

TACONY ACADEMY CHARTER SCHOOL

6201 Keystone Street
Philadelphia, PA 19135

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

LOCATION

6201 KEYSTONE STREET
PHILADELPHIA, PA 19135

DATE & TIME

SEPTEMBER 18, 2019
7:30 PM

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 7:46 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 Lisa Johnson Kelly Lorah John MacDonald Jen Ragen Barbara Saunders	Thomas Scheid Ryan Strazko Peter Costa Ashley Redfearn Scott Kramer David Annecharico, Esq. Dean Krebs, Esq.
Board Members Absent: Anita Vega-Kaiser	

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	R190918.01 Approval of the September 18, 2019 Agenda				
SANDRA FARMER	RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of Tacony Academy Charter School hereby approves the September 18, 2019 Agenda.				
SECOND					
KELLY LORAH	<i>Notes of Discussion / Advance Regulatory and Financial Comment:</i>				
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[X] PASS					
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C. Approval of Minutes

MOTION	R190918.02 Minutes of the August 21, 2019 Meeting
LISA JOHNSON	RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of Tacony Academy Charter School hereby approves the Minutes of the August 21, 2019 meeting of the Board of Trustees of Tacony Academy Charter School.
SECOND	
SANDRA FARMER	

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

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

SECTION II: REPORTS

A. Community Comment

Community Comment Colloquy (General Counsel)
 None

Notes of Discussion / Advance Regulatory and Financial Comment:

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

B. Tacony Academy Charter School CEO

a. *Mr. Thomas Scheid—Interim CEO/Principal of Tacony Academy Charter School*

- i. *Discussed and reviewed with the Board the September 2019 CEO report, previously disseminated to the Board;*
- ii. *Informed that Board that the school was currently overenrolled by 20 students;*
- iii. *Informed that Board that K-8 grade attendance is 95% to 97.71%;*
- iv. *Informed the Board that there had been zero suspensions;*
- v. *Discussed with the Board HR changes;*
- vi. *Discussed with the Board the 3-year Comprehensive Plan Goals, including*
 - 1. *Ensure that there is a system within the school that fully ensures consistent implementation of a standards aligned curriculum framework across all classrooms for all students.*
 - 2. *Ensure that there is a system within the school that fully ensures consistent implementation of effective instructional practices that meet the needs of all students across all classrooms and aligns with the Pennsylvania Framework for Teaching.*
 - 3. *Ensure that there is a system within the school that fully ensures school-wide use of data that is focused on school improvement and the academic growth of all students.*
- vii. *Discussed with the Board K-8 events, sports, and activities, including the addition of bowling and Silly-Sock Day.*

b. *Mr. Ryan Strazko—Principal of Tacony Academy Charter School*

- i. Informed the Board that last year’s high school attendance was an issue so now every Monday there is a school meeting for attendance and evcery other Monday the school meets regarding grades and disciplinary actions;*
- ii. Informed the Board that the school is contacting parents to ensure they are aware of their child’s absence;*
- iii. Informed the Board of the implementation of “senior privileges” and the impact of absences on it;*
- iv. Informed that Board of the current disciplinary actions at the high school; and*
- v. Discussed with the Board the implementation of Project Lead the Way at the High School, which included highlighting how students are building paper airplanes and toy cars as a way to implement the skills they have learned.*

C. American Paradigm Schools CEO

- a. Ms. Ashley Redfearn—Executive Director of American Paradigm Schools*
 - i. Expressed her appreciation to for TACS for TACS’s utilization of data driven decisions and its commitment to Caring School Communities; and*
 - ii. Discussed with the Board the September APS report, previously disseminated.*

D. Business Controller

- a. Mr. Peter Costa—Santilli & Thomson, LLC*
 - i. Discussed with the Board the August 2019 Financial report, previously disseminated to the Board.*
 - ii. Informed the Board of the ongoing audit at TACS;*
 - iii. Informed the Board that the Budget was expected to break even;*
 - iv. Informed that Board that on October 5 TACS will be receiving a reconciled payment based on current student numbers;*
 - v. Indicated to the Board that the Budget is in process of being reevaluated;*
 - vi. Answered Board questions regarding current over enrollment of 20 students; and*
 - vii. Answered Board questions regarding expenses in financial report.*

SECTION III: NEW BUSINESS

A. RESOLUTIONS

MOTION
SANDRA FARMER
SECOND
BARBARA SAUNDERS
VOTE:

R190918.03 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.

[X] PASS

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MOTION

LISA JOHNSON

SECOND

BARBARA SAUNDERS

VOTE:

[X] PASS

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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>

R190918.04 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
Kabbour Rizq	Cafeteria Aide	9/6/2019
Rodriguez, Yeslyn	Non-teaching Assistant	8/29/2019
Dominique Samarco	HS Art Teacher	9/6/2019

TERMINATIONS / RESIGNATIONS		
NAME	TITLE	EFFECTIVE DATE
Elizabeth Riggio - Resignation	HS Art Teacher	8/22/2019
Katie Lee – FMLA	7 th Grade Teacher	8/26/2019
Chelsea Byme – FMLA	3 rd Grade Teacher	9/6/2019
Susan M. Shipley – Termination	Part-Time Psychologist	9/18/2019

Notes of Discussion / Advance Regulatory and Financial Comment:

<i>Who</i>	<i>What</i>
<i>A.Redfearn</i>	<i>Asked questions regarding how long Part-Time Psychologist was at school for.</i>
<i>Board</i>	<i>General discussion</i>
<i>Board</i>	<i>Asked questions regarding HS Art Teacher</i>

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R190918.05 Uniform Professional Services 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/s 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.

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Contractor	Amount	Comment: Terms and Conditions
<i>None</i>	<i>None</i>	<i>None</i>

Notes of Discussion / Advance Regulatory and Financial Comment:

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

R190918.06 Uniform Purchases 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/s 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
<i>None</i>	<i>None</i>	<i>None</i>

Notes of Discussion / Advance Regulatory and Financial Comment:

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

MOTION

SANDRA FARMER

SECOND

KELLY LORAH

VOTE:

PASS

FAIL

R190918.07 Application for Debt Service Reimbursement

RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees of Tacony Charter School approves the application for reimbursement of a charter school lease for 2018-19.

Notes of Discussion / Advance Regulatory and Financial Comment:

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

B. DISCUSSION AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Ryan Strazko—Principal of Tacony Academy Charter School

Informed the board of an upcoming Girls Volleyball Game on October 18 which will help raise money for breast cancer.

UPON MOTION BY LISA JOHNSON AND SECOND BY BARBARA SAUNDERS THE BOARD UNANIMOUSLY ENTERED INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR PURPOSES DESCRIBED UNDER 65 Pa.C.S.A. § 708(a)(1)

UPON MOTION BY LISA JOHNSON AND SECOND BY BARBARA SAUNDERS THE BOARD UNANIMOUSLY ENTERED INTO OPEN SESSION.

- NEXT BOARD MEETING: October 16, 2019 at 6:00pm at 4300 Tacony St., Philadelphia, PA 19124

ADJOURNMENT AT 8:25PM

MOTION

JOHN MACDONALD

SECOND

JOSEPH BAUER

VOTE:

PASS

FAIL

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