



Dr. Pedro Albizu Campos High School Board of Directors

Board Meeting Minutes

Thursday, April 23, 2026 • 6:00 p.m.

Meeting Conducted Remotely

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Mission Statement

Dr. Pedro Albizu Campos Puerto Rican High School's mission is to provide a quality educational experience that empowers students to engage in critical thinking and social transformation, from the classroom to the Puerto Rican community. This mission is grounded in the philosophy of self-determination, self-actualization, and self-reliance.

Welcome and Call to Order — Chair Evelyn Rivera

Chair Evelyn Rivera called the meeting to order at 6:33 p.m.

Roll Call:

- All Board members were present.

Approval Items

- Agenda approved (Motion: Jaime; Second: Mike).
- Previous meeting minutes approved with corrections to the spelling of Jaime Moctezuma's name (Motion: Mike; Second: Jaime).
- Public introductions of Wintrust representatives Ivelisse Rodriguez and Jose Mendoza.

Principal's Report

Dr. Melissa Lewis presented updates on the Continuous Improvement Work Plan (CIWP) for 2027–2029, emphasizing MTSS implementation, academic and SEL supports, student connectedness, dual enrollment expansion with Wright College, YouthBuild program growth, One Summer Chicago, upcoming school events, and continued recruitment efforts.

Executive Director's Report

Marvin Garcia discussed Board participation in graduation, recognition of Kumar, updates on the charter reserve funds legislation, a \$2 million capital improvement request with a \$250,000 school match, ongoing audit progress, future Wintrust investment presentations, and approval of updated Board policies after revisions by Mike and Jaime.

Fiscal Report

Mike Staudenmaier reported that revenues and expenditures remain on target with the nine-month budget projections. Professional development and student support services showed higher variances but are expected to normalize by year-end. No Board action was required. The Board discussed inviting Kumar to present quarterly fiscal updates.

Announcements

Wintrust representatives discussed financial literacy opportunities for students and parents. Upcoming events included Prom, Graduation, book presentations, Board meetings, and community celebrations.

Upcoming Events

- April 24 – Seminary Co-op Book Presentation
- April 25 – Celebration of the Book (NEIU El Centro)
 - May 26 – Graduation Ceremony
 - June 4 – Virtual Board Meeting
 - June 12 – Museum Book Presentation
 - June 27 – Rebekah's Wedding
- September 29 – Harold Washington Library Presentation

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m. following a motion by Mike Staudenmaier and a second by Jaime Moctezuma. Motion carried unanimously.

Minutes submitted by:

Monica Lozada

Board Secretary