

Adelante Charter School

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Board of Directors Regular Meeting Minutes September 12, 2022

Board of Directors Present

Brianna Aguilar, President (08/2023)
Amanda Lopez-Solis, Vice-President (03/2024)
Jack Rivas, Treasurer (07/2023)
Sheila Cullen, Secretary (07/2024)
Annette Cordero (08/2022)
Inés Casillas (11/2022)
René García Hernández (12/2022)
Andy Gil (05/2025)

Jennifer Navarro (08/2025)
Mirian Gutierrez (9/2025)

Others/Otros

Javier Bolívar, Executive Director
Holly Gil
Roger Castillo: Charter Impact

1. Call to Order, attendance (5:30pm)
 - a. Interpretation was provided and explained.
2. Read Mission Statement: Read in both languages.
3. Consent agenda:
 - a. Approve minutes 2022-08-15 and 2022-08-22: Andy Gil voted to approve minutes; Jack Rivas seconded; minutes approved unanimously 7-0.
4. Review agenda: no changes.
5. Public Comment: Dan La Berge asks for support as he is running for SBUSD School Board.
6. Board Members' Comments: none.
7. Reports & Updates
 - a. Celebration of Teaching: Veronica Ramos reviewed the learning highlights of every grade and specialist area.
 - b. PTSO: Keila Gonzalez reported Oct 21st movie night; started DDLM committee; café with Director at the end of the month.
 - c. Committee Reports/ Informes de los comités (food, finance, academic, family relations, equity): No reports.
 - d. Finance Report/ (Roger Castillo): No report.
 - e. ED-Principal's Report:
 - i. The change in our entry has lead to significant improvement in traffic and flow of students to classes.
 - ii. We are having volunteers in the lower grades.

- iii. We have had our first teacher meeting last week, where we discussed strategies to teach English; revising plan with our school counselor; improving strategies with our 3-tier system.
- iv. It has been a very productive beginning of the year.
- f. SPED Director Report
 - i. Luis Correa reviewed the special education department's updates regarding continuing education, workshops for parents, and current caseload. Discussion followed.
- 8. Board business/Asuntos de la mesa directiva (6:10)
 - a. Nomination of Mirian Gutierrez as board member
 - i. Jack Rivas introduced Mirian Gutierrez; Mirian Gutierrez presented herself and thanked the board for the nomination. She has been supporting 1st generation students at UCSB through college access program. Now works with Destination College Advising training others to work with students to better prepare them for college.
 - ii. Sheila Cullen made a motion to offer Mirian Gutierrez a position as board member of Adelante; Annette Cordero seconded; unanimously approved 7-0.
 - b. Discuss lottery rules:
 - i. The current lottery system was reviewed by Brianna Aguilar.
 - ii. Brianna Aguilar mentioned that neighborhood students receive preference; Holly Gil recommends that we extend that area to include Cleveland attendance area.
 - iii. Discussion followed.
 - c. Discuss Universal Pre-K
 - i. No update.
 - d. Discuss Facilities:
 - i. District was contacted regarding the possibility of installing turf in the school. Response was negative due to high maintenance costs, which we cannot cover.
 - e. Discuss full time benefits
 - i. The topic of whether Adelante can increase the rate it contributes for benefits for full-time employees was discussed.
- 9. Action Items: (6:30)
 - a. Approve ConApp:
 - i. Roger Castillo reviewed the ConApp for federal funds
 - ii. Annette Cordero made a motion to approve the ConApp; Jack Rivas seconded; approved unanimously 8-0.
 - b. Approve Parent Involvement Policy
 - i. Tabled.

- c. Oral Recommendation Regarding benefits (Director)
 - i. Board recommended increasing school contribution for Director's benefits by \$500, impacting budget \$5K annually.
 - ii. Amanda Lopez-Solis made a motion to approve the school's contribution to Director's benefits by \$500 monthly; Sheila Cullen seconded; unanimously approved 8-0.

10. Next meeting date & agenda items

- a. Monday, Oct 3rd, November 7th

11. CLOSED SESSION (7:15)

- a. Section 54954.5: Public Employee Contract: School Psychologist-SPED Director

12. Report of Closed Session

- a. Andy Gil made a motion that we offer Luis Correa Step 4 on SBUSD school psychologist salary scale; with additional \$4K stipend as compensation for his additional role as SPED director for 22-23 school year. Approved unanimously 8-0.

13. Adjourn (8:32 pm)

Minutes approved: 2022-10-03