

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 5503 El Camino del Rey St., Houston TX, 77081 on Tuesday, August 18, 2026, at 5:30 p.m. In addition, a video Teams link:

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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 5:45 p.m. The following individuals were present:

Rose Mary Valencia – President
Sandra Lopez – Secretary
Monica Capella – Board Member
Tiffany Cuellar Needham - Board Member
Bency Thomas – Board Member

Justin Fuentes –Superintendent
Kakoli Mukerji – Principal
Jaime Romero – Assistant Principal
LaSondra Adigun – Assistant Principal
Samuel Johnson – Director of Finance
Leticia Grissom – Director of Strategy,
Advancement & Compliance
Maria Ramirez - Secretary
Zac Atwood – IT

- b. These individuals were present via Teams:

Linda Ibrahim – Board Member
Rashmi Vashistha – Instructional Coach
Susana Alhassan – Instructional Coach
Noelvis Lopez – Instructional Coach
Maria Serrato – Instructional Coach
Suhit Pasrija – Teacher

Lourdes Arellano - Parent
Ausencia Moran - Parent
Cleotilde Lopez – Parent
Maria - Parent
Angela Reyes - Parent
Molly Thomas – Teacher

2. Hearing of Citizens:

- a. None.

3. School Updates:

a. Strategy, Advancement & Compliance updates:

- Ms. Grissom presented the Friends For Life Branding Proposal to the Board.

b. Academic updates

- Ms. Mukerji presented the 2025 - 2026 TEA Accountability Ratings to the Board.

c. Business Office updates:

- Mr. Johnson informed the Board that the annual audit for 2025 – 2026 has begun.
- Mr. Johnson updated the Board on the establishment of a district office and reported that a potential location has been identified.

d. Operations update

- Mr. Roberson informed the Board that the school is focusing on safety this week and conducting emergency preparedness drills.
- Mr. Roberson notified the Board that Mr. Flores was hired as the new Safety Officer.

4. Action Items:

a. Discuss and consider July 18, 2026, Board Meeting Minutes

- Ms. Cuellar Needham motioned to approve the July 18, 2026, Board Meeting Minutes, subject to the corrections discussed. Ms. Lopez seconded the motion.

b. Discuss and consider Precinct 1 Harris County Constables Contract

- Ms. Capella motioned to table the Precinct 1 Harris County Constables Contract. Ms. Lopez seconded the motion.

c. Discuss and consider District Improvement Plan for 2026 -2027

- Ms. Lopez motioned to approve the District Improvement Plan for 2026-2027. Ms. Cuellar Needham seconded the motion.

d. Discuss and consider Amigos Por Vida Elementary Campus Improvement Plan for 2026 -2027

- Mr. Thomas motioned to approve the Amigos Por Vida Elementary Campus Improvement Plan. Ms. Lopez seconded the motion.

e. Discuss and consider Friends For Life Middle Campus Improvement Plan for 2026 - 2027

- Ms. Capella motioned to approve the Friends for Life Middle Campus Improvement Plan, subject to the minor adjustments. Ms. Cuellar Needham seconded the motion.

f. Discuss and consider 2026 - 2027 Budget

- Mr. Thomas motioned to approve the 2026 – 2027 Budget. Ms. Lopez seconded the motion.

g. Discuss and consider 2025 - 2026 Budget Amendment

- Ms. Cuellar Needham motioned to approve the 2025 – 2026 Budget Amendment. Mr. Thomas seconded the motion.

h. Discuss and consider Houghton Mifflin Harcourt Contract

- Ms. Lopez motioned to table the Houghton Mifflin Harcourt Contract. Ms. Capella seconded the motion.

i. Discuss and consider Transportation RFP Approval

- Ms. Lopez moved that the Board of Directors award RFP 2026 IFP 02. Ms. Capella seconded the motion.

5. Open Session:

- No action required.

6. Closed Session:

- Ms. Valencia moved to Closed Session at 7:47 p.m.
- Ms. Valencia moved to Open Session at 8:59p.m.

a. Superintendent Mr. Fuentes' 100-Day Presentation

- No action required.

b. Personnel

- No action required.

7. Information Items:

- FFLPCS (Friends For Life Public Charter School) Golf Tournament update
 - Ms. Grissom shared information with the Board about the FFLPCS (Friends For Life Public Charter School) Golf Tournament on October 2.
- a. Review Actual vs Budget Report**
- b. Review Cash Balance Report**
- c. Accounts & Investments Reports**
- d. Review Check Register Report**

8. Adjourn

- Ms. Lopez moved that the meeting to be adjourned; Ms. Capella seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting, was agreed upon by the Board at 9:07 p.m.

Ms. Rose Mary Valencia, *Board President*

Ms. Sandra Lopez, *Board Secretary*