

## **Joint Meeting of the Achievement First School Boards of Directors**

**Amistad Academy, Elm City College Preparatory,  
AF Bridgeport Academy, AF Hartford Academy,  
AF Brooklyn and AF Rhode Island**

Zoom meeting  
Wednesday, January 20, 2021  
5:30 – 7:00 pm

### **I. Call to Order and Attendance**

The meeting was called to order at 5:32 pm by Dick Ferguson, Elm City College Preparatory Board Chair. The following board members and Achievement First Staff were in attendance:

**Amistad Academy Board Members in Attendance:** Carolyn Greenspan, Lorraine Gibbons, Jane Levin, Ethan Tyminski, Patricia Sweet, Tyra Smallwood, Priyanka Junankar (Yale SOM Board Fellow)

**Elm City College Preparatory Board Members in Attendance:** Dick Ferguson, Laura Saverin, Patric Gregory, Stephanie Ma, Julia Halberstam, LaVonta Bryant, Nicola Fleischer (Yale SOM Board Fellow)

**AF Bridgeport Academy Board Members in Attendance:** Dick Kalt, Rajeev Lakra, Marlene Macaуда, Debra Hertz, Ebrima Jobe, Mike Strambler, Kimberly Bruce, Dewey Loselle

**AF Hartford Academy Board Members in Attendance:** Patsy Mundy, Bildade Augustin, Ja Hannah, Alice Turner, Lisa Tanen-LaFontaine

**AF Rhode Island Board Members in Attendance:** Mayor Jorge Elorza, Reshma Singh, Ben Smith, James Wiley, Maryellen Butke

**AF Brooklyn Board Members in Attendance:** Deb Shanley, Romy Coquillet, Jon Atkeson, Kevin Miquelon, Chris Lynch, Warren Young, Will Robalino, Justin Cohen, Theresa Hayes

**Achievement First Staff:** Dacia Toll, Rich Buery, Sarah Blanton, Ken Paul, Katie Rosa Moher, Paul Astuto, Albert Pulido, Elise Major, Connor McGann, Jasmine Jeffers

**Public:** Genevive Walker, Peter Butler, Shalia Garnett, Tanesha Forman

### **II. Presentation and Discussion of AF Vision Process**

Mr. Rich Buery gave a presentation on AF's Vision Process. AF's goal is to bring a broad cross section of the AF community together to define a vision of excellence and create multi-year plan.

Following the presentation, the boards discussed what their dreams are for the AF graduates and the skills and mindsets they hope AF students develop. This discussion will help define the graduate aims which will inform the goals for the network and the strategic plan for the organization.

### **III. Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:02 pm.

Motion by Dick Kalt.

Second by Dick Ferguson.

All in favor