

# LINDLEY ACADEMY CHARTER SCHOOL AT BIRNEY

900 W. LINDLEY AVENUE  
PHILADELPHIA, PA 19141

## BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

LOCATION:  
ZOOM CONFERENCE CALL

DATE & TIME:  
APRIL 16, 2024  
6:00 P.M.

## MINUTES

### SECTION I: CALL TO ORDER

#### Opening Colloquy

This meeting of the Lindley Academy Charter School at Birney Board of Trustees is hereby called to order. The time is 6:04 P.M. My name is Lisa Johnson. I am the President of this Board of Trustees, and I will facilitate this meeting.

This meeting is being held via video teleconference. This is a public meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Lindley Academy Charter School at Birney that was properly advertised pursuant to the Pennsylvania Sunshine Act. The public notice included instructions for how the public could participate in tonight's meeting. The public meeting schedule is posted at the school and on the website in the monthly calendar.

All members of the public are welcome to sit and listen to the Board of Trustees conduct its business tonight. Members of the public who have registered with the Administrative Office to participate in public comment by 5:00 P.M. on the day before this scheduled meeting may participate in public comment. At this time, I would ask that the Executive Administration submit the list of commenters to our General Counsel. Comments will be limited to three minutes unless the Board decides to grant additional time.

At this time, I will ask that Roll Call be taken.

**A. ROLL CALL**

<b>Board Members Present:</b>	<b>By Invitation: Non-Board Members:</b>
<p>Lisa Johnson — President                      Evette Alliston — Treasurer                      Reginald Howard — Secretary</p> <p><b>Board Members Absent:</b></p> <p>Barbara Saunders — Vice President                      Regina Felder — Trustee</p>	<p>Dr. Margery Covello, CEO                      Nancy White, Principal</p> <p>Ashley Redfearn, CEO, APS                      Scott Kramer, Chief Talent Officer, APS                      Kristine Magargee, Chief Academic Officer, APS</p> <p>Peter Costa, Santilli &amp; Thomson, LLC</p> <p>David Hussey, Esq.</p>

**B. DISCLOSURE: EXECUTIVE SESSION BY LISA JOHNSON**

*I'd like to state, for purposes of the Minutes of this meeting that during this meeting, the Board of Trustees will not meet in Executive Session.*

**C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

MOTION:  
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 SECOND:  
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 VOTE:  
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**Resolution 240416.01 Approval of the April 16, 2024 Agenda**

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of Lindley Academy Charter School at Birney hereby approves the **April 16, 2024** Agenda.

*Notes of Discussion / Advance Regulatory and Financial Comment:*

<i>Who</i>	<i>What</i>
<i>Board</i>	<i>Reviewed the agenda</i>

**D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

MOTION:  
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 VOTE:  
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**Resolution 240416.02 Approval of the March 19, 2024 Board Meeting Minutes**

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of Lindley Academy Charter School at Birney hereby approves the Minutes of the **March 19, 2024** meeting of the Board of Trustees of Lindley Academy Charter School at Birney.

*Notes of Discussion / Advance Regulatory and Financial Comment:*

<i>Who</i>	<i>What</i>
<i>Board</i>	<i>Reviewed the March board minutes</i>

**SECTION II: REPORTS**

**A. COMMUNITY COMMENT**

*Community Comment Colloquy (General Counsel)*

Good evening. My name is David Hussey, and I am with Sand & Saidel, P.C., General Counsel to the Lindley Academy Charter School at Birney Board of Trustees. Will you please state your name for our records?

You will have three minutes to address the Board of Trustees. Any documents or communications with which you might supplement your comment should be submitted to me. I will keep the time and notify the Board when three minutes have elapsed.

This Board may choose not to comment, question, or respond in any way to your public comment. I will begin the time now.

