Achievement First (AF) Brooklyn
Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, April 21 2026, 12:00 PM
Zoom link:https://achievementfirst.zoom.us/j/85280998591

Committee members: Brandon Sorlie, Chris Lynch, Paul Cabana, Akeem Frett, Romy Coquillette
AF Staff: Sulafa Bashir

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Brandon Sorlie at 12:04 pm.

II. Public Comment

There were no members of the public present.

III. Board Discussion and Business

A. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: 03/03/26

Brandon moved on to the approval of the previous meeting's minutes. There being no questions, he asked for a motion. Chris Lynch so moved, seconded by Akeem Frett, all were in favor and the previous meeting minutes from March 3, 2026 were approved.

B. April 7 Board Meeting Debrief
C. Agenda for June 2 Board Meeting
   1. SY 27 Budget
   2. Portfolio, Real Estate
   3. EOY Wrap-up and Looking Ahead to SY 27
D. SY 27 Arc of the Year and Proposed Meeting Dates
E. Agenda for June 16 Exec Committee Meeting
   1. September Retreat

Committee members discussed the previous board meeting and the April school visit, as well as the agenda for the upcoming June meeting. Paul Cabana described the board's desire for a bigger picture, multi-year view focused on all of K-12 and a vision of progress. Committee members added that they sought a comprehensive and cohesive discussion that centered on a theory of problem, outlining the key challenges facing AF NY and a strategy for addressing them.

As an example, Chris Lynch commented on the portfolio management discussion, expressing the desire to hear more concrete assumptions (e.g. concerning the identified 6 schools with enrollment challenges) and the proposed approaches rather than a preview of future conversations.

The committee members agreed that it would be helpful for them to host a dinner with the Executive Director to have an informal conversation about her perspectives from being in the role for almost a year and her initial thoughts around her vision and priorities for next year, with the expectation that she would share a more concrete and detailed vision in September at the board retreat.

The committee members agreed that the main focus of the next committee meeting would be a discussion of the upcoming September board retreat.

Brandon also noted that the proposed meeting dates for SY 26-27 had been drafted, with a rationale for shifting some of the dates around to better align with the academic calendar.

IV. Adjourn

Brandon called for a motion to adjourn. Romy Coquillette so moved, seconded by Chris Lynch. All were in favor and the meeting was adjourned at 1:02 pm.