

TACONY ACADEMY CHARTER SCHOOL

6201 Keystone Street
Philadelphia, PA 19135

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

LOCATION

ZOOM CONFERENCE CALL DUE TO STAY AT HOME ORDER BY THE GOVERNOR

DATE & TIME

MARCH 17, 2021

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 6:04 p.m. My name is Barbara L. Saunders. I am the President of this Board of Trustees, and I will facilitate this meeting.

As we know, Governor Wolf of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania has declared a state of emergency in response to the global Coronavirus pandemic. In order to protect the health, welfare, and safety of the school community, this meeting is being held via teleconference. This is a public meeting that was properly advertised in the Philadelphia Daily News, pursuant to the Pennsylvania Sunshine Act. The public notice included instructions for how the public could participate in tonight's meeting.

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 5:00 p.m. on the day before this scheduled meeting may participate in public comment. At this time, I would ask that the 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:
Barbara L. Saunders Kelly Lorah Sandra Farmer Dr. Ronald Whitaker Lionel S. Archer, Jr.	Thomas Scheid Ryan Strasko Jessica Harron Stephanie Felder Loretta Geiser Peter Costa Gerald Santilli Ashley Redfearn Kristine Magargee Katie Santilli Dean Krebs, Esq.
Board Members Absent: Anita Vega-Kaiser Jen Ragen	

B. DISCLOSURE: EXECUTIVE SESSION BY BARBARA L. SAUNDERS

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
 SANDRA FARMER
 SECOND
 KELLY LORAH
 VOTE:
 PASS
 FAIL

R210317.01 Approval of the March 17, 2021 Agenda

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of Tacony Academy Charter School hereby approves the March 17, 2021 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
 RONALD WHITAKER
 SECOND

R210317.02 Minutes of the February 17, 2021 Meeting

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of Tacony Academy Charter School hereby approves the Minutes of the February 17,

LIONEL ARCHER

2021 meeting of the Board of Trustees of Tacony Academy Charter School.

VOTE:

[X] PASS

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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

<i>Community Comment Colloquy (General Counsel)</i> None

Notes of Discussion / Advance Regulatory and Financial Comment:

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

B. Tacony Academy Charter School CEO

a. *Mr. Thomas Scheid—Chief Executive Officer of Tacony Academy Charter School*

i. *Reviewed and discussed with the Board the March 2021 CEO report, previously disseminated to the Board;*

1. *Shared with the Board the average weekly attendance data;*
2. *Informed the Board of the weekly Tesla club;*
3. *Informed the Board of upcoming Insectarium events;*
4. *Informed the Board that there were no HR changes to report;*
5. *Provided safety and health updates to the Board concerning COVID-19, including that bipolar ionization will be installed before students were brought back; they are looking to add additional windows; various touchless facilities are being installed; and shared and discussed with the Board the return to school timeline, with a goal to Kindergarten retuning to a hybrid model in April.*
6. *Shared with the Board security system evaluations and planning at both sites*
7. *Answered Board question about reopening, indicating that students are ready.*

ii. *Discussed with the Board playground updates, including that there were weekly meetings with architects and zoning advisors; anticipates that the school would be in a good position to break ground in June; the cost would be depreciated; and the school is determining whether ESSERS*

money can be used, such as for cafeteria expansion to increase distance between students.

- b. Ms. Lori Geiser
 - i. Introduced by Mr. Scheid as a reading specialist extraordinaire.*
 - ii. Discussed with the Board the recent passing of Ms. Sally Johnson, who was a senior citizen that participated in reading activities with youth at Gloria Dei.*
 - iii. Discussed the impact the reading program had not just for students, but also for the personal character development of Ms. Johnson.**
- c. Ms. Stephanie Felder—Tacony Academy Charter School DEI Coordinator
 - i. Provided an update to the Board on DEI, including recent PD conference and the ongoing support for Asian communities during the COVID pandemic, particularly because of prejudice against the community.**