**Notes of Discussion / Advance Regulatory and Financial Comment:**

<b>Who</b>	<b>What</b>
<i>None</i>	<i>None</i>

**A. LINDLEY ACADEMY CHARTER SCHOOL AT BIRNEY CEO**

*Dr. Covello presented the monthly written report of the CEO, a copy of which is incorporated by reference herein, highlighting:*

- + Student award event and efforts to promote reading at home;*
- + Enrollment and waitlist;*
- + PSSA testing;*
- + Student teaching programs and efforts to recruit qualified staff;*
- + Interim assessment data;*
- + Compliance updates;*
- + Flexible instruction plan; and*
- + Recent and upcoming school activities and events.*

**B. AMERICAN PARADIGM SCHOOLS CEO**

*A. Redfearn presented the monthly written report of APS, a copy of which is incorporated by reference herein, highlighting:*

- + Efforts to promote charter schools and school choice;*
- + Local teacher salary rates and efforts to recruit highly qualified staff;*
- + Point Park University partnership; and*
- + Curriculum, instruction, and assessment update.*

**C. BUSINESS CONTROLLER**

*P. Costa presented the monthly written report of the business controller, a copy of which is incorporated by reference herein, highlighting:*

- + *Projected deficit;*
- + *Subsidy payments; and*
- + *2024-25 budget plans.*

**SECTION III: UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**NONE**

**SECTION IV: NEW BUSINESS**

**A. RESOLUTIONS**

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**Resolution 240416.03 Approval of Reports**

RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees of Lindley Academy Charter School at Birney accepts the report of the CEO of Lindley Academy Charter School at Birney and all documents submitted thereby, which shall be incorporated into the record of this meeting; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees of Lindley Academy Charter School at Birney accepts the report of American Paradigm Schools and all documents submitted thereby, which shall be incorporated into the record of this meeting; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees of Lindley Academy Charter School at Birney hereby reviews and accepts the Financial Report of Peter Costa of Santilli & Thomson and hereby incorporates into these minutes by reference the Treasurer’s Report and the documents presented by Peter Costa to the board.

***Notes of Discussion / Advance Regulatory and Financial Comment:***

<b><i>Who</i></b>	<b><i>What</i></b>
<i>Board</i>	<i>General discussion</i>

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**Resolution 240416.04 Human Resources**

RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees of Lindley Academy Charter School hereby approves the human resources changes, as presented.

***Notes of Discussion / Advance Regulatory and Financial Comment:***

<b><i>Who</i></b>	<b><i>What</i></b>
<i>Dr. Covello</i>	<i>Reported upon the proposed HR changes</i>

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**Resolution 240416.05 Professional Service Contracts**

RESOLVED, the Professional Services Contract/s and associated report/s listed below are hereby accepted and ratified;

FURTHER RESOLVED, the CEO, Business Controller, and General Counsel are hereby authorized and directed to negotiate contract/s for the professional services described below;

FURTHER RESOLVED, the President is authorized to execute any document or delegate any task necessary to effectuate this resolution.

Contractor	Amount	Comment: Terms and Conditions
Palmer Masonry Restoration	\$12,500	Leak repairs
NSSI	\$90/student	Summer programming

*Notes of Discussion / Advance Regulatory and Financial Comment:*

Who	What
Dr. Covello	Reported upon the leak repairs and summer programming proposal

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**Resolution 240416.06 Flexible Instruction Plan**

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of Lindley Academy Charter School at Birney hereby approves the Flexible Instructional Day Program, as presented.

*Notes of Discussion / Advance Regulatory and Financial Comment:*

Who	What
Dr. Covello	Reported upon the flexible instruction plan

**B. UPCOMING EVENTS**

- ❖ NEXT BOARD MEETING: TUESDAY, MAY 21, 2024 AT 6:00 P.M.
- ❖ KINDERGARTEN CARNIVAL: TUESDAY, JUNE 4, 2024 AT 10:30 – NOON
- ❖ 8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE MOVE UP CEREMONY: WEDNESDAY, JUNE 5, 2024 AT 5:00 PM AT FIRST PHILADELPHIA PREPARATORY CHARTER SCHOOL

**ADJOURNMENT AT 7:00 P.M.**

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VOTE:  
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