



**Minutes**  
**Achievement First Brooklyn**  
**Board of Trustees Special Meeting**

Venue: Virtual meeting

Zoom: <https://achievementfirst.zoom.us/j/83467853291>

Wednesday, February 16, 2023, 10:00 - 11:00 am

**I. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by Ms Romy Coquilletto at 10:02 am.

**Attendees:**

Trustees:

Name	Present	Name	Present
Romy Coquilletto	Y	Desiree Dalton	Y
Christopher Lynch	Y	Akeem Frett	Y
Warren Young	Y	Anup Menon	Y
Alison Richardson	Y	Kevin Miquelon	Y
Jon Atkeson	N	Will Robalino	Y
Rhonda Barros	N	Amy Arthur Samuels	Y
Tamika Bradley	Y	Josh Vidro	N
Paul Cabana	Y	Shawn Warren	Y

AF Staff: Lisa Margosian, Karolyn Belcher, Michael Rabin, Neil Shah, Kate Aufiero, Blakely Simoneau, Sulafa Bashir, Barbara Forti, Beth Cocuzza

**II. Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

**III. Discussion with Achievement First**

A. High School Consolidation Proposal

Lisa Margosian welcomed the board and introduced the topic at hand, thanking the trustees for making the time to attend the special meeting.

Karolyn Belcher discussed the proposed high school consolidation, citing declining enrollment and the challenges facing EBHS which would require turnaround support and time to improve quality.

Trustees asked questions about:

- supporting families of rising 10th graders moving to the other high schools
- the school facilities for SY 24-25, investments needed to prepare and whether there was a risk of not having any facility to house the combined school
- the likely student attrition resulting from the consolidation

A Trustee requested that the management to do a more strategic overview of the portfolio so that decisions about consolidations were not happening piecemeal

There were also questions on:

- the impact of consolidation on academic programming, especially for college-bound rising 11 and 12th graders as well as about the consistency of programming across high schools currently.
- the brand implications of closing the school and about the data that went into the decision to open the school in the first place.

Ms. Romy Coquillette called for a vote on the proposed resolutions for the high school consolidation.

Motion by Chris Lynch.

Second by Will Robalino.

All in Favor.

It was:

RESOLVED that the AF Brooklyn Board of Trustees hereby approves the plan to consolidate Achievement First Ujima High School and Achievement First East Brooklyn High School over a two year period, beginning with the 2023-2024 school year and ending in the 2024-2025 school year.



RESOLVED FURTHER that the AF Brooklyn Board of Trustees hereby approves of the plan to limit enrollment at Achievement First East Brooklyn High School to 11th and 12th grade for the 2023-2024 school year, dispersing rising 10th grade scholars to other Achievement First high schools.

RESOLVED FURTHER that the AF Brooklyn Board of Trustees hereby approves of the plan to combine Achievement First Ujima High School and Achievement First East Brooklyn High School into one campus serving 9th through 12th grade for the 2024-2025 school year.

RESOLVED FURTHER that the AF Brooklyn Board of Trustees hereby authorizes and directs Achievement First Inc. officers and/or designees to take and carry out such action as required in connection with the foregoing Resolution.

#### **IV. Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned by Ms. Coquillette at 11:05 am.