



**Achievement First (AF) Brooklyn Board
Executive Committee Meeting**

Monday, April 29, 2022, 11:00 am
Zoom Video Conference

– DRAFT MEETING MINUTES –

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 11:02am by Ms. Romy Coquillet, Board Chair. The following board members, constituting a quorum, and Achievement First staff were in attendance.

Board Members in Attendance: Romy Coquillet, Alison Richardson, Jon Atkeson

Staff in Attendance: Fatimah Barker, Stephanie Keenoy, De-Lea Deane-Allen, Xanthe Jory, Blakely Simoneau, Michael Rabin, Isabel Tañedo

Isabel Tañedo recorded the minutes.

2. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

3. Discussion: Recommended path forward for Ujima scholars in SY22-23

Ms. Coquillet gave the floor to Ms. Fatimah Barker, Interim CEO, to present recommended plans to address staff shortages at Ujima High School.

Ms. Barker reported that, after careful due diligence centering what is in the best interest of scholars, families and staff, it remained Achievement First's (AF) strong recommendation that rising 10th grade scholars from Ujima be transferred to the other 3 high schools in Brooklyn, while Ujima continued to operate a 9th grade class in SY22-23. Ms. Barker highlighted that the lottery process to determine which high school Ujima scholars would be transferred to would be vetted by SUNY to ensure its fairness and equitability.

Ms. Barker and the AF Cabinet then responded to questions from the Executive Committee on seats available at each campus, the lottery process, alternatives for scholars and families who choose not to matriculate at the other AF campuses, family engagement plans and social-emotional support for scholars.

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In closing, Ms. Coquillette requested that other members of the Board also be invited to provide comments on the proposed rollout and communication plans. Ms. Barker committed to receive comments from other Trustees and to invite parent representatives of the Board to engage in further discussion to take into account their perspective and experience as AF families.

4. Adjourn

There being no other business, Ms. Coquillette adjourned the meeting at 11:46 am.