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**Amistad Academy
Board of Directors**

Wednesday, April 6, 2016, 4:00 – 4:30 pm
403 James St, New Haven

I. Call to Order & Attendance

The meeting was called to order by Carolyn Greenspan at 4:04 pm.

The following directors and staff were in attendance:

Carolyn Greenspan, AA Board - Yes
Caroline Williams, AA Board - Yes
Mike Griffin, AA Board - Yes
Lorraine Gibbons, AA Board - Yes
Andrew Lachman, AA Board - No
Cassie Crockett, AA Board - Yes
Daisy Gonzales, AA Board - No
David Katzman, AA Board - Yes
Dorsey Kendrick, AA Board - Yes

Reginald Simmons, AA Board - Yes
Jennifer Connell, AA Board - Yes
Katrín Czinger, AA Board - Yes
Jane Levin, AA Board - Yes
Pat Sweet, AA Board - Yes

Sarah Blanton, AF Network Support - Yes
Ken Paul, AF Network Support - No
John Furniss, AF Network Support - Yes

II. Open Session For Public Comment

No public comment.

III. Reports and Discussion

Ms. Greenspan led a discussion on the proposed resolution. Ms. Czinger inquired as to how the five percent came about. Ms. Blanton explained that in New York statutory cap is 15 percent, but Achievement First felt that cap was too high and was dropped to five percent. Connecticut is in alignment with NY.

Ms. Greenspan spoke about this policy as an effective teacher recruitment and retention tool and the board engaged in a discussion about the merits of a five percent cap, the impact on staff morale if demand exceeded supply of available seats, and the potential to revisit this policy in the future once there is data to reflect the usage and impact.

IV. Board Business

RESOLVED, the Amistad Academy Board of Directors hereby approves the following non-material revision to the admissions policy: add an absolute preference to children of active employees,

provided those individuals are employed as of the lottery deadline and the number of applicants admitted pursuant to this preference is limited to five percent of the overall enrollment within a given grade.

Motion by Caroline Williams

Seconded by Reginald Simmons

All in favor

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned by Carolyn Greenspan at 4:27 pm

Motion by Pat Sweet

Seconded by Reginald Simmons