Elm City College Preparatory Board Meeting Minutes

Achievement First
Wednesday, September 23, 2026 at 5:30 PM to 7:00 PM EDT
via Zoom
Zoom: https://achievementfirst.zoom.us/j/86505470872

Attendees:

Members: Dick Ferguson (Chair), Shannon Garfield, Kevin Torres, Brian Fan

Absentees: LaVonta Bryant and Latisha Douglas

AF Staff: Amy D'Angelo, Geoff Cramton, Mitch Johnson, Lisa Margosian, Michael Rabin

I. Call to Order

Dick Ferguson called the Elm City College Preparatory Board of Directors into session at 05:32 p.m. A quorum was present.

II. Public Comment

No members of the public were present at the meeting.

III. Board Business

The Chair presented the resolutions before the board on the consent agenda.

Consent Agenda

1. BE IT RESOLVED, that the Elm City College Preparatory Board of Directors hereby elects Shannon Garfield as Chair for the 2026-2027 fiscal year.
2. BE IT RESOLVED, the Elm City College Preparatory Board of Directors hereby renews Dick Ferguson for an additional term of three years or until a successor is duly elected and qualified.
3. BE IT RESOLVED, the Elm City College Preparatory Board of Directors hereby renews LaVonta Bryant as Parent Representative for an additional one year term.
4. BE IT RESOLVED, the Elm City College Preparatory Board of Directors hereby approves the meeting minutes from June 8, 2026.

5. BE IT RESOLVED, that the Elm City College Preparatory Board of Directors hereby approves the 2026-2027 AF Family Handbook.

6. BE IT RESOLVED, that the Elm City College Preparatory 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	Erin Laskey	Ruth Ann Phillips
Middle School	Rachel Siegel	*open*

ACTION: Dick Ferguson called for a motion to approve the consent agenda. The motion was made by Shannon Garfield and seconded by Kevin Torres. No objections or abstentions were noted. The consent agenda passed.

IV. Executive Session

Dick Ferguson stated that the board would go into an executive session for the purpose of annual board training. The chair asked for a motion for the board to enter executive session. Upon a motion duly made by Kevin Torres and seconded by Shannon Garfield, the board approved the motion and entered executive session.

The board entered executive session at 6:05 pm and exited at 6:55 pm.

No action was taken.

V. Adjourn

There being no further business, Shannon Garfield asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Upon a motion duly raised, seconded, and approved the board meeting adjourned at 6:56 pm.

Certification of Minutes

Upon a motion duly made and seconded on October 22, 2026, the Elm City College Preparatory Inc., Board of Directors approved the September 23, 2026, meeting minutes.

In witness whereof,

Shannon M Garfield
Shannon M Garfield (Nov 17, 2026 10:39:31 EST)

Shannon Garfield, Chair

11/17/2026

Date