Achievement First Brooklyn Charter Schools Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes

Achievement First
Tuesday, September 29, 2026 at 5:30 PM to 8:00 PM EDT
25 Broadway, New York, NY, 12th Floor - Grand Central Conference Room

Attendees:

Members: Brandon Sorlie (Chair), Paul Cabana, Romy Coquillette, Desiree Dalton, Akeem Frett, Avril Gordon, Kimberly Cutler Lee, Christopher Lynch, Kevin Miquelon, Erica Murphy, David Pollak

Absentees: Andrea Kilpatrick

AF Staff: Kristin Damo, Mitch Johnson, Lisa Margosian, Michael Rabin, Dylan Schaffer, Ben Schanback

Guests: Carrie Irvin (Governance Lead, Bellwether)

I. Call to Order

Brandon Sorlie called the Achievement First Brooklyn Charter Schools Board of Trustees into session at 5:25 p.m. A quorum was present.

II. Public Comment

No members of the public were present, and no public comment was offered. The board received an update on follow-up to the two public comments made at the June 2, 2026 meeting. In each case, the regional superintendent spoke with the parent and clarified the applicable school policy.

III. Board Business

The Chair moved into board business. The Chair noted for the record the Unanimous Written Consent executed by the board on July 22, 2026, which recorded the expiration of Tamika Bradley's term as a parent representative under the bylaws, effective June 24, 2026, set the number of trustees at thirteen (13), and appointed Kurt Davidson as principal of Achievement First Crown Heights Middle School. A certified copy is on file in the board's records.

The Chair recognized and extended gratitude for the board service of Tamika Bradley and Amy Samuels.

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

Consent Agenda

1. **BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Achievement First Brooklyn Charter Schools Board of Trustees hereby elects the following leadership slate for the 2026-2027 fiscal year:
    - Brandon Sorlie, Chair
    - Paul Cabana, Vice Chair
    - Chris Lynch, Treasurer
    - Akeem Frett, Secretary
2. **BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Achievement First Brooklyn Charter Schools Board of Trustees hereby appoints the following committee members:
    - Executive Committee: Brandon Sorlie (Chair), Chris Lynch, Paul Cabana, Akeem Frett, Erica Murphy, Romy Coquillette
    - Finance Committee: Chris Lynch (Chair), Romy Coquillette, David Pollak, Avril Gordon, Akeem Frett
    - Academic Committee: Erica Murphy (Chair), Romy Coquillette, Desiree Dalton, Brandon Sorlie, Andrea Kilpatrick
    - Facilities Committee: Kevin Miquelon (Chair), Romy Coquillette, Chris Lynch, Kim Cutler-Lee
3. **WHEREAS**, Amy Arthur Samuels, a member of the Board of Trustees resigned effective September 22, 2026;

    NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Achievement First Brooklyn Charter Schools Board of Trustees hereby removes Ms. Samuels from the Board in accordance with the by-laws, setting the number of Trustees at twelve (12).

    BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board extends its gratitude to Ms. Samuels for her faithful service on the Board of Trustees.
4. **BE IT RESOLVED**, the Achievement First Brooklyn Charter Schools Board of Trustees hereby approves the meeting minutes from June 2, 2026.
5. **BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Achievement First Brooklyn Charter Schools Board of Trustees

hereby approves the 2026-2027 AF Family Handbook.

6. **BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Achievement First Brooklyn Charter Schools Board of Trustees 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 Name	Interim Principal #1	Interim Principal #2
AF Apollo ES	Amanda Mercado	Jessie-Ann Wellington
AF Aspire ES	Jayda Harmon	Reanna James
AF Brownsville ES	Khrystal Jones	Shavonda Hood
AF Bushwick ES	Jessica Morales	Jenna Bicierro
AF Crown Heights ES	Yoowon Park	Lauren Zima
AF ENY ES	Jennifer Pascal	Jelani Brooks
AF Endeavor ES	Orobosa Omede	Anika Locklear
AF Legacy ES	Lamar Miller	Aiesha Blyther
AF Linden ES	Trecia Brown	Matilde Acevedo
AF North Brooklyn ES	Matilde Acevedo	Tiara Forde
AF Apollo MS	Warner Radliff	Kiersten Wunn
AF Aspire MS	Kaylah Boston	Mel D'Haiti
AF Brownsville MS	Jasmin Morillo	Julia Scapp
AF Bushwick MS	Stephanie Kotnik	Tierra Chavis
AF Crown Heights MS	Carolina Garvey	Lakeisha Swaby
AF ENY MS	Tiffany Blake	Thaysha Menardy
AF Endeavor MS	Orobosa Omede	Celene Hassock
AF Legacy MS	Jenn Bauer	Elizabeth Harnett
AF Linden MS	Alisha Sealy	Brittany Gil
AF North Brooklyn MS	Prisilla Villalobos	Emily Carpio
AF Brooklyn HS	Sonia Castleberry	Nancy D'Haiti
AF University Prep HS	Corina Perez	Gilbert Maldonado
AF Ujima HS	Lucretia Chambers	Dr. Jazmin Gordon-Rose

ACTION: The Chair called for a motion to approve the consent agenda. The motion was made by Kevin Miquelon and seconded by Romy Coquillette. No objections or abstentions were noted. The consent agenda passed.

IV. **Executive Session**

Upon a motion duly made by Romy Coquillette and seconded by Akeem Frett, the board voted to enter executive session for a board retreat. All trustees present voted in favor. The board entered executive session at 5:30 p.m. and exited at 7:58 p.m. No action was taken in the executive session.

V. Adjourn

There being no further business, the Chair asked for a motion to adjourn. Upon a motion duly made and seconded, the board adjourned the meeting at 7:58 p.m.

Certification of Minutes

Upon a motion duly made and seconded on October 20, 2026, the Achievement First Brooklyn Charter Schools Board of Trustees approved the September 29, 2026, meeting minutes.

In witness whereof,

Akeem Frett (Nov 17, 2026 15:24:17 EST)

Akeem Frett , Secretary

11/17/2026

Date