

TACONY ACADEMY CHARTER SCHOOL

6201 Keystone Street
Philadelphia, PA 19135
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

APRIL 17, 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 6:00 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 Kelly Lorah John MacDonald Jen Ragen Barbara Saunders Anita Vega-Kaiser	Ashley Redfearn Peter Costa Dr. Margery Covello Katie Santilli David Annecharico, Esq. Dean Krebs, Esq.
Board Members Absent:	

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.

B. Approval of Agenda

MOTION

BARBARA SAUNDERS

SECOND

ANITA VEGA-KAISER

VOTE:

PASS

FAIL

R190417.01 Approval of the April 17, 2019 Agenda

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of Tacony Academy Charter School hereby approves the April 17, 2019 Agenda.

Notes of Discussion / Advance Regulatory and Financial Comment:

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

C. Approval of Minutes

MOTION

JOSEPH BAUER

SECOND

JEN RAGEN

VOTE:

PASS

R190417.02 Minutes of the March 20, 2019 Meeting

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of Tacony Academy Charter School hereby approves the Minutes of the March 20, 2019 meeting of the Board of Trustees of Tacony Academy Charter School.

Notes of Discussion / Advance Regulatory and Financial Comment:

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

SECTION II: REPORTS

A. Community Comment

None

Notes of Discussion / Advance Regulatory and Financial Comment:

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

B. Tacony Academy Charter School CEO

- a. *Ashley Redfearn—Chief Executive Officer*
 - i. *Shared Board report, April 2019 (the below is in order they were talked about, check powerpoint for more info)*
 1. *Indicated mission of TACS*
 2. *Indicated how TACS has accomplished that mission*
 3. *“Caring School Community”*
 - a. *Want to bring out intrinsic motivation and have students excited to come to school*
 4. *Shared chart indicated proficiencies*
 - a. *Outperformed state average*
 - b. *Math 2018: out achievement neighborhood, city, and almost state schools*
 5. *Other schools have visited TACS to examine Eureka Math*
 6. *Ms. Redfearn highlighted annual charter evaluation, ACE Report, and noted that there is a very high waitlist for siblings*
 7. *Currently enrolled 1082 student, capped at 1075*
 8. *14 students approved private schools—i.e. special needs*
 9. *Discussed upcoming events*
 10. *New partnership*
 - a. *April 11th, West Gold Fellowship. Gave presentations on paid internships*
 11. *Insectarium family night*

C. American Paradigm Schools

- a. *Dr. Margery Covello*
 - i. *Presented APS Board report*
 1. *Assisting with*
 - a. *District survey completed*
 - i. *Worth SPR points*

- b. *Civil rights data collection*
- c. *Developing school calendar*
- d. *Working closely with TACS regarding budgeting process*
- e. *Recognizing difficulty for school leaders to leave school, so APS has been going to the programs to determine if they are worth attending—i.e. they are vetting programs.*
 - i. *Philadelphia Education Fund*
 - ii. *Philadelphia Charters for Excellence*
- ii. *Applauded TACS’s efforts to adopt and accept suggestions by APS*

D. Business Controller

- a. *Peter Costa*
 - i. *Presented report, previously disseminated to the Board*
 - ii. *78 SPED, which is 6 over budget*
 - iii. *400k additional revenue by June*
 - iv. *Expenses: Substitute services and technology are over budget*
 - v. *Investor’s call went well. This will occur at least once a year after Audit is complete.*
 - vi. *Discussed 2019-20 budget, answer board questions*

SECTION III: NEW BUSINESS

A. RESOLUTIONS

MOTION
 ANITA VEGA-
 KAISER
 SECOND
 BARBARA
 SAUNDERS
 VOTE:
 PASS
 FAIL

R190417.03 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:

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

MOTION
 ANITA VEGA-
 KAISER
 SECOND
 BARBARA
 SAUNDERS
 VOTE:
TABLED

R190417.04 2019-20 Budget

RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees of Tacony Academy Charter School hereby approves the 2019-20 budget, as presented.

