

# TACONY ACADEMY CHARTER SCHOOL

6201 Keystone Street  
Philadelphia, PA 19135

## BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

LOCATION  
4300 Tacony St.  
Philadelphia, PA 19124

DATE & TIME  
FEBRUARY 19, 2020  
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 6:03 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 Kelly Lorah Jen Ragen Barbara Saunders	Thomas Scheid Ryan Strazko  Peter Costa  Gerald Santilli Ashley Redfearn Katie Santilli Scott Kramer Kristine Magargee  David Annecharico, Esq. Daniel Saidel, Esq.
<b>Board Members Absent:</b> Anita Vega-Kaiser 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.*

**B. Approval of Agenda**

MOTION  
 JEN RAGEN  
 SECOND  
 JOSEPH BAUER  
 VOTE:  
 PASS  
 FAIL

**R200219.01 Approval of the February 19, 2020 Agenda**

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of Tacony Academy Charter School hereby approves the February 19, 2020 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  
 KELLY LORAH

**R200219.02 Minutes of the January 15, 2020 Meeting**

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of Tacony Academy Charter School hereby approves the Minutes of the January 15, 2020 meeting of the Board of Trustees of Tacony Academy Charter School.

VOTE:

PASS

FAIL

MOTION

BARBARA SAUNDERS

SECOND

KELLY LORAH

VOTE:

PASS

FAIL

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

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

**R200219.03 Minutes of the February 11, 2020 Special Meeting**

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of Tacony Academy Charter School hereby approves the Minutes of the February 11, 2020 meeting of the Board of Trustees of Tacony Academy Charter School.

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

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

**SECTION II: REPORTS**

**A. Community Comment**

None

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

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

**B. Tacony Academy Charter School CEO**

- a. *Mr. Thomas Scheid—Chief Executive Officer and Principal of Tacony Academy Charter School, and Mr. Ryan Strasko, Principal of Tacony Academy Charter School*
  - i. *Reviewed and discussed with the Board the February 2019 CEO Report, previously disseminated to the Board.*

**C. American Paradigm Schools CEO**

- a. *Mr. Gerald Santilli—Chief Executive Officer of American Paradigm Schools, Ashley Redfearn—Executive Director of American Paradigm Schools, and Scott Kramer—Chief Talent Officer of American Paradigm Schools*
  - i. *Reviewed and discussed with the Board the February 2019 APS Report, previously disseminated to the Board;*
  - ii. *Discussed with the Board the transition of Student Information System to FOCUS;*
    - 1. *Indicated to the Board that weekly calls and project meetings were being facilitated among APS schools to accomplish this transition;*

- iii. *Indicated to the Board that APS is in the process of instituting Ed Insights, a dashboard that will collate many sources of real-time and historical data;*
  - 1. *The Board discussed the use of Ed Insights to monitor progress;*
- b. *The Board shared and discussed with the Board the recent SPR results for Tacony Academy Charter School. APS expressed a sense of urgency among administration and staff to work together as a team to raise SPR related statistics. Ms. Redfearn discussed:*
  - i. *Recent shifts in curricular and school-model priorities;*
  - ii. *The implementation of DreamBox, Math Support Groups, and Behavioral interventions programs at TACS;*
  - iii. *Contrasted 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grade proficiency statistics with State statistics;*
  - iv. *Highlighted an internal analysis of student achievement conducted by the APS data team;*
  - v. *Shared and discussed with the Board a comparison of TACS with the state and peer schools;*
  - vi. *Highlighted the high climate scores at TACS and noted that a health climate provided opportunities to introducing new strategies.*
- c. *The Board discussed college fairs and opportunity events being held for the benefit of TACS students;*
- d. *The Board discussed recent student attendance;*
- e. *Mr. Santilli discussed recent legislative developments involving potential changes to charter school funding. APS is working to facilitate discussions with local legislators regarding proposed legislation.*

#### **D. Business Controller**

- a. *Mr. Peter Costa—Santilli & Thomson, LLC*
  - i. *Reviewed and discussed with the Board the Tacony Academy Summary Report, previously submitted to the Board*
  - ii. *Reviewed the Tacony Academy January financial report, previously submitted to the Board*

### **SECTION III: OLD BUSINESS**

#### **A. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

*Upon MOTION by SANDRA FARMER and SECOND by KELLY LORAH the Board UNANIMOUSLY entered closed EXECUTIVE SESSION for the following purposes under 65 P.S. § 708:*

*(x) Consultation with Professional Advisor or Attorney. To consult with its attorney or other professional advisor regarding information or strategy in connection with litigation or with issues on which identifiable complaints are expected to be filed.*

*(x) Discuss Confidential Matters. To review and discuss agency business which, if conducted in public, would violate a lawful privilege or lead to the disclosure of information or confidentiality protected by law, including matters related to the initiation and conduct of investigations of possible or certain violations of the law and quasi-judicial deliberations.*

Upon MOTION by JOSEPH BAUR and SECOND by SANDRA FARMER the Board UNANIMOUSLY entered closed OPEN SESSION.

