

TACONY ACADEMY CHARTER SCHOOL

6201 KEYSTONE STREET
PHILADELPHIA, PA 19135

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

LOCATION

ZOOM CONFERENCE CALL DUE TO ONGOING COVID-19 PANDEMIC

DATE & TIME

AUGUST 18, 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.

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 and 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 Executive Administration submit the list of commenters to our General 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 Jen Ragen Anita Vega-Kaiser Sandra Farmer Dr. Ronald Whitaker Lionel S. Archer, Jr. Board Members Absent:	Thomas Scheid Ryan Strasko Jessica Harron Ashley Redfearn Kristine Magargee Scott Kramer Peter Costa Dean Krebs, Esq. Jessica Bassett

B. DISCLOSURE: EXECUTIVE SESSION BY BARBARA L. SAUNDERS

I would like to state, for purposes of the Minutes of this meeting, that on August 18, 2021, the Board of Trustees met in Executive Session for the following purposes under 65 Pa.C.S.A. § 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. Specifically, to discuss Resolution R210818.13 below.

C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION:

SECOND:

VOTE:

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R210818.01 Approval of the August 18, 2021 Agenda

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of Tacony Academy Charter School hereby approves the August 18, 2021 Agenda.

Notes of Discussion / Advance Regulatory and Financial Comment:

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

D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION:

SECOND:

R210818.02 Minutes of the June 16, 2021 Meeting

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of Tacony Academy Charter School hereby approves the Minutes of the June 16, 2021 meeting of the Board of Trustees of Tacony Academy Charter School.

VOTE:

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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, P.C., 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

MOTION:

SECOND:

VOTE:

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R210818.03 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.

Notes of Discussion / Advance Regulatory and Financial Comment:

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

MOTION:

SECOND:

VOTE:

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R210818.04 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/POSITION CHANGE		
NAME	TITLE	EFFECTIVE DATE
Dalena Burry (new hire)	Building Substitute ES	8/23/21
Jenna Sullivan (new hire)	4th Grade Teacher	8/23/21
Ryan Brody (new hire)	HS Social Studies	8/23/21
Theodore Lutkus (new hire)	HS Biology Teacher	8/23/21
Angeina Schroeder-Ricadonna (position change)	Librarian	8/23/21
Anderson, Olive (position change)	SPED Teacher	8/31/21
Adams, Michelle (rate change)	Instructional Assistant	8/23/21
Beideman, Regina (rate change)	Instructional Assistant	8/23/21
Calderon, Solivette (rate change)	Instructional Assistant	8/23/21
Cox, Kishana (rate change)	Instructional Assistant	8/23/21
Ellsworth, Jodi (rate change)	Instructional Assistant	8/23/21
Franklin, Jaqueline (rate change)	Instructional Assistant	8/23/21
Freeland Perez, Emily (rate change)	Instructional Assistant	8/23/21
Lance, Anna (rate change)	Instructional Assistant	8/23/21
McCurdy, Michael (rate change)	Instructional Assistant	8/23/21
Neith, Michelle (rate change)	Instructional Assistant	8/23/21
Smith, Lisa (rate change)	Instructional Assistant	8/23/21
Taylor, Lisa (rate change)	Instructional Assistant	8/23/21
Szwedowsky, Marcella (rate change)	LIMA	8/23/21
Maldonado, Migdalia (rate change)	Cafeteria Aide	8/23/21

TERMINATIONS / RESIGNATIONS		
NAME	TITLE	EFFECTIVE DATE
McCulla, Eric	HS - Social Studies	7/31/21

(resignation)		
Senek, Susan (resignation)	Librarian	7/31/21
Kealey, Michelle (resignation)	SPED	8/17/21

Notes of Discussion / Advance Regulatory and Financial Comment:

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

MOTION:

SECOND:

VOTE:

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R210818.05 Professional Services Contract/s Resolution

RESOLVED, that the Professional Services Contract/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 contract/s for the professional services described below;

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

Contractor	Amount	Comment: Terms and Conditions
Overlook School for the Blind	\$95.00/hr	Vision services for IEP/504 Plan
Springboard	\$15,000 plus \$500/student Expected total payment: \$45,000	Literacy after school program Fall 2021 service
Springboard	15,000 plus \$500/student Expected total payment: \$45,000	Literacy after school program Spring/Winter Service
Springboard	\$15,000 plus \$500/student Expected total payment: \$45,000	Literacy after school program Summer 2022 Service
Withum	\$25,500	Annual Auditor
GHR Healthcare Resources, LLC	CSN: \$75.00 RN: \$58.00 LPN: \$48.00	Health and Therapy Services

	Paraprofessional: \$24.00 PT: \$76.00 OT: \$76.00 SLP: \$78.00	
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R210818.06 Purchase Contract/s Resolution

RESOLVED, the Purchase Contract/s and associated report/s 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 for the Purchase Contract/s described below;

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the President is authorized to execute any document or delegate any task necessary to effectuate 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:

SECOND:

VOTE:

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R210818.07 Approval of Application for Lease Reimbursement

RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees of Tacony Academy Charter School approves the application for reimbursement of a charter school lease for 2020 – 2021.

