

# Adelante Charter School

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## Board of Directors Regular Meeting December 4, 2023

### **Board of Directors Present**

Brianna Aguilar, President (08/2026)  
Amanda Lopez-Solis, Co Vice-president  
(03/2024)  
Andy Gil, Co Vice President (05/2025)  
Jack Rivas, Treasurer (07/2026)  
Sheila Cullen, Secretary (07/2024)  
Inés Casillas (06/2024)

### **Others**

Javier Bolívar, Executive Director  
Roger Castillo: Charter Impact

Sesión Abierta/ Open Session (5:30pm)  
Sesión Cerrada/ Closed Session (7:20pm)  
**ROOM 105, Adelante Charter School**

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1. Call to Order, attendance (5:30pm)
  2. Read Mission Statement: Read in both languages.
  3. Consent agenda:
    - a. Approve minutes 2023-11-27: No changes. Jack Rivas made a motion to approve, Andy Gil seconded; approved unanimously 5-0.
  4. Review agenda: Move finance report and action item to after public and board comments.
  5. Public Comment: none.
  6. Board Members' Comments: none.
  7. Reports & Updates:
    - a. Finance Report (Roger Castillo)
      - i. October 2023 Report will also serve as 1st interim report.
      - ii. LCFF funding updated; year-end surplus projected at \$5K with solid fund balance.
  8. Action Items
    - a. Approve a \$50 increase to portion paid by school for employee benefits
      - i. Finance Committee recommends offering this increase although it would result in a \$13K budget deficit
      - ii. This deficit could be offset with interest revenue not previously projected
      - iii. Andy Gil made a motion to approve \$50 increase; Jack Rivas seconded; unanimously approved 5-0.
  9. Reports & Updates (continued):
    - a. Celebration of Teaching: Maestra Limón reviewed the learning highlights in each grade and specialist area.
    - b. PTSO: will meet tomorrow.

- c. Committee Reports (food, finance, academic, family relations, equity)
  - i. Finance Committee met today to review the \$50 increase in benefit contribution.
  - ii. Additional discussions focused on salary negotiations with SBUSD.
  - iii. Total compensation offered by SBUSD is 8% next year; 4% following year plus additional increases in benefits.
  - iv. With no changes in our current expenditures, matching this offer will impact our budget, putting us close to half a million dollars in deficit.
  - v. Finance committee agreed we are committed to at least match district's salary.
  - vi. SBUSD can cut many positions and programs, while this is more difficult for us.
  - vii. School funding is highly inequitable in California due to community funding where districts benefit from their own property taxes; as a charter school, ACS not eligible for community funding status
  - viii. For this reason, Santa Barbara Unified spends \$17.9K/student; Goleta spends \$23.3K/student; Montecito Union spends \$40.2K/student.
  - ix. This is not a teacher problem to solve; this will be ongoing topic.
  - x. Discussion followed.

10. Director's report

- a. Dr. Jimenez came for professional development in Spanish language teaching.
- b. Instructional rounds continue.

11. Special Education Director Update: no report.

12. Board business

- a. Portable replacement:
  - i. Meeting will be held with Dr. Maldonado tomorrow; Brianna Aguilar and Andy Gil will attend along with Javier Bolivar.
- b. Discuss Board recruitment
  - i. Brianna Aguilar will meet with a prospective board member tomorrow.
  - ii. Board members are encouraged to think of community members who may be interested.
- c. Discuss Universal Pre-K: no update.

13. CLOSED SESSION (6:45)

- a. Section 54954.5: Employee performance evaluation – custodial personnel

14. Report Out on Closed Session: no action taken.

15. Next meeting dates: January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2024, February 5<sup>th</sup>, March 4<sup>th</sup>, April 1<sup>st</sup>, May 6<sup>th</sup>, June 3<sup>rd</sup>

16. Adjourn (7:15pm)

Minutes approved: 2024-01-08