

TACONY ACADEMY CHARTER SCHOOL

6201 Keystone Street
Philadelphia, PA 19135

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

LOCATION
4300 TACONY STREET
PHILADELPHIA, PA 19124

DATE & TIME
DECEMBER 18, 2019
6:00 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 6:10 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, President Barbara Saunders, Vice-President Anita Vega-Kaiser, Secretary Sandra Farmer Jen Ragen Lisa Johnson	Thomas Scheid Ryan Strazko Gerald Santilli Ashley Redfearn Scott Kramer Katie Santilli Peter Costa David Annecharico, Esq. Daniel Saidel, Esq. Francis Sperling Feldbaum, St. Clair Solutions Brian DiMattessa, St. Clair Solutions
Board Members Absent: Kelly Lorah, Treasurer	

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

JEN RAGEN

VOTE:

 PASS

 FAIL

R191218.01 Approval of the December 18, 2019 Agenda

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of Tacony Academy Charter School hereby approves the December 18, 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

BARBARA SAUNDERS

SECOND

JOSEPH BAUER

VOTE:

PASS

FAIL

R191218.02 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, 2019 meeting of the Board of Trustees of Tacony Academy Charter School.

Notes of Discussion / Advance Regulatory and Financial Comment:

<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 which 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:

<i>Who</i>	<i>What</i>
<i>None</i>	<i>N/A</i>

B. Tacony Academy Charter School CEO

T. Scheid

+ *Reviewed the CEO Report, previously disseminated.*

+ *Discussed, with J. Bauer, recent conversations with Dr. R. Whittaker who may be a potential board candidate. Dr. Whittaker will visit both TACS schools in January and has an open invitation to visit our next public board meeting. The Board discussed Dr. Whittaker's credentials. Dr. Whittaker is the head of the School of Urban Education at Cabrini College.*

C. American Paradigm Schools CEO

A. Redfearn

- + *Reported upon the progress of an employee engagement survey.*
- + *The Board discussed employee retention initiatives.*
- + *K. Magargee discussed APS teacher coaching initiatives / processes, reviewing the APS research-based program for teacher mentorship and growth. The Board discussed executive administration participation and input in APS coaching initiatives with T. Scheid and R. Strazko. T. Scheid discussed coaching in the context of the Danielson model. "Coaching Never Stops".*
- + *K. Magargee discussed the "New Teacher Induction Program"*
- + *S. Kramer discussed APS's participation in a NemNet conference. NemNet is the largest minority recruiting firm in the United States. (<https://www.nemnet.com>). APS will increase its participation and partnership with NemNet.*
- + *G. Santilli underscored APS's commitment to the recruitment and retaining of minority teachers.*
- + *K. Santilli has been assisting with environmental testing required by law. The Board asked that APS send them any results of environmental testing.*

Upon MOTION by BARBARA SAUNDERS and SECOND by SANDRA FARMER, the Board UNANIMOUSLY entered CLOSED SESSION to discuss Certain Employee Issues.

Upon MOTION by JOSEPH BAUER and SECOND by ANITA VEGA-KAISER the Board UNANIMOUSLY entered OPEN SESSION.

D. Business Controller

P. Costa

- + *Reviewed the November 2019 Financial Report, previously disseminated.*

E. General Counsel

D. Saidel & D. Annecharico

- + *Discussion regarding following up on board activities and resolutions of 11/20.*

SECTION III: NEW BUSINESS

A. RESOLUTIONS

SANDRA FRAMER EXITED THE MEETING.

MOTION
 BARBARA SAUNDERS
 SECOND
 JOSEPH BAUER

R191218.03 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.

VOTE:

PASS

FAIL

Notes of Discussion / Advance Regulatory and Financial Comment:

<i>Who</i>	<i>What</i>
<i>P. Costa</i>	<i>See Above</i>

MOTION

BARBARA SAUNDERS

SECOND

JOSEPH BAUER

VOTE:

PASS

FAIL

R191218.04 2018-19 Draft Audit Financial Statements

RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees of Tacony Academy Charter School hereby approves the 2018-19 Draft Audit Financial Statements as presented, for Tacony Academy Charter School.

