



Amistad Academy Special Board Meeting Minutes

Venue: Virtual Meeting

Zoom: <https://achievementfirst.zoom.us/j/83221104192>

Thursday, March 19, 2026 at 5:00 pm

Attendees:

Board members: Jen Alexander, Lorraine Gibbons, Alex Guzhnay, Jason Prime, Jim Baron, Shannelle Whyte

AF Staff: Amy D'Angelo, Sulafa Bashir

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:03 pm by Board Chair Lorraine Gibbons.

II. Public Comment

There were no members of the public present.

III. Board Business and Discussion

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

Jen Alexander so moved, seconded by Jason Prime. All were in favor and the board moved into Executive session at 5:05 pm and exited at 5:29 pm.

IV. Board Resolutions and Approvals

Ms. Gibbons moved the board to the vote on the recommended resolution for approval of the principal appointment at Amistad HS. She asked the board members if there were any questions about the resolution. Hearing none, she asked for a motion to approve the resolution. Jim Baron motioned, seconded by Alex Guzhnay. 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 Amistad Academy Board of Directors convened in executive session on March 19, 2026 to review the recommendation of the 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 Amistad Academy 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, Ms. Gibbons asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Jen Alexander so moved, seconded by Jim Baron. All were in favor and the meeting adjourned at 5:32 pm.