Notes of Discussion / Advance Regulatory and Financial Comment:

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

By Roll Call Vote:

Joseph Bauer
 Sandra Farmer
 Lisa Johnson
 Kelly Lorah
 John MacDonald
 Jen Ragen
 Barbara Saunders
 Anita Vega-Kaiser

MOTION
 KELLY LORAH
 SECOND
 BARBARA SAUNDERS
 VOTE:
 [X] PASS
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R190417.04 Uniform Human Resources Resolution

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

HIRES		
NAME	TITLE	EFFECTIVE DATE
Lisa Taylor	Instructional Assistant	3/21/19

TERMINATIONS / RESIGNATIONS		
NAME	TITLE	EFFECTIVE DATE
<i>None</i>	<i>None</i>	<i>None</i>

Notes of Discussion / Advance Regulatory and Financial Comment:

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

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R190417.05 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 contract 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
None	None	None

Notes of Discussion / Advance Regulatory and Financial Comment:

Who	What
None	None

MOOT

R190417.06 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
None	None	None

Notes of Discussion / Advance Regulatory and Financial Comment:

Who	What
None	None

MOTION

JEN RAGEN

SECOND

KELLY LORAH

VOTE:

PASS

FAIL

R190417.07 2019-2020 School Calendars

RESOLVED, the following Tacony Academy Charter School Calendars are ratified as presented:

- 2019-2020 Tacony Academy Charter School Family Calendar
- 2019-2020 Tacony Academy Charter School Staff Calendar
- 2019-2020 Tacony Academy Charter School Date Chart
- 2019-2020 Tacony Academy Charter School Family Date Chart

Notes of Discussion / Advance Regulatory and Financial Comment:

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

BARBARA SAUNDERS

SECOND

ANITA VEGA-KAISER

VOTE:

PASS

FAIL

R190417.08 2018-2019 School Calendar Modifications

RESOLVED, the following modifications to the 2018-2019 Tacony Academy Charter School Calendar are ratified:

- May 14, 2019: Tacony Academy Charter School will be open for staff and students
- May 21, 2019: Tacony Academy Charter School, Rhawn Street Facility will be closed for students; Staff will report for Professional Development
- May 21, 2019: Tacony Academy Charter School, Keystone Street Facility will be open for all students and staff.

Notes of Discussion / Advance Regulatory and Financial Comment:

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

MOTION

JOSEPH BAUER

SECOND

BARBARA SAUNDERS

VOTE:

PASS

FAIL

R190417.09 Head Start MOU

RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees of Tacony Academy Charter School hereby ratifies and approves the 2019-2022 Head Start Memorandum of Understanding between Tacony Academy Charter School and the School District of Philadelphia, as presented.

Notes of Discussion / Advance Regulatory and Financial Comment:

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<i>Board</i>	<i>General discussion</i>

MOTION

JEN RAGEN

SECOND

KELLY LORAH

VOTE:

PASS

FAIL

R190417.10 Child Abuse Recognition and Reporting Policy

RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees of Tacony Academy Charter School ratifies and approves of the Child Abuse Recognition and Reporting Policy, as presented.

Notes of Discussion / Advance Regulatory and Financial Comment:

<i>Who</i>	<i>What</i>
<i>Board</i>	<i>General discussion; discussion regarding methods to increase security at TACS, including facial ID, ID cards, and metal detectors; and enhancing positive culture</i>
<i>A. Redfearn</i>	<i>Discussed preliminary conversations regarding contractor to</i>

<i>provide better security at TACS</i>
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B. DISCUSSION AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

JOSEPH BAUER ASKED DR. COVELLO ABOUT BOARD TRAINING; DISCUSSION OCCURRED REGARDING PLANNING ON WHEN BEST TO HAVE BOARD TRAINING

- NEXT BOARD MEETING: May 15, 2019 at TACONY ACADEMY CHARTER SCHOOL

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION

BARBARA SAUNDERS

SECOND

ANITA VEGA-KAISER

VOTE:

PASS

FAIL

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