C. American Paradigm Schools CEO

- a. Ms. Ashley Redfearn--Executive Director of American Paradigm Schools
 - i. Reviewed and discussed with the Board the March 2021 APS report, previously disseminated to the Board.*
 - ii. Shared with the Board the APS Facility Preparation Report, previously disseminated to the Board.
 - 1. Indicated to the Board that Ms. Katie Santilli and Mr. Scheid had worked closely to ready the school, including obtaining bottle filling stations, by-polar ionization, and airflow analysis;*
 - 2. Shared with the Board various methods being used, such as clorax cleaning process; school will closed every Thursday to do a deep clean; and that the school is doing whatever it can do to keep school community safe**
 - iii. Discussed the protocol to bring students who are exhibiting COVID-19 symptoms to a specific quaraint room rather than the general health room**
- b. Mr. Gerald Santilli—Chief Executive Officer of American Paradigm Schools
 - i. Expressed appreciation to the school community for working closely to accomplish increased safety measures**
- c. Ms. Kristine Magargee—Chief Academic Officer of American Paradigm Schools
 - i. Informed the Board that the state is not waiving academic testing but it can be postponed to September 30th so more students can participate. Noted that normally testing participation is a factor the school is evaluated on but that factor has been diminished this year; and*
 - ii. Informed the Board that the school is working hard on text dependent analysis, such as writing skills.**

D. General Counsel

- a. *Mr. Dean Krebs, Esq. – Sand & Sidel, P.C.*
 - i. *Reminded the Board of their obligations to complete their annual financial interest form.*

E. Business Controller

- a. *Mr. Peter Costa—Santilli & Thomson, LLC*
 - i. *Reviewed and discussed with the Board the February 2021 financial reports;*
 - ii. *Informed the Board that there was \$5.9M in cash, representing 132 days;*
 - iii. *Indicated a positive various in most major classes;*
 - iv. *Indicated that a draft budget may be provided during the April meeting.*

SECTION III: NEW BUSINESS

A. RESOLUTIONS

MOTION
 SANDRA FARMER
 SECOND
 KELLY LORAH
 VOTE:
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R210317.03 Report of the Business Controller

RESOLVED, that 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>

R210317.04 Uniform Human Resources Resolution

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of Tacony Academy Charter School ratifies the Human Resources changes, modifications, and additions, as presented.

HIRES/RATE CHANGE		
NAME	TITLE	EFFECTIVE DATE
None	None	None

TERMINATIONS / RESIGNATIONS		
NAME	TITLE	EFFECTIVE DATE
None	None	None

Notes of Discussion / Advance Regulatory and Financial Comment:

Who	What
None	None

TRUSTEE DR. RONALD WHITAKER LEFT THE MEETING AT 6:47PM

MOTION
 KELLY LORAH
 SECOND
 SANDRA FARMER
 VOTE:
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R210317.05 Uniform Professional Services Resolution

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

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

Contractor	Amount	Comment: Terms and Conditions
Brett DiNovi & Associates, LLC	Clinical Associates: \$55/hr Behavior Consultant: \$115/hr	Clinical Associates and Behavioral Consultants
Waste Management of Pennsylvania, Inc.	Base cost: \$229.63/month Extra Pick-up: \$150	Waste removal services 3-Year Term High School
Waste Management of Pennsylvania, Inc.	Base cost: \$401.81/month Extra Pick-up: \$200	Waste removal services 3-Year Term Elementary School

Notes of Discussion / Advance Regulatory and Financial Comment:

Who	What
Board	General discussion

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R210317.06 Uniform Purchases Resolution

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

FURTHER RESOLVED, that 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, that 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:

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

MOTION

SANDRA FARMER

SECOND

LIONEL ARCHER

VOTE:

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R210317.07 Approval of the Time and Effort Procedures Policy

The Board of Trustees of Tacony Academy Charter School ratifies and approves of the Time and Effort Procedures Policy, as presented.

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: APRIL 21, 2021

ADJOURNMENT AT 6:52PM

MOTION

SANDRA FARMER

SECOND

KELLY LORAH

VOTE:

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