

**MINUTES**

**Achievement First Brooklyn  
Board of Trustees Meeting**

Venue: TFA, 25 Broadway, 12th floor - GC Room

Zoom: <https://achievementfirst.zoom.us/j/87912582489>

Wednesday, December 20, 2023, 6:00-7:00 pm

**I. Call to Order**

Name	Present	Name	Present
Romy Coquillette	X	Anup Menon	
Christopher Lynch	X	Kevin Miquelon	
Akeem Frett	X	Will Robalino	
Jon Atkeson	X	Amy Arthur Samuels	X
Tamika Bradley	X (remote)	Josh Vidro	
Paul Cabana	X	Shawn Warren	X
Desiree Dalton	X	Warren Young	
David Pollak	X		

Also in attendance: Lisa Margosian, Shannon Miller, Blakely Simoneau, Michael Rabin, Karolyn Belcher, and Charmayne Joseph.

Ms. Coquillette called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

**II. Public Comment**

No members of the public were present.

**III. Discussion with Achievement First**

**A. Voyager MS (20 min)**

Ms. Coquillette made a motion to enter executive session to discuss human resources issues.

Mr. Atkeson moved, Mr. Pollak seconded. The board entered executive session at 6:01 PM.

Ms. Coquillette made a motion to exit the executive session.

Mr. Atkeson voted, Mr. Lynch seconded. The board exited the executive session at 6:11 PM.

Ms. Coquillette asked the AF Inc. staff to come back to the board with updates about how the school staff, families, and students are responding. AF Inc. staff confirmed that they would do so. Ms. Coquillette also noted the removal of the word “two” from the resolution.

Mr. Pollak moved, Ms. Dalton seconded. All were in favor, none were opposed and none abstained.

### Voyager Middle School

WHEREAS the AF Brooklyn Board of Trustees recognizes that significant enrollment problems have prevented Achievement First Voyager Middle School from growing into a financially sustainable school, including the closure of Achievement First Voyager Elementary School and changing neighborhood demographics;

WHEREAS the AF Brooklyn Board of Trustees acknowledges that Achievement First Voyager Middle School and Achievement First, Inc. have made best efforts to increase enrollment, but that enrollment continues to decline;

WHEREAS the AF Brooklyn Board of Trustees further recognizes that Achievement First Voyager Middle School is no longer operating a sustainable school model due to enrollment challenges;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the AF Brooklyn Board of Trustees hereby approves the plan to begin a phased closure of Achievement First Voyager Middle School, pending the State University of New York (SUNY) approval and pending adequate enrollment for each school year, starting in school year 2024-2025 by not enrolling a new 6th grade class, continuing in 2025-2026 by not enrolling a new 6th or 7th grade class, and ending in school year 2026-2027 by not enrolling any new students,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED 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. Board Resolutions and Approvals** Consent Agenda: Committees (15 min)

Ms. Coquillette proposed a new candidate to join the board, Brandon Sorlie. She reflected that he is exceptionally knowledgeable in the Brooklyn charter school space, and that he is looking to add more service into his profile of experiences. Ms. Atkeson moved, Mr. Lynch seconded. All were in favor, none opposed and none abstained.

### New Board Member

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Achievement First Brooklyn Board of Trustee elects Brandon Sorlie to the Board for a 3-year term, ending June 30, 2026.

Consent Agenda:

1. BE IT RESOLVED, that the Achievement First Brooklyn Board of Trustees hereby appoints the following committee members:
  - Finance Committee: David Pollak
  - Academic Committee: Brandon Sorlie

Ms. Arthur-Samuels moved, Mr. Cabana seconded. All were in favor, none opposed and none abstained. Ms. Coquillette closed the meeting by noting how difficult the decision is to close a school, and thanked AF staff for the thought that went into the decision.

**V. Adjourn**

Mr. Atkeson moved, Ms. Dalton seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 6:16 PM.