



Dr. Pedro Albizu Campos High School Board of Directors

Board Meeting Minutes

Thursday, June 18, 2026 • 6:00 p.m.

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-Swint

Chair Evelyn Rivera-Swint called the meeting to order. Roll call was conducted by Monica.

Roll Call:

- Evelyn Rivera-Swint — Chair — Present
- Jaime Moctezuma — Co-Chair — Present
- Mike Staudenmaier — Member — Present
- Rebekah Marciano — Member — Present
- Yeisha M. Betancourt-Ruiz — Member — Present (arrived later)

A quorum was established.

Approval Items

- Agenda amended to include a Closed Session (Motion: Jaime Moctezuma; Second: Mike Staudenmaier). Motion approved unanimously.
- April 2026 Board Meeting Minutes approved (Motion: Rebekah Marciano; Second: Jaime Moctezuma).
- No public participation.

Principal's Report

Dr. Melissa Lewis thanked the Board for its support during graduation and announced that Dr. Pedro Albizu Campos High School was awarded a U.S. Department of Labor YouthBuild Grant. The award will expand YouthBuild programming, provide technical assistance, and create additional opportunities for students. The Board congratulated Dr. Lewis on this significant achievement.

Executive Director's Report

Marvin García recognized Dr. Lewis' leadership and outlined priorities including expanding Board membership, creating a Board directory, adding a student representative, and implementing a new Principal's Report format featuring staff and student presentations.

Fiscal Report

Mike Staudenmaier reported the organization remains financially stable and is operating with a modest surplus. Budget planning for the upcoming fiscal year will begin at the next Board meeting.

Closed Session

Marvin presented a recommendation to increase Dr. Melissa Lewis' salary to better align with comparable district principals and recognize nearly nine years of exceptional leadership. The Board expressed unanimous support.

Wintrust Investment Presentation

Antonio Guillen and Mauricio Correa of Wintrust Bank presented investment strategies for approximately \$2 million in organizational funds. Discussion focused on investment risk, socially responsible investing, nonprofit portfolio management, and lending opportunities. The Board agreed to continue discussions at a future meeting with participation from all Board members.

Announcements

Marvin recognized Dr. Lewis and celebrated the success of the Puerto Rican People's Parade, which included twelve schools and approximately fifty floats. Additional updates were provided regarding Department of Labor initiatives and future partnerships.

Administrative Updates & Next Steps

Dr. Lewis will provide Yeisha with Open Meetings Act training information.

Yeisha will complete the required training and submit her certificate.

Marvin will coordinate a follow-up meeting with Wintrust and continue Board recruitment efforts.

The Board will continue exploring the addition of a student representative.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned following a motion by Jaime Moctezuma, seconded by Rebekah Marciano.

Motion carried unanimously