

- Draft Minutes -

**Achievement First Rhode Island**

**Board of Directors Retreat**

June 25, 2021, 7:30 am

Zoom Video Conference

**I. Call to Order and Attendance**

The meeting was unofficially to order at 7:36 am by Ben Smith. The following board members, constituting a quorum, and Achievement First staff were in attendance:

Mayor Jorge Elorza - No

Macky McCleary - No

Reshma Singh - Yes

John Iglizoi - No

Susan Curtis - Yes

Ben Smith - Yes

Maryellen Butke - Yes

James Wiley - Yes

Mayor Charles Lombardi - No

Ketki Harale, AF Network Support

Cassidy McKee, AF Network Support

Salvador Pellerano, AF Network Support

Tsehaia Brown, AF Network Support

Sarah Blanton, AF Network Support

Public: Jillian Fain

**II. Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

**III. Approve Minutes**

RESOLVED, the AF Rhode Island Board of Directors hereby approves the meeting minutes from May 17, 2021.

Motion by James Wiley

Second by Reshma Singh

All in favor

**IV. Discussion and possible action related to the sublease terms for AF Providence High School incubation space.**

The board entered executive session to discuss the sublease terms for the AF Providence High School incubation space at 7:38 am. Motion by Maryellen Butke. Seconded by Reshma Singh. All in favor. Tsehaia Brown, Cassidy McKee, Ketki Harale, Salvador Pellerano, Sarah Blanton and Jillian Fain were invited to join the board in executive session.

The board exited executive session at 7:45 am. Motion by Maryellen Butke. Seconded by Reshma Singh. All in favor.

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that AFRI be, and hereby is, authorized and directed to sublease a certain school building and surrounding areas located at 305 Laurel Hill Avenue, Providence, Rhode Island 02909 (AP 109, Lot 369) Providence, Rhode Island, from Hope Development Corporation, a Rhode Island non-profit corporation (the "Sublandlord"), as more particularly described in that certain Sublease Agreement by and between AFRI and Sublandlord previously delivered to the Board for review;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that AFRI be, and hereby is, authorized and directed, to execute and deliver the Sublease Agreement substantially in the form previously delivered to the Board, with such changes thereto as deemed necessary or advisable by any officer of the Board (each an "Authorized Person") (such necessity advisability to be conclusively evidenced by the execution thereof);

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that each Authorized Person, be, and hereby is, jointly or severally, authorized and directed, at any time and from time to time, to do all such things and acts and to execute and deliver all such applications, documents and instruments in writing and to expend such fees for and on behalf of AFRI as may be necessary or advisable in order to give effect to and, generally, carry out the intent of these resolutions including, without limitation, to execute and deliver any instruments and documents required in connection with the foregoing, in the name and on behalf of AFRI, on such terms and conditions and in such form deemed necessary or desirable and approved by such Authorized Person with such changes, modifications and amendments thereto as such Authorized Person may in such person's discretion approve, which approval shall be conclusively evidenced by the execution and delivery of such applications, documents and instruments in writing; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that all actions previously taken by any Authorized Person in furtherance of the foregoing resolutions are hereby ratified and confirmed.

Motion by Maryellen Butke

Seconded by Susan Curtis

All in favor

#### **V. Discussion and possible action related to the AFRI transportation vendor**

Sal Pellerano updated the board on the status of the RFP process for a new transportation vendor. The board discussed the importance of having a plan to get students to school but did name that they will need to pay attention to the impact on the budget.

WHEREAS, Achievement First Inc. ("AF"), on behalf of the Achievement First Rhode Island Inc. Board of Directors, issued an RFP for proposals for a new school bus transportation vendor for the AF Rhode Island schools and has reviewed submissions,

RESOLVED, the Achievement First Rhode Island Board of Directors has reviewed the submitted proposal responses, as presented, and hereby approves the Ocean State Transit proposal as the winning bid based on the criteria outlined in the RFP,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, AF and its designee are, jointly and severally, authorized and directed, in the name of AF Rhode Island, to take any and all actions and/or submit such documents needed to effectuate the foregoing resolution.

Motion by James Wiley

Seconded by Maryellen Butke

All in favor

**VI. Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 am by Ben Smith.

Motion by Maryellen Butke

Seconded by Reshma Singh

All in favor