

# 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

MAY 19, 2021

6:00 P.M.

## Agenda

### 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 \_\_\_\_\_ 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**

<b>Board Members Present:</b>	<b>By Invitation: Non-Board Members:</b>
Barbara L. Saunders Jen Ragen Anita Vega-Kaiser Sandra Farmer Dr. Ronald Whitaker Lionel S. Archer, Jr.	Thomas Scheid Ryan Strasko Jessica Harron  Ashley Redfearn Scott Kramer Kristine Magargee  Peter Costa  Dean Krebs, Esq. Jessica Bassett
<b>Board Members Absent:</b>	

**B. DISCLOSURE: EXECUTIVE SESSION BY BARBARA L. SAUNDERS**

*I would like to state, for purposes of the Minutes of this meeting that on April 21, 2021, the Board of Trustees met in Executive Session for the following purposes under 65 P.S. § 708:*

*(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.*

*I would like to state, for purposes of the Minutes of this meeting that on May 19, 2021, the Board of Trustees met in Executive Session for the following purposes under 65 P.S. § 708:*

*(x) Certain Employee Issues. To discuss any matter involving the employment, appointment, termination of employment, terms and conditions of employment, evaluation of performance, promotion or disciplining of any specific prospective public officer or employee or current public officer or employee employed or appointed by the agency, or former public officer or employee, provided, however, that the individual employees or appointees whose rights could be adversely affected may request, in writing, that the matter or matters be discussed at an open meeting. The agency's decision to discuss such matters in Executive Session shall not serve to adversely affect the due process rights granted by law, including those granted by Title 2 (relating to administrative law and procedure).*

*(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.*

**C. Approval of Agenda**

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**R210519.01 Approval of the May 19, 2021 Agenda**

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of Tacony Academy Charter School hereby approves the May 19, 2021 Agenda.

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

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

**D. Approval of Minutes**

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**R210519.02 Minutes of the April 21, 2021 Meeting**

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of Tacony Academy Charter School hereby approves the Minutes of the April 21, 2021 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>

**SECTION II: REPORTS**

**A. Community Comment**

*Community Comment Colloquy (General Counsel)*

Good Evening. My name is Dean Krebs, and I am 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 with which you might supplement your comment 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>

**B. Tacony Academy Charter School CEO**

**C. American Paradigm Schools**

**D. General Counsel**

**E. Business Controller**

**SECTION III: NEW BUSINESS**

**A. RESOLUTIONS**

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**R210519.03 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>

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**R210519.04 Approval of 2021-22 School Year Budget**

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of Tacony Academy Charter School accepts the 2021-22 School Year Budget, as presented.

- Barbara L. Saunders -
- Jen Ragen -
- Anita Vega-Kaiser -
- Sandra Farmer -
- Dr. Ronald Whitaker -
- Lionel S. Archer, Jr. -

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**R210519.05 Uniform Human Resources Resolution**

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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
Jenna Wong (rate change)	School Nurse ES	5/1/21
Vannesa Green (new hire)	Administrative Assistant High School 12 months	6/1/21
Tiffany Cruz Mendez (new hire)	COVID Safety and Health Coordinator ES/HS	8/15/21
Solivette M Calderon (new hire)	Instructional Assistant	5/24/21
Gregg Tyndall Jr (new hire)	Summer Maintenance Help	5/24/21

TERMINATIONS / RESIGNATIONS		
NAME	TITLE	EFFECTIVE DATE
Nicole Pica (resignation)	HS Biology Teacher	6/30/21
Ckrisen Milfort (resignation)	4 <sup>th</sup> Grade Teacher	6/30/21

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

Who	What

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**R210519.06 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

Davidson School (Elwyn)	\$313/day/student	Extended School Year Two (2) students
Delta School	\$170/date or \$4,250/summer program	Extended School Year One (1) student

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

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**R210519.07 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
<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:

**R210519.08. Approval of 2021-22 Board Meeting Calendar**

SECOND:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of Tacony Academy Charter School hereby approves of the 2021-22 Board Meeting Calendar of Tacony Academy Charter School, as presented.

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

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**R210519.09. Approval of Flexible Instruction Day Program**

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RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of Tacony Academy Charter School hereby approves the Flexible Instructional Day Program, as presented.

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

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

**R210519.10. Approval of COVID-19 Bonus**

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of Tacony Academy Charter School applauds the perseverance of Tacony Academy Charter School employees during the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.

RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees of Tacony Academy Charter School hereby approves of a bonus in the amount of net \$500.00 to all employees of Tacony Academy Charter School.

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

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**R210519.11. Election of Board Treasurer**

WHEREAS, Paragraph 7.1. of the Amended and Restated By-laws of Tacony Academy Charter School (“TACS”) requires TACS to have certain Officers, including a Treasurer.

WHEREAS, Paragraph 7.2. of the Amended and Restate By-laws of Tacony Academy Charter School (“TACS”) directs that, when a vacancy exists concerning an Officer, an Officer may be elected at any special or regular meeting of the Board of Trustees to fill that vacancy for the remainder of the term.

WHEREAS, Tacony Academy Charter School currently has a vacancy for Treasurer, the remainder of the current term of which is set to expire on June 30, 2021.

RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees of Tacony Academy Charter School hereby elects \_\_\_\_\_ as Treasurer of the Board of Trustees of Tacony Academy Charter School, effective May 19, 2021, for the remainder of the current term, in accordance with Paragraph 7.2 of the TACS By-laws.

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

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

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**B. DISCUSSION AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

NEXT BOARD MEETING: JUNE 16, 2021

**ADJOURNMENT AT \_\_:\_\_\_\_ P.M.**

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