Notes of Discussion / Advance Regulatory and Financial Comment:

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

MOTION:

SECOND:

R210818.08 Approval of ARP ESSER Health and Safety Plan

RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees of Tacony Academy Charter School hereby ratifies and approves of the ARP ESSER Health and Safety Plan, as presented.

VOTE:

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Notes of Discussion / Advance Regulatory and Financial Comment:

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

MOTION:

R210818.09 Approval of Amended English as Second Language Policy

SECOND:

RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees of Tacony Academy Academy Charter School hereby ratifies and approves of the Amended English as Second Language Policy, as presented.

VOTE:

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Notes of Discussion / Advance Regulatory and Financial Comment:

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MOTION:

R210818.10 Approval of Amended Enrollment Policy

SECOND:

RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees of Tacony Academy Charter School hereby ratifies and approves of the Amended Enrollment Policy, as presented.

VOTE:

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Notes of Discussion / Advance Regulatory and Financial Comment:

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MOTION:

R210818.11 Approval of 2021-22 Student Handbook and Code of Conduct

SECOND:

RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees of Tacony Academy Charter School hereby ratifies and approves of the 2021-2022 Student Handbook and Code of Conduct, as presented.

VOTE:

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Notes of Discussion / Advance Regulatory and Financial Comment:

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

MOTION:

R210818.12 Approval of Academic and Support Agreement

SECOND:

RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees of Tacony Academy Charter School hereby ratifies the Academic and Support Agreement between it and American Paradigm Schools, as presented.

VOTE:

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

Notes of Discussion / Advance Regulatory and Financial Comment:

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

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VOTE:

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MOTION:

SECOND:

VOTE:

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R210818.13 Amended Confidential Settlement and Trust Agreement of JG

RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees of Tacony Academy Charter School approves of the Amended Confidential Settlement and Trust Agreement for JG, as presented.

Notes of Discussion / Advance Regulatory and Financial Comment:

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R210818.14 Approval of Lionel S. Archer, Jr. as Trustee

WHEREAS, Mr. Lionel S. Archer, Jr. currently serves as a Parent Trustee of Tacony Academy Charter School, pursuant to Section 4.2 of the Amended and Restated By-Laws of Tacony Academy Charter School;

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of Tacony Academy Charter School hereby accepts Mr. Archer’s resignation as a Parent Trustee of Tacony Academy Charter School, effective August 18, 2021;

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of Tacony Academy Charter School hereby elects Lionel S. Archer, Jr. to the position of Trustee of the Board of Trustees of Tacony Academy Charter School, effective August 18, 2021; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that Lionel S. Archer, Jr. shall be administered the oath of office by General Counsel.

Notes of Discussion / Advance Regulatory and Financial Comment:

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

MOTION:

SECOND:

VOTE:

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R210818.15 Reaffirm Terms of Board of Trustees

RESOLVED, in accordance with Section 6.3.2(a) of the Tacony Academy Charter School By-Laws, the Board of Trustees of Tacony Academy Charter School hereby reaffirms the following Trustees for the terms of office listed below:

Sandra Farmer: 7/1/20 – 6/30/23
Jen Ragen: 7/1/21 – 6/30/24
Dr. Ronald Whitaker: 7/1/21 – 6/30/24
Anita Vega-Kaiser: 7/1/21 – 6/30/24
Barbara L. Saunders 7/1/19 – 6/30/22

Notes of Discussion / Advance Regulatory and Financial Comment:

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

MOTION:

SECOND:

VOTE:

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R210818.16 Board Officers

RESOLVED, in accordance with Section 6.3.2(b) of the Tacony Academy Charter School By-Laws, the Board of Trustees of Tacony Academy Charter School hereby elects the following Trustees for their respective officer positions, beginning August 19, 2021 and ending June 30, 2022.

Trustee	Position
	President
	Vice-President
	Secretary
	Treasurer

Notes of Discussion / Advance Regulatory and Financial Comment:

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

MOTION:

SECOND:

VOTE:

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R210818.17 Appointment of Delegate Trustee to American Paradigm Schools

RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees of Tacony Academy Charter School hereby appoints Barbara L. Saunders as Delegate Trustee to the Board of Trustees of American Paradigm Schools.

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: SEPTEMBER 15, 2021

ADJOURNMENT AT __:____ P.M.

MOTION:

SECOND:

VOTE:

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