

**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, March 24, 2026, at 5:30 p.m. In addition, a video Teams link:

https://teams.microsoft.com/join/19%3ameeting_ODBIM2VmNWQYTM4Ni00M2M3LWJkM2UtODJiOWFjNGUxNGJk%40thread.v2/0?context=%7b%22id%22%3a%22d323cab2-041d-4980-ba2b-817d8b207019%22%2c%22oid%22%3a%22fdfece1-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 5:39 p.m. The following individuals were present:

Michael Griswold – Board Member
Sandra Lopez – 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
Gustavo Ortega – IT
Maria Ramirez - Secretary

- b. These individuals were present via Teams:

Linda Ibrahim – Board Member
Patricia Rodriguez– Instructional Coach
Rashmi Vashistha – Instructional Coach
Noelvis Lopez – Instructional Coach
Bethzaida Figueroa– Teacher
Mario Hernandez – Teacher
Angela Reyes – Parent
Alejandra Najera - Parent

Jaydeen Esquivel (Fabiola) - Parent
Miqueas Zacarias (Nidia) - Parent
Joshua Cruz (Jose)- Parent
Aylin Romero (Olivia) - Parent
Yeidi Castro (Heidy) - Parent
Maria Giles - Parent
Mayela Cruz - 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.

b. Academic updates

- Ms. Mukerji informed the board members that she had no academic updates other than the completion of Telpas for all EB Students. Deadline was Friday but goal was to complete testing by Wednesday.

c. Business Office updates:

- Mr. Johnson announced to the board that Mr. Dorian Valenzuela was hired as the Marketing Manager.
- Mr. Johnson also announced that 2 grants will be completed by the end of the week. One is Impact 100 that Ms. Ibrahim brought to his attention. The other grant is an additional facility grant that TEA offers for \$225,000 that will be submitted by the end of the week as well.
- Mr. Johnson gave a brief update to the board about seeking transportation for APV-FFL students.
- Mr. Johnson has reached out to bus companies and a couple of primary decisions that have to be made. Such as if we want to contract out the services or do the services in-house.
- There are advantages to both. In house primarily is cost. Externally you want to let the experts show you what to do.
- Mr. Johnson will finalize the details and present them to the board in the next board meeting.

4. Action Items:

1. Discuss and consider January and February Board Meeting Minutes

- Mr. Griswold pointed out that Ms. Ibrahim was present for January 20, 2026, and February 17, 2026, Board Meetings and that this needed to be corrected and added to "Present Board Members" section.
- Ms. Lopez motioned to approve the January 20, 2026, and February 17, 2026, Board Meeting Minutes after corrections were made. Mr. Griswold seconded the motion.

5. Closed Session:

- Ms. Valencia moved to Closed Session at 5:55 p.m.
- Ms. Valencia moved to Open Session at 7:35 p.m.

1. 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.

- Superintendent's goals to evaluate the Current Superintendent's Performance
 - Discussion was held to establish the criteria for future superintendent's evaluation.
- Strategic goals to evaluate the Superintendent's performance
 - Discussion was held to establish the criteria for future superintendent's evaluation.
- Evaluation of the Interim Superintendent/Principal
 - The board discussed the tools that will be used to evaluate the current Interim Superintendent/Principal.

2. Pursuant to Texas Government Code 551.083, the board will discuss preliminary board governance and committees.

- No comment

3. Pursuant to Texas Government Code 551.074, the appointment of 2 new board members

- Ms. Valencia announced that the board has approved inviting Tiffany Cuellar Needham and Bency Thomas to join the board and attend Aprils board meeting. That brings the board to 7 members.
 - a. The board voted to make an offer to Mr. Justin Fuentes the employment as the new APV-FFL Superintendent.

6. Information Items:

Mr. Johnson presented the following financial updates.

- Ms. Lopez inquired about how the money was going to be allocated to EFF loan. To which Mr. Johnson responded that the payments would remain the same but will be paid sooner.
 - a. Review Actual vs Budget Report
 - 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 7:40 p.m.

Ms. Rose Mary Valencia, *Board President*

Ms. Sandra Lopez, *Board Secretary*