Amistad Academy Board Meeting Minutes

Achievement First
Wednesday, September 09, 2026 at 5:30 PM to 7:00 PM EDT
via Zoom
Zoom: https://achievementfirst.zoom.us/j/82759777576

Attendees:

Members: Lorraine Gibbons (Board Chair), Jim Baron, Alex Guzhnay, Ricky Horton, Molly Lynch, Jason C. Prime, Shannelle Whyte

Absentees: Jennifer Alexander

AF Staff: Amy D'Angelo, Michael Rabin, Mitchell Johnson, Ash Rodriguez

I. Call to Order

Lorraine Gibbons, Board Chair, called the Amistad Board of Directors into session at 5:34 p.m. A quorum was present.

II. Public Comment

No members of the public were present, and no public comment was offered.

III. Welcome, Introductions and Agenda Overview

The Board Chair welcomed all attendees and framed the meeting as the first of the academic year, dedicated primarily to annual board training. Because the board and staff roster had changed, the Chair invited each participant to introduce themselves.

IV. Board Business

The Chair noted that the proposed resolutions on the consent agenda had been circulated in advance in Part Two of the board book, and invited questions.

The board discussed need to review future updates as it pertains to guidance for public school districts regarding federal immigration enforcement activity.No further questions were raised. The Chair then presented the resolutions before the board on the consent agenda.

Consent Agenda

1. BE IT RESOLVED, that the Amistad Academy Board of Directors hereby elects the following leadership slate for the 2026-2027 fiscal year:
    - Lorraine Gibbons, Chair
    - Jennifer Alexander, Vice Chair
    - Jason Prime, Treasurer
    - Shannelle Whyte, Secretary
2. BE IT RESOLVED, that the Amistad Academy Board of Directors hereby appoints the following committee members:
    - Finance Committee: Jason Prime (Chair), Lorraine Gibbons, Alex Guzhnay
    - Personnel Committee: Lorraine Gibbons (Chair), Jennifer Alexander, Molly Lynch, Jim Baron
    - Amistad Joint High School Committee: Jennifer Alexander (Chair), Lorraine Gibbons, Alex Guzhnay, Jim Baron, Shannelle Whyte
3. BE IT RESOLVED, the Amistad Academy Board of Directors hereby approves the meeting minutes from June 15, 2026.
4. BE IT RESOLVED, that the Amistad Academy Board of Directors hereby approves the 2026-2027 AF Family Handbook.
5. BE IT RESOLVED, that the Amistad Academy Board of Directors hereby approves the following individuals to serve as interim principal, as needed through October 30, 2027, for a period of time not to exceed sixteen weeks, based on the recommendations by Achievement First.

School	Interim Principal 1	Interim Principal 2
Elementary School	Emma Tingley	Olivia Dardy
Middle School	Khalil Smith	Kevin Sharkey

ACTION: The Chair called for a motion to approve the consent agenda as written. The motion was made by Jim Baron and seconded by Alex Guzhnay. No objections or abstentions were noted. The consent agenda passed.

V. Executive Session

The Chair asked for a motion for the board to go into an executive session for the purpose of annual board training. Upon motion duly made by Jim and seconded by Jason, the board approved the motion and entered executive session.

The board entered executive session at 5:47 pm and exited at 7:05 pm.

No action was taken.

VI. Adjourn

There being no further business, the Chair asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Upon a motion duly made by Jim Baron, seconded by Alex Guzhnay and approved, the Amistad Board of Directors meeting adjourned at 7:05 pm.

Certification of Minutes

Upon a motion duly made and seconded on October 21,2026, the Amistad Academy Board of Directors approved the September 09, 2026, meeting minutes.

In witness whereof,

S. Whyte
Shannelle Whyte (Nov 16, 2026 06:57:57 EST)

Shannelle Whyte, Secretary

11/16/2026

Date