

Dr. Pedro Albizu Campos High School Board of Directors

Thursday, October 23, 2025 - 6:00 p.m.

Meeting will be conducted remotely

Meeting link [here](#)



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, a methodology of self-actualization, and an ethic of self-reliance.

Welcome and Call to Order — Vice Chair Jaime Moctezuma

The meeting was called to order at 6:10 p.m.

Roll Call:

- Evelyn Rivera — Chair — Absent
- Milagros Fernandez — Member — Present
- Jaime Moctezuma — Member — Present
- Mike Staudenmaier — Member — Present
- Rebekah Marcano — Member — Present
- Yeisha M. Betancourt-Ruiz — Member — Present

A quorum was established.

Approval Items

- Agenda approved (Motion: Milagros Fernandez; Second: Mike Staudenmaier).
- Previous meeting minutes approved with correction to the spelling of Yeisha Betancourt-Ruiz's last name.
- No public participation.
- Discussion regarding the Vice Chair position was postponed until Chair Evelyn Rivera is present.
- The Board unanimously approved creation of a non-voting Board Secretary position and appointed Monica Lozada.

Principal's Report

Dr. Melissa Lewis reported that Albizu Campos High School achieved a Level 1 SRP designation. Fall enrollment increased to 199 students. The school continues focusing on student stabilization, English Learner instruction, YouthBuild credentialing, and family engagement. Staff will participate in PRCC Rapid Response training to better support students affected by community concerns related to ICE activity.

Executive Director's Report

Marvin Garcia provided updates on the audit transition, revised bylaws, Open Meetings Act compliance, annual in-person meetings, and Board governance. He also discussed resubmitting the YouthBuild grant, recruiting new Board members with financial expertise, and strengthening partnerships with PRCC and Wintrust Bank.

Board Development & Recruitment

Potential Board candidates from DePaul University and Wintrust Bank were discussed. The Board also considered future parent and student representation and proposed Dr. Teresa Cordova to facilitate Board development.

Operations, Finance & Policies

Mike Staudenmaier reviewed vendor costs, cloud-based document storage, the FY2026 budget, and noted that critical records were unaffected by the fiscal office fire. The FY2026 budget was approved unanimously.

Board Member Updates

Updates included dual enrollment opportunities with City Colleges, the mental health center initiative, a potential yoga certification partnership, internships, and youth succession planning.

Announcements

The Haunted Paseo event will take place on Division Street on October 31.

Upcoming Events

January 22, 2026

April 23, 2026 (In-Person)

June 25, 2026 (Week Following Graduation)

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned following a motion by Jaime Moctezuma, seconded by Mike Staudenmaier.
Motion carried unanimously.

Minutes submitted by:
Monica Lozada
Board Secretary