



## **Amistad Academy Board Meeting Minutes**

Thursday, October 23, 2025 at 5:30 PM to 6:30 PM EDT

Virtual over Zoom: <https://achievementfirst.zoom.us/j/83693476981>

### **Attendance:**

Board Members: Lorraine Gibbons, Jen Alexander, James Baron, Yahira Zwisler, Henry Melzer

AF Staff: Lisa Margosian, Michael Rabin, Amy D'Angelo, Dumar Paden, Sulafa Bashir

Guests: Peter Butler, Alexys Heffernan, Angelina C. joined after the public comment portion of the meeting.

### **I. Call to Order**

Lorraine Gibbons officially called the October 23rd, 2025 meeting of the Amistad Academy Board of Directors to order.

### **II. Public Comment**

A call was made for public comment during the meeting, but it was noted that there were no members of the public present wishing to comment.

### **III. Executive Session**

Lorraine Gibbons announces the need to move into executive session to discuss personnel matters and new board members.

A motion to enter executive session was made by Yashira Zwisler, seconded by Jen Alexander and all were in favor.

### **IV. Board Business**

The board exited the executive session and moved on to approving the consent agenda. Ms. Gibbons asked for a motion to pass the consent agenda. Yashira Zwisler motioned and was seconded by Jen Alexander. All were in favor, and the consent agenda passed.

### **Consent Agenda: New board members, board member reelections, board leadership and committee membership, meeting minutes, and family handbook**

1. BE IT RESOLVED, that the Amistad Academy Board of Directors elects Jason Prime to the Board for a 3-year term, ending June 30, 2028.
2. BE IT RESOLVED, that the Amistad Academy Board of Directors elects Alex Guzhnay to the Board for a 3-year term, ending June 30, 2028.

3. BE IT RESOLVED, that the Amistad Academy Board of Directors reelects Lorraine Gibbons to the Board for a 3-year term, ending June 30, 2028.
4. BE IT RESOLVED, that the Amistad Academy Board of Directors reelects Jennifer Alexander to the Board for a 3-year term, ending June 30, 2028.
5. BE IT RESOLVED, that the Amistad Academy Board of Directors reelects Yashira Zwisler to the Board for a 3-year term, ending June 30, 2028.
6. BE IT RESOLVED, that the Amistad Academy Board of Directors reelects Shannelle Whyte to the Board as a parent representative for a 1-year term, ending June 30, 2026.
7. BE IT RESOLVED, that the Amistad Academy Board of Directors hereby elects the following leadership slate for the 2025-2026 fiscal year:
  - a. Lorraine Gibbons, Chair
8. BE IT RESOLVED, that the Amistad Academy Board of Directors hereby appoints the following committee members:
  - Finance Committee: Lorraine Gibbons, Jason Prime, Yashira Zwisler, Henry Melzer, Alex Guzhnay
  - Personnel Committee: Lorraine Gibbons (Chair), Jennifer Alexander, Henry Melzer
  - Amistad Joint HS Committee: Jennifer Alexander (Chair), Lorraine Gibbons, Yashira Zwisler, Alex Guzhnay
9. BE IT RESOLVED, the Amistad Academy Board of Directors hereby approves the meeting minutes from May 22, 2025.
10. BE IT RESOLVED, that the Amistad Academy Board of Directors hereby approves the 2025-2026 AF Family Handbook.

Interim principal resolution motion by Henry Melzer, second by Yashira Zwisler, All in favor. Resolution to approve Interim principals passes.

#### **Interim Principals**

1. BE IT RESOLVED that the Amistad Academy Board of Directors hereby approves the following individuals to serve as interim principal, as needed through October 30, 2026, for a period of time not to exceed sixteen weeks, based on the recommendations by Achievement First.

School	Interim Principal 1	Interim Principal 2
Elementary School	Emma Miller	Olivia Dardy
Middle School	Roseann Basile	Kahlil Smith
High School	Jasmine Watts	Jenn Olthoff

**V. Adjourn**

Prior to adjourning the meeting, Lorraine Gibbons stated that the next meeting where the AF presentation will take place needed to be scheduled and invited the board members to indicate their availability using the provided Doodle form.

Subsequently, there being no more business, Ms. Gibbons called for a motion to adjourn, which was made by Jen Alexander and seconded by Yashira Zwisler. All were in favor and the meeting was adjourned.