Notes of Discussion / Advance Regulatory and Financial Comment:

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

ROLL CALL:

Joseph Bauer – *aye*
 Sandra Farmer – *absent*
 Kelly Lorah – *absent*
 Jen Ragen – *aye*
 Barbara Saunders – *aye*
 Anita Vega-Kaiser – *aye*
 Lisa Johnson - *aye*

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R191218.05 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
None	None	None

TERMINATIONS / RESIGNATIONS		
NAME	TITLE	EFFECTIVE DATE
None	None	None

Notes of Discussion / Advance Regulatory and Financial Comment:

<i>Who</i>	<i>What</i>
<i>N/A</i>	<i>N/A</i>

MOTION
 LISA JOHNSON
 SECOND
 BARBARA SAUNDERS
 VOTE:
 PASS
 FAIL

R191218.06 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.

Contractor	Amount	Comment: Terms and Conditions
Focus School Software	5-Year Cost: \$65,975.00	Provider of Student Information System. Competitor quotes received.

Notes of Discussion / Advance Regulatory and Financial Comment:

Who	What
Board	General Discussion

MOTION
 JOSEPH BAUER
 SECOND
 JENNIFER RAGEN
 VOTE:
 PASS
 FAIL

R191218.07 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
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Freepoint Energy Solutions	Contract Price: \$0.06256/kWh Brokerage Fee: \$0.00600/kWh	Electricity Supply Agreement
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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>

MOTION
LISA JOHNSON
SECOND
BARBARA SAUNDERS
VOTE:
 PASS
 FAIL

R191218.08 IRS Form 990

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

Notes of Discussion / Advance Regulatory and Financial Comment:

<i>Who</i>	<i>What</i>
<i>McLeish</i>	<i>Reviewed the Form 990 (See Above)</i>

ROLL CALL:

Joseph Bauer - *aye*
Sandra Farmer - *absent*
Kelly Lorah - *absent*
Jen Ragen - *aye*
Barbara Saunders - *aye*
Anita Vega-Kaiser - *aye*
Lisa Johnson - *aye*

MOTION
JEN RAGEN
SECOND
ANITA VEGA-KAISER
VOTE:
 PASS
 FAIL

R191218.09 Form Negotiated Charter Agreement

RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees of Tacony Academy Charter School hereby ratifies the Form Negotiated Charter Agreement between it and the School District of Philadelphia as presented.

Notes of Discussion / Advance Regulatory and Financial Comment:

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

MOTION
JEN RAGEN
SECOND
BARBARA SAUNDERS
VOTE:
 PASS
 FAIL

R191218.10 Resignation of John MacDonald

RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees of Tacony Academy Charter School honors John MacDonald for his service as a Trustee of Tacony Academy Charter School;

FURTHER RESOLVED, that Tacony Academy Charter School accepts the resignation of John MacDonald from the Tacony Academy Charter School Board of Trustees effective November 20, 2019.

ROLL CALL:

Joseph Bauer - *aye*
Sandra Farmer - *absent*
Kelly Lorah - *absent*
Jen Ragen - *aye*
Barbara Saunders - *aye*
Anita Vega-Kaiser - *aye*
Lisa Johnson - *aye*

Notes of Discussion / Advance Regulatory and Financial Comment:

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

MOTION
JEN RAGEN
SECOND
BARBARA SAUNDERS
VOTE:
 PASS
 FAIL

R191218.11 CEO / Principal

RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees of Tacony Academy Charter School hereby designates Thomas Scheid as CEO and Principal effective immediately.

Notes of Discussion / Advance Regulatory and Financial Comment:

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

B. DISCUSSION AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

NEXT BOARD MEETING: JANUARY 15, 2019 AT 6201 Keystone Street, Philadelphia, PA 19135

ADJOURNMENT AT 8:11PM

MOTION

BARBARA SAUNDERS

SECOND

JOSEPH BAUER

VOTE:

PASS

FAIL

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