

TACONY ACADEMY CHARTER SCHOOL

1330 Rhawn Street

Philadelphia, PA 19111

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

AUGUST 16, 2017

6:00 PM

MINUTES

SECTION I: CALL TO ORDER

Opening Colloquy

This August 16, 2017 meeting of the Tacony Academy Charter School Board of Trustees is hereby called to Order. The time is 6:02 pm. My name is Joseph Bauer I am the President of this Board of Trustees and I will facilitate this meeting.

This is a public meeting that was properly advertised pursuant to the Pennsylvania Sunshine Act in the Philadelphia Daily News.

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 5pm on the day before this scheduled meeting may participate in public comment. At this time, I would ask that executive administration submit the list of commenters to our legal counsel. Comments will be limited to three minutes unless the Board decides to grant additional time. During this meeting, the Board will go into closed session to discuss a confidential litigation matter.

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

A. Roll Call

Board Members Present:	By Invitation: Non-Board Members:
Joseph Bauer	Peter Costa
Lisa Johnson	Naimah Holliday
Anita Vega-Kaiser	Richard Trzaska
John MacDonald	Ashley Redfearn

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Barbara Saunders Jen Ragen, trustee candidate Kelly Lorah, trustee candidate	Gerald L. Santilli Lisa Kelly David Annecharico, Esq. Daniel Saidel, Esq. Ryan Strasko Naimah Holliday Scott Kramer
Board Members Absent: Sandra Farmer	

B. Approval of Agenda

MOTION

R17081601.1. Resignation of Ms. Jessica Alba

BLS

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of Tacony Academy Charter School hereby accepts the resignation of Ms. Jessica Alba from the Tacony Board of Trustees, effective August 16, 2017.

SECOND

AK

VOTE:

Notes of Discussion / Advance Regulatory and Financial Comment:

PASS

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

FAIL

MOTION

R17081601 Approval of the August 16, 2017 Agenda

BLS

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of Tacony Academy Charter School hereby approves the August 16, 2017 Agenda.

SECOND

AK

VOTE:

Notes of Discussion / Advance Regulatory and Financial Comment:

PASS

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

FAIL

C. Approval of Minutes

MOTION

R17081602 Approval of June 21, 2017 Minutes of Meeting

BLS

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of Tacony Academy Charter School hereby approves the Minutes of the June 21, 2017 meeting of the Tacony Academy Charter School Board of Trustees.

SECOND

LJ

VOTE:

Notes of Discussion / Advance Regulatory and Financial Comment:

[X] PASS

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

SECTION II: REPORTS

A. Community Comment

Community Comment Colloquy (General Counsel)

Good Evening, my name is David Annecharico, with Sand & Saidel, PC, General Counsel to the Tacony Academy Charter School 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 that you might supplement your comment with 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.

<i>Who</i>	<i>What</i>
<i>Ms. Zita Collins</i>	<i>Employee issues raised by recently resigned employee, Ms. Collins, who also submitted a 5/18/2017 email.</i>

Upon MOTION by Barbara Saunders and SECOND by Anita Kaiser, the meeting was unanimously moved to CLOSED SESSION for the purposes of discussing legally privileged issues.

Upon MOTION by Anita Kaiser and SECOND by Barbara Saunders the meeting was unanimously moved to OPEN SESSION.

B. Tacony Academy Charter School CEO

R. Strasko presented a powerpoint presentation detailing staffing, professional development and facilities.

R. Strasko presented an action plan for the Elementary School.

N. Holliday presented an action plan for the High School.

C. American Paradigm Schools CEO

R. Trzaska reviewed the APS Report, previously submitted and incorporated into these minutes.

The Board discussed:

- + the HR system previously reported by R. Trzaska.
- + professional development

D. Business Controller

Peter Costa reviewed the TACS Financials August 2016 report, previously submitted and incorporated into these minutes.

- + The Board discussed capital improvements.
- + Gerald Santilli discussed an ongoing Standard & Poor's assessment of the Tacony bond ratings.

