

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, April 21, 2026, at 5:30 p.m. In addition, a video Teams link:

https://teams.microsoft.com/l/meetup-join/19%3ameeting_ZTk3MjA3M2MtMTRjZi00NzJlLWJiYmMtMDNhMjQ0MjFiNDU1%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 5:39 p.m. The following individuals were present:

Michael Griswold – Board Member
Bency Thomas – Board Member
Tiffany Cuellar Needham - Board Member
Linda Ibrahim – Board Member
Monica Capella – Board Member
Sandra Lopez – Board Member
Rose Mary Valencia – Board Member

Justin Fuentes – Future Superintendent
Kakoli Mukerji – Principal
Samuel Johnson – Director of Finance
Michael Roberson - Director of Operations
Gustavo Ortega – IT
Maria Ramirez - Secretary

- b. These individuals were present via Teams:

Jaime Romero – Assistant Principal
Patricia Rodriguez– Instructional Coach
Rashmi Vashistha – Instructional Coach
Noelvis Lopez – Instructional Coach
Susana Alhassan – Instruction Coach
Claudia Zelaya - Counselor

Jaydeen Esquivel (Fabiola) - Parent
Angela Reyes – Parent
Mayela Cruz - Parent
Ninoska Caballero - Teacher
Victoria Colascione – SPED Teacher

2. Hearing of Citizens:

- a. None.

3. School Updates:

a. Recognition by Region 4 for school safety and security

- Amigos Por Vida – Friends For Life Charter School was awarded the School Safety Award by Frank Muniz with Region 4 Office of Emergency Management and School Safety.

b. Ms. Mukerji presented updates for Family Engagement Activities

- Ms. Mukerji gave updates to the board about the upcoming events that will be happening in the school for the month of May.

c. Academic updates

- Ms. Mukerji provided updates regarding the STAAR tests. She reported that the Reading and Science tests had 100% attendance. Social Studies and Math are the remaining tests to be administered.
- Ms. Mukerji is required to inform the board that the Teacher Incentive Allotment (TIA) application was submitted on April 14, 2026. She will receive the scores and feedback on May 29, 2026. If corrections are required, revisions will be made and resubmitted by June 30, 2026. Final scores and feedback are expected in early August in which the school will be notified if the school was accepted.

d. Business Office updates:

- Mr. Roberson provided the board with an update regarding the new silent panic system (Centegix) and its implementation.

4. Action Items:

a. Discuss and consider March 24, 2026, Board Meeting Minutes

- Ms. Lopez motioned to approve the March 24, 2026, Board Meeting Minutes after corrections were made Ms. Ibrahim seconded the motion.

b. Discuss and consider the TEKS Certification for School Year 2026 -2027

- Ms. Lopez motioned to approve the TEKS certification for the school year 2026 -2027, Mr. Griswold seconded the motion.

c. Discuss and consider the student transportation strategy starting the school year 2026 - 2027

- Ms. Ibrahim motioned to approve an RFP process to solicit the transportation services under a contacting base for one year, Mr. Griswold seconded the motion.

5. Closed Session:

- Ms. Valencia moved to Closed Session at 6:46 p.m.
- Ms. Valencia moved to Open Session at 8:43 p.m.

1. Personnel: Pursuant to Texas Government Code §§ 551.074, the board will

- Discuss the evaluation of the Interim Superintendent/Principal
 - The board discussed the tools to be used to evaluate the Interim Superintendent/Principal and the New Superintendent
- Meet with the PR firm – 4C regarding the marketing plan for APV – FFL
 - The board received a marketing update.

2. Pursuant to Texas Government Code 551.083, the board will discuss Bylaws and Board Duties

- The board reviewed board duties and responsibility documents that they are working on.

6. Information Items:

Mr. Johnson presented the following financial updates.

- Ms. Ibrahim asked when the first amendment to the 2025 – 2026 school year budget calendar would take place. Mr. Johnson responded that it would be in July.
 - a. Review Actual vs Budget Report
 - b. Review Cash Balance Report
 - c. Accounts & Investments Reports
 - d. Review Check Register Report

7. Adjourn

- Mr. Griswold moved the meeting to be adjourned; Ms. Cuellar Needham seconded, the motion to adjourn the meeting was agreed upon by the Board at 8:48 p.m.

Ms. Rose Mary Valencia, *Board President*

Ms. Sandra Lopez, *Board Secretary*