

# Adelante Charter School

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## Board of Directors Regular Meeting December 5, 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)  
Andy Gil (05/2025)  
Jennifer Navarro (08/2025)  
Mirian Gutierrez (09/2025)

### Others

Javier Bolívar, Executive Director  
Roger Castillo: Charter Impact  
Holly Gil: Instructional Specialist  
  
Open Session (5:30pm)

1. Call to Order, attendance / (5:30pm). Simultaneous interpretation was provided.
2. Read Mission Statement: Read in both languages.
3. Consent agenda:
  - a. Re-elect René García Hernández for another term as board member
    - i. Tabled
  - b. Approve minutes 2022-11-07.
    - i. Amanda Lopez-Solis made a motion to approve 2022-11-07 minutes; Andy Gil seconded; unanimously approved 6-0.
4. Review agenda: No items moved or removed.
5. Public Comment (5:40): none.
6. Board Members' Comments (5:45): Andy Gil commented that DDLM was wonderful and he heard a lot of positive comments even from people with no connection with Adelante.
7. Reports & Updates : (5:50)
  - a. Celebration of Teaching: Maestra Ramos reviewed the learning highlights of every grade and specialist area.
  - b. PTSO: Keila Gonzalez reported that approximately \$10K was raised at the DDLM event. We had a first parents night out last month. Hoping for another one in January.
  - c. Committee Reports (food, finance, academic, family relations, equity): None.
  - d. Finance Report (Roger Castillo)
    - i. Roger Castillo presented our October and 1st Interim Report. Revenue is projected as slightly higher; expenses also higher. Year-end surplus is lower than projected.
  - e. ED-Principal's Report

- i. We have had a lot of students and adults sick. There has been an increase in absences. Some have lost as much as a whole week of school.
  - ii. Many teachers have received grants from the Santa Barbara Education Foundation and from other sources. For example Maestra Ramos received a grant to take the students to the Museum of Tolerance.
  - iii. Maestra Chely coordinated baskets of food for families for Thanksgiving.
  - iv. Students writing was evaluated in all grades. We will be using a rubric to evaluate their skills in this area.
  - v. Holly Gil and Director met with the Jr. High and various members of the district to see what are the plans for our students to be able to continue their Spanish learning, and that AVID be a required course, not an elective.
  - vi. We earned about \$25K in the DDLM raffle which will be money divided amongst our classrooms.
- f. SPED Director Report:
- i. Luis Correa reported that a lot of professional development has been provided to personnel, especially in areas such as how to support students with attention challenges. December 14th will be a workshop on MTSS. Next monthly parent workshop is how to support children academically at home. All SPED students were screened for vision and hearing on 11/14.
8. Board business (6:30)
- a. Discuss Universal Pre-K: no update.
  - b. Discuss communication and collaboration between ACS and SBJHS: see Director's report.
9. Action Items (6:45)
- a. Approve change in lottery date
    - i. Amanda Lopez-Solis made a motion to change lottery date to a month prior to Santa Barbara date; Jack Rivas seconded; approved unanimously 6-0.
  - b. Approve expansion of lottery geographical preference area to include Cleveland School attendance area: Tabled.
  - c. Approve the nomination process and guidelines for an Emeritus Board Member role description:
    - i. Amanda Lopez-Solis shared the suggested guidelines for an Emeritus Board Member (three terms of service, and invited to stay on in an advisory but non-voting capacity).

- ii. Procedure for nomination has not yet been outlined; will vote on all at next meeting.
- d. Approve school calendar for 2023-2024:
  - i. Amanda Lopez-Solis made a motion to approve the 2023-2024 school calendar; Jack Rivas seconded; approved unanimously 6-0.
- e. Approve ELO-P Initial Spending Plan:
  - i. Holly Gil and Director presented the initial plan, which will begin in January; an extra hour will be offered to 20 of our most vulnerable kindergarten students 4 days weekly.
  - ii. The students will have access to developmentally appropriate activities.
  - iii. Other parts of the plan include construction of shade structures that are permanent.
  - iv. 6 week summer program for 90 students with YMCA will also be designed.
  - v. Amanda Lopez-Solis made a motion to approve initial ELO-P Spending Plan; Mirian Gutierrez seconded; approved unanimously 6-0.
- f. Approve the Parent Handbook: tabled.

10. Next meeting date & agenda items: January 9, Feb 6, March 6, 2023.

11. Adjourn (7:00pm)

Minutes approved: 2023-01-09