



MINUTES
AF Hartford Academy
Board of Directors Meeting

Zoom: <https://achievementfirst.zoom.us/j/82690616326>

Tuesday, April 23, 2024, 5:30 - 7:00 pm

I. Call to Order

Erwin Hurst, Sr. called the meeting to order at 5:35 pm.

Attendees:

There were not enough board members to get quorum.

Name	Present	Name	Present
Erwin Hurst, Sr.	Y	Alice Turner	N
Lisa Tanen-LaFontaine	N	Francoise Deristel-Leger	Y
Surbhi Patel	N	Charon Smalls	N
Vicor De La Paz	Y		

AF Staff: Oraina Simmons, Raven Obas, Sueleidy Cruz, Lisa Margosian, Dumar Paden, Karolyn Belcher, Blakely Simoneau, Shannon Miller, Caleb Dolan, LaNelle Alexander, and John Sharkey

II. Public Comment

No members of the public were present.

III. Board Business

- A. Board Resolutions and Approvals: Previous Meeting Minutes, Increasing Educator Diversity Plan, and Healthy Schools (5 mins)

The board couldn't vote because there was not a quorum.

IV. Discussion with Achievement First

- A. CEO Welcome and Principal Updates (15 mins)

Erwin Hurst, Sr. turned the meeting over to AF CEO Lisa Margosian who took the

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attendees through the agenda for the evening. The Elementary, Middle and High School principals gave reports on each of their schools.

B. Postsecondary Persistence Approach and Results (30 mins)

Dumar Paden and Amy Christie presented on AF's approach to college persistence. Mr. Paden reviewed the data showing AF's impressive results compared to similar schools across the country. Ms. Christie discussed the program and the supports that students receive during high school and once they are in college.

C. Academic Updates (25 mins)

John Sharkey, Chief Academic Officer provided an overview and supporting data related to the academics at the elementary, middle and high schools.

D. Finance Update (10 mins)

Neil Shah and Omar Mayyasi shared the finance committee report with the board.

V. Board Business

A. Executive Session: Principal Mid Year Reviews (5 mins)

There were not enough board members present to go into executive session.

VI. Adjourn

The meeting ended at 6:40 pm.