

TACONY ACADEMY CHARTER SCHOOL

6201 Keystone Street
Philadelphia, PA 19135
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

JANUARY 16, 2019

6:00PM

Minutes

SECTION I: CALL TO ORDER

Opening Colloquy

This meeting of the Tacony Academy Charter School Board of Trustees is hereby called to Order. The time is 8:00 p.m. 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 5 p.m. 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.

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

A. Roll Call

Board Members Present:	By Invitation: Non-Board Members:
Joseph Bauer Sandra Farmer John MacDonald Jen Ragen Barbara Saunders Anita Vega-Kaiser Kelly Lorah	Ashley Redfearn Thomas Scheid Ryan Strazko Dr. Margery Covello Katie Santilli Peter Costa David Annecharico, Esq. Dean Krebs, Esq.
Board Members Absent: Lisa Johnson	

B. DISCLOSURE: EXECUTIVE SESSION BY JOSEPH BAUER

1. I would like to state, for purposes of the Minutes of this meeting that the Board of Trustees did not meet in Executive Session prior to this meeting.

C. Approval of Agenda

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R190116.01 Approval of the January 16, 2019 Agenda

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of Tacony Academy Charter School hereby approves the January 16, 2019 Agenda.

Notes of Discussion / Advance Regulatory and Financial Comment:

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

D. Approval of Minutes

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R190116.02 Minutes of the November 20, 2019 Meeting

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of Tacony Academy Charter School hereby approves the Minutes of the November 20, 2018 meeting of the Board of Trustees of Tacony Academy Charter School.

Notes of Discussion / Advance Regulatory and Financial Comment:

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Who	What
Board	General discussion

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.

Notes of Discussion / Advance Regulatory and Financial Comment:

Who	What
Board	General discussion

B. Tacony Academy Charter School CEO

a. Ashley Redfearn – Chief Executive Officer

i. Reviewed and discussed with the Board the January 2019 APS report, previously disseminated to the Board. Discussion included:

1. Two student incidents that could have gone to disciplinary procedures; however, the students were exceptional children and were sent to approved private schools. She indicated this incident was a testament to administrative trust since the threats were reported by students/family members before any violence occurred.

ii. Shared and discussed with the Board a recent 98.1 WOGL Radiothon interview video.

*1. The interview can be found here:
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tVVvXpBb_hg&feature=youtu
*tube**

2. Indicated this as one of many efforts to get more public exposure of the school.

b. Thomas Scheid – Elementary School Principal

- i. *Reviewed with the Board a PowerPoint presentation, during which he:*
 - 1. *Highlighted recent events, including a pajama fundraiser and music recitals;*
 - 2. *Discussed recent Caring School Community efforts;*
 - 3. *Highlighted recent Committee meetings on school climate and culture; and*
 - 4. *Discussed the Common Assessment test.*
- c. *Ryan Strasko – High School Principal*
 - i. *Reviewed with the Board a PowerPoint presentation, during which he:*
 - 1. *Highlighted recent school events, including athletic competitions; chess team; bowling team; homecoming game; and homecoming dance;*
 - 2. *Highlighted that the average daily attendance was 90.7%; that 45% of students were present 95% of the time; and that 73% of students had been absent 8 or fewer days; and*
 - 3. *Described the new teacher induction wherein teacher expectations were set.*

C. American Paradigm Schools CEO

- a. *Dr. Margery Covello – Chief of Staff*
 - i. *Reviewed with the Board the January 2019 APS report, previously disseminated to the Board. Discussion included:*
 - 1. *The administration of an engagement survey;*
 - 2. *Recent updates to SPED manuals;*
 - 3. *APS’s recent training on McKinney Vento and Trauma; and*
 - 4. *Dr. Covello’s recent attendance of a 6-hour training at LaSalle University regarding board governance.*

D. Business Controller

- a. *Peter Costa of Santilli & Thomson, LLC*
 - i. *Reviewed with the Board the December 2019 APS report, previously disseminated to the Board. Discussion included:*
 - 1. *Indicating that student enrollment was close to budgeted amount.*
 - 2. *A previous budgetary error was corrected.*

SECTION III: NEW BUSINESS

A. RESOLUTIONS

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R190116.03 Report of the Business Controller

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.

Notes of Discussion / Advance Regulatory and Financial Comment:

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

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R190116.04 Uniform Human Resources Resolution

RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees of Tacony Academy Charter School ratifies the human resources changes, modifications and additions as presented.

Notes of Discussion / Advance Regulatory and Financial Comment:

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

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R190116.05 Uniform Professional Services Proposals Resolution

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

FURTHER RESOLVED, the CEO, business controller and general counsel are hereby authorized and directed to negotiate the terms and conditions of those contracts based upon these Professional Services Proposal/s;

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

Contractor	Amount	Comment: Terms and Conditions

Notes of Discussion / Advance Regulatory and Financial Comment:

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

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R190116.06 Uniform Purchase Services Proposals Resolution

RESOLVED, the Purchase Services, Proposal/s and associated reports listed below are hereby accepted and ratified;

FURTHER RESOLVED, the CEO, business controller and general counsel are hereby authorized and directed to negotiate the terms and conditions of those contract based upon these Purchase Services and Proposal/s;

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

Contractor	Amount	Comment: Terms and Conditions

Notes of Discussion / Advance Regulatory and Financial Comment:

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Upon MOTION by SANDRA FARMERS and SECOND by ANITA VEGA-KAISER, the board UNANIMOUSLY entered CLOSED SESSION for the purposes of discussing legally privileged matters.

Upon MOTION by SANDRA FARMER and SECOND by JOHN MCDONALD, the board UNANIMOUSLY entered OPEN SESSION..

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R190116.07 Glover v. Tacony Settlement

RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees of Tacony Academy Charter School hereby authorizes President of the Board of Trustees to negotiate and execute the Confidential Settlement and Release Agreement in Glover v. American Paradigm Schools, et al., and associated documents as presented.

Notes of Discussion / Advance Regulatory and Financial Comment:

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R190116.08 IRS Form 990

RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees of Tacony Academy Charter School approves the IRS Form 990, as presented.

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VOTE:

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Notes of Discussion / Advance Regulatory and Financial Comment:

<i>Who</i>	<i>What</i>
<i>Board</i>	<i>General discussion</i>
<i>P. Costa</i>	<i>Reviewed with the Board the Form 990, previously disseminated to the Board</i>

By Roll Call Vote

Joseph Bauer - Aye

Sandra Farmer - Aye

John MacDonald - Aye

Jen Ragen - Aye

Barbara Saunders - Aye

Anita Vega-Kaiser - Aye

Kelly Lorab - Aye

Lisa Johnson - Absent

B. DISCUSSION AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

NONE

- NEXT BOARD MEETING: February 20, 2019

ADJOURNMENT @8:51

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