SECTION III: UNFINISHED BUSINESS

SECTION IV: NEW BUSINESS

A. RESOLUTIONS

MOTION

R17081603 Report of the Business Controller

AK

RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees of Tacony Academy Charter School accepts the Financial Report of the Business Controller and all documents submitted thereby, which shall be incorporated into the record of this meeting.

SECOND

BLS

VOTE:

PASS

Notes of Discussion / Advance Regulatory and Financial Comment:

FAIL

<i>Who</i>	<i>What</i>
<i>Peter Costa</i>	<i>See Above</i>
<i>Board</i>	<i>General Discussion</i>

MOTION

R17081604 St. Clair CPAs, P.C.

BLS

Be it resolved that the Board of Trustees of Tacony Academy Charter School appoints St. Clair CPAs as the auditor for the 2016-2017 fiscal year, and engages St. Clair CPAs to provide tax services, at a total cost not to exceed \$26,000.

SECOND

LJ

VOTE:

PASS

Notes of Discussion / Advance Regulatory and Financial Comment:

FAIL

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

MOTION

LJ

SECOND

BLS

VOTE:

PASS

FAIL

R17081605 Debt Service

RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees of Tacony Academy Charter School approves the application for reimbursement of a charter school lease for 2016-17.

Notes of Discussion / Advance Regulatory and Financial Comment:

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

MOTION

AK

SECOND

BLS

VOTE:

PASS

FAIL

R17081606 Human Resources

RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees of Tacony Academy Charter School accepts the human resources changes, modifications and additions as presented in the below manning table.

New Hires	Position	Start Date		Base Salary
Jedediah Putney Smith	HS ELA	8/21/17		\$62,981
Eric McCulla	HS Social Studies	8/21/17		\$64,681
Resignation	Position		Effective Date	
Celis Rosario	Cafeteria Aide		6/30/17	
Melissa Kudzmas	3 rd Grade Teacher		6/30/17	
Carly Watson	2 nd Grade Teacher		6/30/17	
Ryan Nase	HS Athletic Director/ Grade Teacher		8/31/17	
Elena Murariu	Grade Teacher High School Physics		6/30/17	
Zita Collins	School Counselor		6/30/17	

Notes of Discussion / Advance Regulatory and Financial Comment:

<i>Who</i>	<i>What</i>
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<i>Board</i>	<i>General Discussion</i>
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VOTE:
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R17081607 Carr & Duff, Inc.

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of Tacony Academy Charter School has previously engaged Carr & Duff, Inc. for the provision of electrical services and Carr & Duff, Inc. has recently invoiced Tacony Academy Charter School for \$25,698.74 for work performed as of July 19, 2017;

RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees of Tacony Academy Charter School authorizes the payment of the Carr & Duff, Inc. invoice;

FURTHER RESOLVED, Ashley Redfearn, CEO, or any officer of this Board is directed and authorized to execute any document necessary to affect this resolution in consultation with Daniel H. Saidel, General Counsel, and Gerald Luca Santilli, Business Controller.

Notes of Discussion / Advance Regulatory and Financial Comment:

<i>Who</i>	<i>What</i>
<i>G. Santillit</i>	<i>This was for an emergency repair</i>

MOTION
BLS
SECOND
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VOTE:
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R17081608 2017-2018 Family Guidebook

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of Tacony Academy Charter School approves the 2017-2018 Family Guidebook, as presented.

Notes of Discussion / Advance Regulatory and Financial Comment:

<i>Who</i>	<i>What</i>
<i>Board</i>	<i>Confirmed that Guidebooks will be printed and physically distributed to families.</i>

MOTION
JM
SECOND
AK
VOTE:

R17081609 2017-2018 Board Meeting Schedule

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of Tacony Academy School approves the below 2017-2018 Tacony Academy Charter School Board Meeting Schedule.

August 16, 2017 at First Philadelphia
September 20, 2017 at Tacony Academy

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October 18, 2017 at First Philadelphia
 November 15, 2017 at Tacony Academy
 December 20, 2017 at First Philadelphia
 January 17, 2018 at Tacony Academy
 February 21, 2018 at First Philadelphia
 March 21, 2018 at Tacony Academy
 April 18, 2018 at First Philadelphia
 May 16, 2018 at Tacony Academy
 June 20, 2018 at First Philadelphia

Notes of Discussion / Advance Regulatory and Financial Comment:

<i>Who</i>	<i>What</i>
<i>Board / Gerald Santilli</i>	<i>Discussion regarding advertisements under Sunshine Ace.</i>

R17081610 BAYADA Home Health Care, Inc.

