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Alta Public Schools

Minutes

APS Regular Board Meeting

Date and Time
Wednesday January 21, 2026 at 6:00 PM

Location
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Directors Present
G. Tanner (remote), M. Castro, M. Porras, R. Carranza

Directors Absent
L. Castellanos

Guests Present
N. Saenz, R. Villalobos

I. Opening Items

A. Record Attendance

B. Call the Meeting to Order

R. Carranza called a meeting of the board of directors of Alta Public Schools to order on Wednesday Jan 21, 2026 at 6:11 PM.

II. Public Comment

A. Public Comment

Dr. Raul Carranza announced that Board member Sam Cortez has resigned as of October 1, 2025.

Board member Mario Castro arrived at 6:14pm.

Public Comment:
Maribel Gonzalez - did not address agenda item.

Dr. Raul Carranza congratulated heads of schools Dr. Newell and Ms. Evans regarding middle tier

Mary Porras congratulated parents.

III. Consent Agenda

A. Approve New Hires

M. Castro made a motion to Approve Consent Agenda.
R. Carranza seconded the motion.
Board member Mary Porras was not present for the December board meeting and abstained from consent agenda vote.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call

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

B. Approve December 17, 2025 Minutes

M. Castro made a motion to approve the minutes from December 17, 2025 Regular APS Board Meeting on 12-17-25.
R. Carranza seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call

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

IV. Academic Report

A. Academic Report

Student and staff recognition was moved up on the agenda after public comment due to students being present at the board meeting. Dr. Newell presented recognitions in person to students and staff present.

Academic Report was presented by APS Superintendent Ms. Rachel Villalobos.

- Update on LACOE Appeal process.

Dr. Raul Carranza requested if any feedback has been received by LACOE regarding the petition. Per Ms. Villalobos, LACOE has requested data on enrollment, data sets, policies, and financial statements. Dr. Raul Carranza asked if any feedback regarding special ed issues or notice to cure from LAUSD requested. Ms. Villalobos responded that information was not requested.

- LCAP Mid Year
Ms. Villalobos reported LCAP mid year due end of February and the heads of Schools are capturing parent input during School Site Council meetings. Dr. Newell added data has been reviewed with parents and a report would be provided at the next board meeting after the mid year is completed and we are on schedule.

Ms. Evans reported Academia Moderna had 3 SSCs so far. Targeted 6 of 8 standards have been targeted at least twice. 2 will be targeted at the next SSC meetings.

Ms. Villalobos shared at the next board meeting she will ask for approval of the mid year LCAP due Feb 28 to the state.

- LAUSD visit
Ms. Villalobos reported the LAUSD oversight visit for AMCS is scheduled for Feb 18. For PTLA, oversight visit was scheduled for Feb 24 but APS requested for the oversight to be moved to a different date due to CCSA conference.

Academia Moderna Head of School Ms. Taylor Evans reported on the following items:
-Student and staff recognition for Academia Moderna
-Suspension/Expulsion
-Perfect Attendance
-Award assembly scheduled for 01/30

Prepa Tec Head of School Dr. Newell reported on the following items:
- Student and staff recognition
- Award assembly
- Suspension/Expulsion
-IB Focus by grade level

APS Director of Expanded Learning Ms. Marisa Rascon provided updates on the following items:
- AMCS and PTLA ADA data for Expanded Learning.
- AMCS and PTLA Homeless and Foster Youth update

Superintendent Ms. Villalobos provided an update on the following items:
- Attendance ADA for AMCS and PTLA impacted by illnesses and ICE activities in the community.
- Current Enrollment for AMCS and PTLA

Board members and staff ensued in a brief discussion regarding the attendance and enrollment information.

Superintendent Ms. Villalobos provided a SPED update on the following items
- 0 past due IEPs at AMCS
- 1 past due IEP at PTLA

Dr. Raul Carranza informed the Welligent for AMCS was shared with Ms. Evans.

Superintendent Ms. Villalobos reported on iReady results for AMCS and PTLA.

Dr. Raul Carranza inquired if the dashboard data information has been presented to the board. Ms. Villalobos reported the information was provided 2 meetings ago. Dr. Raul Carranza requested a presentation on the dashboard for the next board meeting.

Superintendent Ms. Villalobos provided update on AB 1234 training required by board members by January 1, 2026. If certificates have been received, please submit if not done so already.

Superintendent Ms. Villalobos provided an active service/student list for students in compliance and out of compliance report from Welligent report for AMCS and PTLA.

A 300 report and staff report was presented to the board for AMCS and PTLA by Superintendent Ms. Villalobos.

Brief discussion ensued between board members and staff regarding data and reports presented.

B. AB 1234 - Brown Act and Ethics Training Due January 1, 2026

V. Action Items

A. Review & Approve Financials Update including the Check Register for Academia Moderna, Prepa Tec - Los Angeles, Central Office

Item was tabled until the next board meeting because Marie Arce from Charter Impact was not present to provide presentation and staff report.

Motion to table item 5 was moved by Dr. Raul Carranza
Seconded by Mario Castro

Ayes:
Mary Porras
Greg Tanner
Mario Castro
Dr. Raul Carranza

VI. Organization Management, Programs and Operations Report

A. OMPO Report

- OMPO report update and reports on facilities presented by Ms. Villalobos regarding building issues related to plumbing issues, counter in cafeteria, redo the windows, and the leakage issue that has been ongoing with building.

B. Meal Program Update

- Meal Program updates were reported by Dr. Jesse Gutierrez.
Report on financials for income and expenses for food services was presented.
Kitchen Construction updates were presented
New delivery driver update
Electrical issue report was provided to board members

Dr. Raul Carranza informed that a kitchen tour was previously requested and was finally given an opportunity for a tour after the winter break.
Dr. Carranza also informed staff that another organization is looking to get rid of an oven and information would be given to Dr. Gutierrez.

C. Human Resources

HR report was presented and reported by HR Director, Ms. Guadalupe Mendez.
Report was to discuss the approval of stipend for Ms. Villalobos for providing additional services as Interim CEO.

Dr. Raul Carranza informed that when the board asked Ms. Villalobos if she agreed on the additional duties as acting Executive Director it would come with a stipend.

Dr. Raul Carranza motioned that in addition to Ms. Villalobos estimated yearly salary of $181K as superintendent she would receive a stipend of $20K added to her salary for acting executive director for 25-26 school year and paid out in 2 installments.

Motion by Dr. Raul Carranza
Seconded by board member Mary Porras

Ayes:
Greg Tanner
Mario Castro
Mary Porras
Dr. Raul Carranza

VII. Closed Session

A.

Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation Significant Exposure to litigation pursuant to Govt Code Section 54956.9(d)(2): two matters Conference with Superintendent - Anticipated Litigation Significant Exposure to litigation pursuant to Ed Code §56503: two matters

Board Chair Dr Raul Carranza requested that closed session be moved up on the agenda after student and staff recognition. Dr. Raul Carranza requested a vote to move closed session item.

Board member Mary Porras moved and 2nd by Mario Castro to have closed session moved up on the agenda at 6:22 pm.

Ayes:
Dr. Raul Carranza
Greg Tanner
Mary Porras
Mario Castro

Noes:
None

Abstain:
None

Absent:
Luz Maria Castellanos

Board members returned from closed session at 7:34pm

It was recorded that Dr. Raul Carranza did recuse himself from one of the closed session items.

VIII. 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 8:18 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
R. Carranza