. Dr. Raul Carranza is requesting for finance committee to report on such items. Regular quarterly Finance Committee meetings were suggested.

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

**Roll Call**

M. Castro	Aye
S. Cortez	Aye
R. Carranza	Aye
L. Castellanos	Aye
G. Tanner	Aye
M. Porras	Aye

**G. Approve the Reestablishment of the Hamni Bank Line of Credit for the APS SFA Central Kitchen**

R. Carranza made a motion to Approve the re-establishment of the Hanmi Bank Line of Credit for the APS SFA Central Kitchen.

S. Cortez seconded the motion.

Staff report was provided to the APS board members by CEO Mr. Xavier Reyes.

Board members and staff members ensued in a brief discussion.

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

**Roll Call**

M. Porras	Aye
M. Castro	Aye
L. Castellanos	Aye
G. Tanner	Aye
S. Cortez	Aye
R. Carranza	Aye

**V. Academic Report**

**A. Academic Report Presentation**

Academic Reports for Academia Moderna and Prepa Tec LA Middle School were reported by Superintendent Ms. Rachel Villalobos.

Board members ensued in a brief discussion regarding reports.

**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 7:19 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,  
M. Porras

**B. NEXT BOARD MEETING: February 12, 2025**