



AF Bridgeport Academy Special Board Meeting Minutes

Venue: Virtual Meeting

Zoom: <https://achievementfirst.zoom.us/j/84622785117>

Monday, March 16, 2026 at 5:00 pm

Attendees:

Board Members: Raj Lakra, Marlene Macaуда, Dewey Loselle, Dick Kalt, Ebrima Jobe, Ruben Felipe, Jahneel Small

AF Staff: Amy D'Angelo, Sulafa Bashir

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:02 pm by Board Chair Raj Lakra.

II. Public Comment

There were no members of the public present.

III. Board Business and Discussion

Mr. Lakra stated that the board needed to move into executive session to discuss the recommendation for Amistad HS principal. He asked for a motion for the AF Bridgeport Academy Board of Directors to enter Executive session to discuss this topic, inviting the AF Network Staff members in attendance to join.

Ruben Felipe so moved, seconded by Marlene Macaуда. All were in favor and the board moved into Executive session at 5:03 pm and exited at 5:23 pm.

IV. Board Resolutions and Approvals

Mr. Lakra moved the board to the vote on the recommended resolution for approval of the principal appointment at Amistad HS. He asked the board members if there were any questions about the resolution. Hearing none, he asked for a motion to approve the resolution. Dick Kalt motioned, seconded by Marlene Macaуда. All were in favor and the resolution passed unanimously.

RESOLUTION RECOMMENDING THE APPOINTMENT OF CO-PRINCIPALS FOR AMISTAD HIGH SCHOOL

WHEREAS, a principal interview panel was convened consisting of one member of each



of the following governing bodies: the Amistad Board of Directors, the AF Bridgeport Board of Directors, and the Elm City College Prep Board of Directors; and

WHEREAS, the interview panel met on March 4, 2026 to interview candidates for the position of principal of Amistad High School and to evaluate their qualifications, leadership experience, and alignment with the mission of the school; and

WHEREAS, the interview panel subsequently presented its recommendation to the Joint Amistad High School Committee for consideration; and

WHEREAS, the Joint Amistad High School Committee convened in executive session on March 12, 2026 to review the recommendation of the interview panel and other relevant information; and

WHEREAS, the Joint Amistad High School Committee voted by majority to recommend the appointment of Roseann Basile and Jasmine Watts to serve as Co-Principals of Amistad High School, subject to approval by the Amistad Board of Directors, the AF Bridgeport Board of Directors, and the Elm City College Prep Board of Directors; and

WHEREAS, the AF Bridgeport Academy Board of Directors convened in executive session on March 16, 2026 to review the recommendation of Joint Amistad HS Committee and other relevant information and engaged in full and fair discussion regarding the candidates;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the AF Bridgeport Board of Directors hereby approves the appointment of Roseann Basile and Jasmine Watts to serve as Co-Principals of Amistad High School, as of July 1, 2026.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that upon approval by the respective governing boards, the appropriate officers of Amistad Board of Directors are authorized to take any actions necessary to implement and effectuate these appointments.

V. Adjourn

There being no further business, Mr. Lakra asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Marlene Macaуда so moved, seconded by Ruben Felipe. All were in favor and the meeting adjourned at 5:25 pm.