

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 5503 El Camino del Rey St., Houston TX, 77081 on Tuesday, May 19, 2026, at 5:30 p.m. In addition, a video Teams link:

https://teams.microsoft.com/l/meetup-join/19%3ameeting_ZjQwYTUzODctYmE5Mi00YWVhLTkxNGYtNTk5YmQyNjIxZDJI%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 5:47 p.m. The following individuals were present:

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

Justin Fuentes –Superintendent
Kakoli Mukerji – Principal
Samuel Johnson – Director of Finance
Juan Zamarron – IT
Maria Ramirez - Secretary

- b. These individuals were present via Teams:

Bency Thomas – Board Member
Patricia Rodriguez– Instructional Coach
Rashmi Vashistha – Instructional Coach
Noelvis Lopez – Instructional Coach
Susana Alhassan – Instructional Coach
Claudia Zelaya - Counselor

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

2. Hearing of Citizens:

- a. None.

3. School Updates:

a. Mr. Fuentes presented updates for Family Engagement Activities

- Mr. Fuentes provided updates to the board regarding upcoming school events for the month of June.

b. Academic updates

- Mr. Fuentes reported that STAAR testing was finalized and the school addressed minor information technology issues.
- Ms. Mukerji provided academic updates regarding Summer School classes in June.

c. Business Office updates:

- Mr. Johnson provided an update regarding the transportation plan for the 2026 -2027 school year.

4. Action Items:

a. Discuss and consider April 21, 2026, Board Meeting Minutes

- Ms. Lopez motioned to approve the April 21, 2026, Board Meeting Minutes contingent upon the requested corrections being made, Ms. Capella seconded the motion.

b. Discuss and consider the Health & Wellness Policy updated for the School Year 2026 -2027

- Mr. Griswold motioned to approve the Health & Wellness Policy contingent upon the requested corrections being made, Ms. Cuéllar Needham seconded the motion.

5. Closed Session:

- Ms. Valencia moved to Closed Session at 6:14 p.m.
- Ms. Valencia moved to Open Session at 8:10 p.m.

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

- Discuss the evaluation of the Interim Superintendent/Principal
 - The board continued the discussion reading the evaluation from the Interim Superintendent/Principal. No action needed.
- Discuss the goals and evaluation tools for the Superintendent
 - The board continued the discussion of the goals and evaluation for the new Superintendent. No action needed.
- Internal updates about branding and marketing
 - None

6. Information Items:

A. Mr. Johnson presented the following financial updates.

- Mr. Johnson introduced and explained the Financial Calendar to the Board members.
 - 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; Ms. Capella seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting, was agreed upon by the Board at 8:26 p.m.

Ms. Rose Mary Valencia, *Board President*

Ms. Sandra Lopez, *Board Secretary*