MOTION

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of Tacony Academy Charter School ratifies the proposal of BAYADA Home Health Care, Inc. to provide nursing services to the Tacony Academy Charter School;

LJ

SECOND

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the President, business controller and legal counsel are hereby granted authority and directed to negotiate a contract between Tacony Academy Charter School and Education Plus, Inc. not to exceed \$49.75/hour and the budgeted amount for such services.;

BLS

VOTE:

PASS

FAIL

FURTHER RESOLVED, that Ashley Redfearn, Chief Executive Officer, is directed and authorized to execute any document and delegate any task necessary to effect this resolution;

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the executed contract shall require the submission of appropriate insurance certifications and appropriate tax related information submitted and received by the business controller.

Notes of Discussion / Advance Regulatory and Financial Comment:

<i>Who</i>	<i>What</i>
<i>Peter Costa / Board</i>	<i>Discussion regarding limits.</i>

R17081611 Positive Behavior Support Policy

MOTION
LJ
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RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of Tacony Academy Charter School ratifies the Positive Behavior Support Policy, as presented.

SECOND
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Notes of Discussion / Advance Regulatory and Financial Comment:

<i>Who</i>	<i>What</i>

VOTE:

PASS

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R17081612 2017-2018 School Calendar Amendment

MOTION
LJ
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RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of Tacony Academy Charter School ratifies the amendment to the 2017-2018 School Calendar, as presented;

SECOND
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FURTHER RESOLVED, the CEO is hereby directed to notify the School District of Philadelphia of the most recently ratified School Calendar.

VOTE:

PASS

FAIL

Notes of Discussion / Advance Regulatory and Financial Comment:

<i>Who</i>	<i>What</i>

R17081613 English as a Second Language Policy

MOTION
BLS
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RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of Tacony Academy Charter School approves the English as a Second Language Policy, as presented.

SECOND
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Notes of Discussion / Advance Regulatory and Financial Comment:

<i>Who</i>	<i>What</i>

VOTE:

PASS

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R17081614 Bullying Policy

MOTION
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RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of Tacony Academy Charter School approves the Bullying Policy, as presented.

Notes of Discussion / Advance Regulatory and Financial Comment:

<i>Who</i>	<i>What</i>

SECOND
BLS

VOTE:

PASS

FAIL

R17081615 Installation of Jen Ragan, Trustee

RESOLVED, that Jen Ragan is hereby installed as a Trustee of Tacony Academy Charter School in accordance with the bylaws thereof; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that Jen Ragan shall be administered the Oath of Office by legal counsel.

MOTION

AK

Oath of Office:

SECOND

BLS

I do solemnly swear that I will support, obey and defend the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of this Commonwealth, And that I will discharge the duties of my office with fidelity.

VOTE:

PASS

FAIL

By Roll Call Vote:

- Joseph Bauer—Yes
- Lisa Johnson—Yes
- Anita Vega-Kaiser—Yes
- John MacDonald—Yes
- Barbara Saunders—Yes

R17081615 Installation of Kelly Lorah, Trustee

RESOLVED, that Kelly Lorah is hereby installed as a Trustee of Tacony Academy Charter School in accordance with the bylaws thereof; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that Kelly Lorah shall be administered the Oath of Office by legal counsel.

MOTION

AK

Oath of Office:

SECOND

BLS

I do solemnly swear that I will support, obey and defend the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of this Commonwealth, And that I will discharge the duties of my office with fidelity.

VOTE:

PASS

FAIL

By Roll Call Vote:

- Joseph Bauer—Yes
- Lisa Johnson—Yes
- Anita Vega-Kaiser—Yes
- John MacDonald—Yes

Barbara Saunders—Yes

B. DISCUSSION AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURNMENT
@ 8:04PM

MOTION

AK

SECOND

LJ

VOTE:

PASS

FAIL
