

**Amistad Academy  
Board of Directors**

Zoom Video Conference  
October 7, 2020, 5:00 pm

**I. Call to Order and Attendance**

The meeting was called to order at 5:03 pm by Carolyn Greenspan. The following board members and Achievement First Staff were in attendance:

Carolyn Greenspan - Yes	John Motley, AF Network Support Board
Lorraine Gibbons - Yes	
Jane Levin - Yes	Roseann Basile, Amistad Middle School Principal
Pat Sweet - Yes	Simon Obas, Amistad High School Principal
Jennifer Alexander - Yes	Jesse Balis-Harris, Regional Superintendent
Albert Maldonado - No	Sarah Blanton, AF Network Support
Ethan Tyminski - No	Ken Paul, AF Network Support
Tyra Smallwood - Yes	

Ms. Greenspan introduced herself and shared that the purpose of the board meeting is to discuss a process for reconsidering whether Amistad should continue to be the name of our schools. She welcomed and thanked everyone for joining the meeting.

Ms. Greenspan framed the discussion by noting the original intent behind the Amistad name and acknowledging the views of many students, staff, alumni and families that this is not the right name for the school. She stated the board respects this view and looks forward to public comment.

**II. Open Session for Public Comment**

Several members of the community, including students and staff, made comments in support of changing the Amistad name.

**III. Discussion and possible action related to determining a process for reconsidering the Amistad name**

Ms. Greenspan previewed the resolution before the board and outlined the process for making a material change to the charter.

There was no board discussion on the resolution.

RESOLVED, the Amistad Academy Board of Directors hereby authorizes and directs the formation of a focus group co-chaired by John Motley, Achievement First Board Member, and Simon Obas, Amistad High School Principal, to explore options for re-naming Amistad Academy, seeking input from the community, with the intention of submitting a recommendation to the Amistad Academy Board of Directors for consideration.

Motion by Jane Levin

Seconded by Lorraine Gibbons

All in favor

Ms. Greenspan committed to keeping the public apprised of the progress of the focus group.

#### **IV. Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned by Carolyn Greenspan at 5:18 pm.

Motion by Lorraine Gibbons

Second by Tyra Smallwood

All in favor