

# LINDLEY ACADEMY CHARTER SCHOOL AT BIRNEY

900 W. LINDLEY AVENUE  
PHILADELPHIA, PA 19141

## BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

LOCATION:  
ZOOM CONFERENCE CALL

DATE & TIME:  
DECEMBER 3, 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 6:02 P.M. My name is Reginald Howard. 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>
Evette Alliston — Trustee Reginald Howard — President Sandra Farmer — Vice President Anita Vega-Kaiser — Secretary Regina Felder — Trustee  <b>Board Members Absent:</b>  Barbara Saunders — Treasurer	Dr. Margery Covello, CEO Nancy White, Principal  Ashley Redfearn, CEO, APS  Peter Costa, Santilli & Thomson, LLC Eric Strauss, Withum Michale Stern, Withum  David Hussey, Esq.

**B. DISCLOSURE: EXECUTIVE SESSION BY REGINALD HOWARD**

*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:  
 SF  
 SECOND:  
 EA  
 VOTE:  
 PASS  
 FAIL

**Resolution 241203.01 Approval of the December 3, 2024 Agenda**

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of Lindley Academy Charter School at Birney hereby approves the **December 3, 2024** Agenda.

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

<i>Who</i>	<i>What</i>
<i>Board</i>	<i>Reviewed the agenda, a copy of which was posted on the school website in advance of the meeting</i>

**D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

MOTION:  
 AVK  
 SECOND:  
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 VOTE:  
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**Resolution 241203.02 Approval of the November 19, 2024 Board Meeting Minutes**

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of Lindley Academy Charter School at Birney hereby approves the Minutes of the **November 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 November meeting 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>n/a</i>	<i>n/a</i>

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

*Dr. Covello presented the monthly written CEO report, highlighting:*

- + Passports Around the World event;*
- + Monthly student data;*
- + Community outreach; and*
- + Boiler repairs.*

**B. AMERICAN PARADIGM SCHOOLS CEO**

*A. Redfearn presented the monthly written APS report, highlighting:*

- + HR update, including the certification pipeline program; and*
- + Academic initiatives.*

**C. BUSINESS CONTROLLER**

*Eric Strauss and Michael Stern of Withum presented the draft audit report, highlighting:*

- + Required communications;*
- + The responsibilities of management and the auditors;*
- + No significant findings or concerns;*
- + Decreases in federal funds;*
- + Expenditures in line with prior years;*

*P. Costa reported upon plans to transition from COVID funds. The Board inquired and discussed risks with E. Strauss. Dr. Covello and the Board discussed the upcoming food services audit.*

**SECTION III: UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

NONE

**SECTION IV: NEW BUSINESS**

**A. RESOLUTIONS**

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**Resolution 241203.03 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.

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

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

MOTION:  
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**Resolution 240820.04 Authorization to Proceed with Boiler Repairs**

WHEREAS, the condition of Lindley Academy Charter School at Birney's boiler system necessitates emergency repairs; and

WHEREAS, the School District of Philadelphia has offered to undertake to perform the necessary repairs to the boiler system and share half of the costs;

RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees of Lindley Academy Charter School at Birney hereby authorizes and directs that Lindley Academy Charter School at Birney shall fund half of the cost of the boiler repairs, at a cost to the school not to exceed \$50,000; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, the CEO is authorized and directed to perform or delegate any tasks necessary to effectuate this resolution.

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

<i>Who</i>	<i>What</i>
<i>Board</i>	<i>Provided approval to proceed with the boiler repairs in advance of the meeting</i>

MOTION:  
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SECOND:

**Resolution 240820.05 Approval of Audit Report**

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VOTE:  
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RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of Lindley Academy Charter School at Birney hereby accepts and approves the independent financial audit report for the year ended June 30, 2024, as presented.

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

<i>Who</i>	<i>What</i>
<i>Board</i>	<i>Reviewed the audit report, which was presented by the auditors</i>

**B. UPCOMING EVENTS**

❖ NEXT BOARD MEETING: TUESDAY, JANUARY 21, 2025 AT 6:00 P.M.

**ADJOURNMENT AT 6:51s P.M.**

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