



## **Achievement First (AF) Brooklyn Charter Schools**

### **Board of Trustees Meeting**

Monday, April 11, 2022, 6:00 pm

Zoom Video Conference

– DRAFT MEETING MINUTES –

**Board Members in Attendance:** Romy Coquillette, Alison Richardson, Jon Atkeson, Andy Hubbard, Desiree Dalton, Kevin Miquelon, Warren Young, Josh Vidro, Judith Jenkins, Rhonda Barros, Christopher Lynch, Tamika Bradley, Akeem Frett, Will Robalino

**Staff in Attendance:** Fatimah Barker, Beth Cocuzza, Stephanie Keenoy, Neil Shah, De-Lea Deane-Allen, Xanthe Jory, Ken Paul, Isabel Tañedo, Patricia Granda-Malaver

Isabel Tañedo recorded the minutes. The meeting was called to order at 6:03 pm by Ms. Romy Coquillette, Board Chair.

#### **1. Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

#### **2. Discussion: Report on staff shortages in SY22-23 and proposed mitigation plans**

Ms. Coquillette invited Ms. Fatimah Barker, Interim Chief Executive Officer, to lead the discussion on planning around staffing shortages for school year SY2022-2023.

Ms. Barker reported on staffing shortages across all Brooklyn schools, and the planning that has taken place in the last few months to ensure that Achievement First (AF) continues to run joyful and safe campuses for its scholars. By shifting staffing and school schedule models, Ms. Barker noted that the majority of teaching shortage issues have been resolved for SY2022-2023, with the exception of Ujima High School, one of the AF campuses still scaling.

To ensure that AF delivers on its commitment to get Ujima scholars to/through high school, Ms. Barker recommended that rising 10th graders be distributed across the other 3 high school campuses in Brooklyn: Brooklyn High, University Prep and East Brooklyn.

Ms. Barker and members of the AF Cabinet entertained questions from the Board on student enrollment, teacher recruitment, communication plans for engaging families and staff, and other options vetted by AF.

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In closing, Ms. Coquillete noted that this was a productive discussion, despite this not being what anyone wanted to be talking about. She added that it is important for the Board to stay abreast of communication plans and be part of that discussion. Ms. Barker committed to setting up touch points with Chair and Vice Chair, and to be in partnership along the way.

### **3. Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:06 pm by Romy Coquillette.  
All in favor