

Adelante Charter School

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Board of Directors Regular Meeting November 27, 2023

Board of Directors Present

Brianna Aguilar, Presidenta/President (08/2026)

Amanda Lopez-Solis, Vice-Presidenta/Vice-president (03/2024)

Jack Rivas, Tesorero/Treasurer (07/2026)

Sheila Cullen, Secretaria/secretary (07/2024)

Inés Casillas (11/2023)

Andy Gil (05/2025)

Mirian Gutierrez (09/2025)

Otros/ Others

Javier Bolívar, Executive Director

Roger Castillo: Charter Impact

Sesión Abierta/ Open Session (5:39 pm)

Sesión Cerrada/ Closed Session (7:51pm)

This meeting is open and all are invited to attend and share ideas, concerns, or comments.

1. Call to Order, attendance / (5:39pm)
 - a. Non Board Members Present: Javier Bolivar, Holly Gil; Rose Munoz (SBUSD Board Member) via Zoom
2. Read Mission Statement
 - a. Read in both Languages
3. Consent agenda:
 - a. Approve minutes 2023-10-03
 - i. Minutes approved 6-0
 - b. Approve election of Andy Gil as Vice-President of the Board
 - i. Amanda Lopez-Solis made a motion to approve; second by Sheila Cullen
 - ii. Election approved 6-0
 - c. Re-elect Inés Casillas for another term as member of the Board of Directors
 - i. Inés Casillas requested to limit her service to the end of this school year.
 - ii. Amanda Lopez-Solis made a motion to approve; second by Jack Rivas
 - iii. Re-election approved 6-0
 - d. Accept the resignation of Jennifer Navarro from the Board of Directors
 - i. Jack Rivas made a motion to approve; second by Amanda Lopez-Solis
 - ii. Resignation Accepted 6-0
4. Review agenda
 - a. No Modifications in order
5. Public Comment
 - a. Miguel (Parent and EBAC Parent Group member) expressed the need to educate more parents on the reclassification process, and about the math and reading curriculum so he and other parents can support their students better at home.
6. Board Members' Comments
 - a. Andy Gil thanks everyone for a successful DDLM Event
7. Reports & Updates :
 - a. Celebration of Teaching-Maestra Fernanda Morales reviewed the learning highlights in each grade and specialist area.
 - b. PTSO
 - i. Overview of Dia De Los Muertos Event Expenses
 - ii. Two PTSO kindergarten parents helped launch a winter donation drive at Adelante. The fundraising goal is \$50,000. Donations can be given to a grade or to the entire school.

- iii. PTSO President inquired about an informational workshop regarding school finance and budget for PTSO organization. Brianna Aguilar anticipates the meeting for January or February.
 - c. Committee Reports (food, finance, academic, family relations, equity)
 - i. The Finance Committee will meet in December
 - d. Finance Report (Roger Castillo)
 - i. The official CDE award for Adelante's new music grant is \$49,518
 - ii. September 2023 updates-Shows revenues are projecting \$1K more than last month
 - iii. Expenses increased slightly by 3K
 - iv. Cash Balance is still strong
- 8. Director's report
 - a. Data Review for Fall 2023 Student Outcome Data Literacy and Math Progress Monitoring (see Report)
 - i. Growth in both areas is evident in all grades, especially in math.
 - b. Public Release CAASPP Data (See report)
 - i. In English Language Arts Adelante 6th graders are performing at the same level as county and statewide students.
 - ii. Data also show that Adelante's English Learners are doing better than students countywide in English Language Arts and Math
 - c. ELPAC (test used to get ELD students reclassified) 3.13% are proficient. However, there has been growth in this area from prior years. We have begun accessing resources to support our students in ELPAC that we hadn't previously accessed.
 - d. ED has implemented a new feedback strategy for teachers called Instructional Rounds.
 - e. Kinder lottery dates for the 2024-2025 school year
 - i. The board would like to move the lottery date to January 2025 for the next academic year. This year it was on November 2023.
 - f. Portable replacement
 - i. This SBUSD plan will replace portables and add permanent structures
 - ii. There are four options suggested by the SBUSD
 - iii. Discussion to be continued.
 - g. ELOP Update
 - i. Addition of an after-school dance class and the theater program has been added to the ELOP Plan.
- 9. Special Education Director Update (Leticia Lemus)
 - a. The SPED Director thanked school psychologist Meghan Romo and full-time sub-Tom Towle for their support of the special education program and students in our school.
 - b. SPED Director outlined professional development trainings that members of the team will attend.
 - c. Special Education Program will continue to host parent workshops this year through the Cultivando ComUNIDAD parent group.
 - d. The Special Education Department is also providing teacher professional development through SB SELPA.
- 10. Board business
 - a. Discuss Universal Pre-K: postponed.
 - b. Discuss Board recruitment: postponed
- 11. Action Items
 - a. Approve a \$50 increase to portion paid by school for employee benefits: postponed.
 - b. CIMI stipend
 - i. Amanda Lopez-Solis made a motion to approve and to build this expense into the annual budget; seconded by Jack Rivas
 - ii. Stipend Approved 6-0
 - c. Cell phone policy

- i. Cell phones and smart watches are causing distraction during school hours and have increased school bullying in school hours.
- ii. Jack Rivas's motion to approve policy and second by Sheila Cullen
- iii. Cell Phone Policy Approved 6-0

12. CLOSED SESSION

- a. Section 54954.5: Employee performance evaluation – custodial personnel
 - i. Item will be in next meeting agenda

13. Report Out on Closed Session

- a. No closed session

14. Next meeting date & agenda items

- a. December 4, 2023

15. Adjourn (7:51pm)

Minutes approved: 2023-12-04