

**Amigos Por Vida – Friends for Life Public Charter School
An Amigos Por Vida – Friends for Life Housing and Education Corporation**

Board Meeting Minutes

The Board of Governors of the Amigos Por Vida-Friends for Life Public Charter School met at the school at 5503 El Camino del Rey St., Houston TX, 77081 on Tuesday, February 17, 2026, at 5:30 p.m. In addition, a video Teams link:

https://teams.microsoft.com/join/19%3ameeting_ODM3YWRhZDdtMDhiZi00NGE4LWJmMmMtYmQxYThkZDVmZiQ1%40thread.v2/0?context=%7b%22Tid%22%3a%22d323cab2-041d-4980-ba2b-817d8b207019%22%2c%22Oid%22%3a%22fcdfece1-f8b2-40f2-8db0-73d7e93a43cf%22%7d

It was presided over by the Board President Ms. Rose Mary Valencia.

1. Call to Order

- a. Ms. Rose Mary Valencia called the meeting to order at 5:40 p.m. The following individuals were present:

Michael Griswold – Board Member
Sandra Lopez – Board Member
Monica Capella – Board Member
Linda Ibrahim – Board Member
Rose Mary Valencia – Board Member

Kakoli Mukerji – Interim Superintendent/Principal
Samuel Johnson – Director of Finance
Michael Roberson - Director of Operations
Jaime Romero - Assistant Principal
Zac Atwood – IT
Maria Ramirez - Secretary

- b. These individuals were present via Teams:

Patricia Rodriguez– Instructional Coach
Rashmi Vashistha – Instructional Coach
Susana Alhassan– Instructional Coach
Noelvis Lopez – Instructional Coach
Claudia Zelaya – Guidance Counselor
Glenda Villatoro – PEIMS
Liset Garcia – Parent Liaison
Britney Alfaro – Teacher
Jonathan McDonalds – Teacher
Mario Hernandez - Teacher

Miguel Facio - Parent
Luisa Sanchez- Parent
Adriana Tamez- Parent
Maria Tzorin - Parent
Juan Rabanales - Parent
Yahider Cruz (Nubia) - Parent
Juan Santos - Attendee
Tatiana Martinez - Parent
Alondra - Attendee
Blanca Fernandez - Parent

APV Technical Support – IT Department Arinna Braque (Adis) – Parent
Omar Khurshid – Attendee Jose - Attendee
Natalie Zunun (Marisol) – Parent Carmen – Attendee
Ailyn Paredes - Parent

2. Hearing of Citizens:

- a. None.

3. School Updates:

a. Ms. Mukerji presented updates for Family Engagement Activities

- Ms. Mukerji informed the board members of upcoming events that will be happening for the month of March:
 - February 16th – March 26th - Telpas State Assessment testing
 - March 1st - Self-Injury Awareness Day, to which Ms. Zelaya and Ms. Garcia will be presenting.
 - March 2nd – March 6th - Read Across America Day
 - March 4th - Meeting with the Principal
 - March 2nd – 6th - PK – 8TH Report Cards go home
 - March 9th – March 13th - Spring Break
 - March 16th – 20th - Self-Awareness Week, Ms. Zelaya and Mr. Garcia will have a student session.
 - March 24th - Board Meeting
 - Career Day – Date will more than likely to change
 - March 30th - No School (Students and Staff)
 - March 2nd – March 6th – Spring Pictures
 - Vaccination Clinic – Date to be determined. Depending on clinics' availability.

b. Academic updates

- Ms. Mukerji informed the board members that she had no academic updates other than the school is in assessment season.

c. Business Office updates:

- Mr. Johnson noted that the Spring Festival was a success and the turnout was great.
- Mr. Johnson updated the board with the revenue the Spring Festival had:
 - Total Revenue: \$10,710.00
 - Total Spent: \$4,500.00
 - Total Net: \$6,800.00

4. Action Items:

a. Discuss and consider District Financial Audit 2024 - 2025

- Ms. Valencia thanked everyone that participated in the audit.
- Ms. Ibrahim motioned to approve the financial statements for the school year 2024 - 2025, Mr. Griswold seconded the motion.

b. Discuss and consider January Board Meeting Minutes

- Ms. Ibrahim motioned to table the January Board Meeting Minutes, Ms. Lopez seconded the motion.

c. Discuss and consider RFP'S submitted and consider selection of the PR firm

- Ms. Lopez motioned to approved to 4 Cs as the PR and advisor for the district, Ms. Capella seconded the motion.

d. Discuss and consider the 2026 – 2027 school calendar

- Ms. Lopez motioned to approve the 2026 – 2027 school calendar, Mr. Griswold seconded the motion.

5. Closed Session:

- Ms. Valencia moved to Closed Session at 6:04 p.m.
- Ms. Valencia moved to Open Session at 8:22 p.m.

- Upon returning from Closed Session Ms. Valencia gave an announcement for citizens who would like to address the Board of Directors.
- Going forward citizens would need to submit a written request at least one hour before the board meeting starts.
- Each citizen will have 3 minutes to address the Board of Directors. This is to ensure that every citizen is allowed sufficient time.

I. Pursuant to Texas Government Code §§ 551.071 and 551.074, consultation with legal counsel and deliberation regarding discussion and interviews for the position of Superintendent of Schools.

- No updates.

6. Open Session: Action Item

I. Pursuant to Texas Government Code §§ 551.71 and 551.774, Discussion and possible action to name the Lone Finalist for the Position of Superintendent of Schools.

- Mr. Griswold moved to name Mr. Fuentes as the lone finalist for superintendent, Ms. Capella seconded the motion.

6. Information Items:

Mr. Johnson presented the following financial updates.

- a. Review Actual vs Budget Report
 - Mr. Johnson updated the board for the daily attendance percentage. Daily attendance was 95.6%. With current enrollment of 785, that puts school at 752 still above budget of 750.
 - Mr. Johnson informed the board that he has a meeting set up to discuss the process of making a payment to paying down the debt.
- b. Review Cash Balance Report
- c. Accounts & Investments Reports
- d. Review Check Register Report

7. Adjourn

- Ms. Lopez moved the meeting to be adjourned; Mr. Griswold seconded, the motion to adjourn the meeting was agreed upon by the Board at 8:28 p.m.

Ms. Rose Mary Valencia, *Board President*

Ms. Sandra Lopez, *Board Secretary*