**SECTION IV: NEW BUSINESS**

**A. RESOLUTIONS**

MOTION  
JEN RAGEN  
SECOND  
KELLY LORAH  
VOTE:  
 PASS  
 FAIL

**R200219.04 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:***

<b><i>Who</i></b>	<b><i>What</i></b>
<i>P. Costa</i>	<i>See Above</i>
<i>Board</i>	<i>General Discussion</i>

MOTION  
JOSEPH BAUER  
SECOND  
SANDRA FARMER  
VOTE:  
 PASS  
 FAIL

**R200219.05 Uniform Human Resources Resolution**

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

<b>HIRES</b>		
<b>NAME</b>	<b>TITLE</b>	<b>EFFECTIVE DATE</b>
Michele Adams	Instructional Assistant	1/21/20
Migdalia Maldonado	Cafeteria Aide	2/04/20

<b>TERMINATIONS / RESIGNATIONS</b>		
<b>NAME</b>	<b>TITLE</b>	<b>EFFECTIVE DATE</b>
Kabbour Rizq (Resignation)	Cafeteria Aide	1/31/20
Patricia Darby (Retirement)	SPED Coordinator	6/12/20
Delilah Lacend (Resignation)	Administrative Assistant	2/18/20

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

<b><i>Who</i></b>	<b><i>What</i></b>
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MOTION  
 JOSEPH BAUER  
 SECOND  
 SANDRA FARMER  
 VOTE:  
 PASS  
 FAIL

<i>Board</i>	<i>General Discussion</i>
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**R200219.06 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.

<b>Contractor</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Comment: Terms and Conditions</b>
Brett DiNovi & Associates, LLC	Clinical Associates: \$52.50/hr Behavior Consultant: \$115/hr	Behavior support personnel.  Obtained to provide 1-on-1 services.

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

<b><i>Who</i></b>	<b><i>What</i></b>
<i>Board</i>	<i>General Discussion</i>
<i>Board</i>	<i>AMENDMENT OF R200219.06 Uniform Professional Services Resolution to REMOVE Blackney Hayes Architectural Services Contract.</i>

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**R200219.07 Uniform Purchases Resolution**

RESOLVED, the Purchase 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 Proposal/s;

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

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

MOTION  
 SANDRA FARMER  
 SECOND  
 JEN RAGEN  
 VOTE:  
 PASS  
 FAIL

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

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

**R200219.08 Charter Agreement**

WHEREAS, the School District of Philadelphia has offered Tacony Academy Charter School a Charter Agreement made and entered into as of July 1, 2017 (“Charter Agreement”); and

WHEREAS the Charter Agreement requires “a duly approved Charter Board Resolution, certified by the Secretary of the Charter Board (i) authorizing the execution and delivery of this Charter and the performance of the transactions contemplated hereby, (ii) stating that no members of the Charter Board or their immediate family, as defined under the Pennsylvania Public Official and Employee Ethics Act (“Ethics Act”), will have business dealings with the Charter School, and that the Charter Board will comply with the Ethics Act; and (iii) providing the names and addresses (including email addresses) of the officers of the Charter Board and stating that such persons are authorized to execute and request payments under the Charter;”

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of Tacony Academy Charter School ratifies the Charter Agreement, as presented; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of Tacony Academy Charter School asserts that no Trustee of the Board of Trustees of Tacony Academy Charter School nor any of their immediate family, as defined under the Pennsylvania Public Official and Employee Ethics Act (the “Ethics Act”), will have business dealings with Tacony Academy Charter School and that Tacony Academy Charter School will comply with the Ethics Act;

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of Tacony Academy Charter School asserts that the following are the officers of the Board of Trustees of Tacony Academy Charter School with their respective mailing and e-mail address, and such officers are authorized to execute and request payments under the Charter Agreement:

OFFICER:	Treasurer
NAME:	Kelly Lorah
MAILING ADDRESS:	1330 Rhawn Street Philadelphia, PA 19111
E-MAIL:	klorah@ap-schools.org
OFFICER:	Secretary
NAME:	Anita Vega-Kaiser

MAILING ADDRESS:	1330 Rhawn Street Philadelphia, PA 19111
E-MAIL:	akaiser@ap-schools.org
OFFICER:	President
NAME:	Joseph Bauer
MAILING ADDRESS:	1330 Rhawn Street Philadelphia, PA 19111
EMAIL:	jbauer1@ap-schools.org
OFFICER:	Vice-President
NAME:	Barbara Saunders
MAILING ADDRESS:	1330 Rhawn Street Philadelphia, PA 19111
E-MAIL:	bsaunders1@ap-schools.org

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

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

**ROLL CALL:**

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

**R200219.10 Feasibility Study: Frankford Valley Foundation for Literacy II**

Resolved the Board of Trustees of Tacony Academy Charter Schools authorizes Frankford Valley Foundation for Literacy II to contract with an Architect for the purposes of conducting a feasibility study for enhancements to the 1330 Rhawn Street, Philadelphia, PA 19111 campus.

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

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<i>Board</i>	<i>General Discussion</i>

MOTION  
 SANDRA FARMER  
 SECOND  
 JOSEPH BAUER  
 VOTE:  
 PASS  
 FAIL

**B. DISCUSSION AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**



NEXT BOARD MEETING: 7:30pm on March 18, 2020 at 6201 Keystone St., Philadelphia, PA  
19135

**ADJOURNMENT AT 7:19PM**

MOTION

SANDRA FARMER

SECOND

BARBARA SAUNDERS

VOTE:

PASS

FAIL

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