

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
APRIL 20, 2022
6:00 P.M.

Minutes

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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 6:05 p.m. My name is Barbara L. Saunders. I am the President of this Board of Trustees, and I will facilitate this meeting.

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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.

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A. ROLL CALL

Board Members Present:	By Invitation: Non-Board Members:
Barbara L. Saunders Jennifer Ragen Anita Vega-Kaiser Sandra Farmer Dr. Ronald Whitaker Lionel S. Archer, Jr.	Thomas Scheid Ryan Strasko Ashley Redfearn Kristine Magargee Scott Kramer Fanty Marc Ashley Fisher Michael Thomson Peter Costa Dean Krebs, Esq.
Board Members Absent:	

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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.

C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION:	R220420.01 Approval of April 20, 2022 Agenda				
SANDRA FARMER	RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of Tacony Academy Charter School hereby approves April 20, 2022 Agenda.				
SECOND:					
JEN RAGEN	<i>Notes of Discussion / Advance Regulatory and Financial Comment:</i>				
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D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION:	R220420.02 Minutes of the March 16, 2022 Meeting
LIONEL ARCHER	RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of Tacony Academy Charter School hereby approves the Minutes of the March 16, 2022 meeting of the Board of Trustees of Tacony Academy Charter School.
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JEN RAGEN	
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SECTION II: REPORTS

A. Community Comment

None

Notes of Discussion / Advance Regulatory and Financial Comment:

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

B. TACONY ACADEMY CHARTER SCHOOL CEO

- a. *Mr. Thomas Scheid—Chief Executive Officer of Tacony Academy Charter School*
 - i. *Reviewed and discussed the April 2022 CEO report, previously disseminated to the Board; and*
 - ii. *Informed the Board that TACS was finalizing a new food manager and payroll fiscal coordinator.*
- b. *Ms. Stephanie Felder—Teacher and DEI Coordinator of Tacony Academy Charter School*
 - i. *Shared with the Board DEIB updates, wanting to make DEI a known brand of TACS.*

C. AMERICAN PARADIGM SCHOOLS

- a. *Ms. Ashley Redfean—Chief Executive Officer of American Paradigm Schools*
 - i. *Reviewed and discussed with the Board the April 2022 CEO report, previously disseminated to the Board;*
 - ii. *Shared with the Board that Councilwomen Sanchez was on call with PA Charters for Excellence, during which she mentioned APS twice when community involvement and counter-acting gun violence/crime were brought up; specifically noting the efforts made by APS and its affiliated schools;*
 - iii. *Discussed with the Board HR updates, including new hire spotlights, and that amount of initial screening/interviews being conducted; and*
 - iv. *In commenting about recent national news, expressed that a great benefit of being in a charter school is that the school can take common values and push forward curriculum that fits our students.*
- b. *Ms. Kristine Magaree—Chief Academic Officer of American Paradigm Schools*
 - i. *Reviewed and discussed with the Board the April 2022 CEO report, previously disseminated to the Board;*
 - ii. *Discussed with the Board the various PD developments, including with Total Participating Techniques training;*
 - iii. *Informed the Board that learning walks are continuing;*
 - iv. *Discussed DEI updates, including the inclusion of new books which pilots have shown increase student engagement/voice;*

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Good evening, My name is Dean Krebs, and I am with Sand & Sidel, P.C., General Counsel to the Tacony ... [1]

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R220420.05 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
None	None	None

TERMINATIONS / RESIGNATIONS/LOA		
NAME	TITLE	EFFECTIVE DATE
None	None	None

Notes of Discussion / Advance Regulatory and Financial Comment:

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None	None

MOTION:

[SANDRA FARMER](#)

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R220420.06 Professional Services Contract/s Resolution

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

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FURTHER RESOLVED, the CEO, Business Controller, and General Counsel are hereby authorized and directed to negotiate contract/s for the professional services described below;

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

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Contractor	Amount	Comment: Terms and Conditions
A&J Personal Touch Cleaning Service	\$29,500/month	Cleaning services for both facilities

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		Includes COVID-19 related cleaning services. Cost will reduce to \$27,300 once COVID-19 cleaning services are no longer needed. Term: 2022-23 SY
Elwyn Davidson School	Tuition: \$358.24/day/student One-to-One: \$195/day/student	Extended School Year services. One-to-One is an additional fee. Two Students
Pediatric Therapy Specialist	Behavior Technician: \$35.99 Registered Behavior Technician: \$56.99 Licensed Behavior Specialist Consultant: \$76.99/hr Board Certified Behavior Analyst: \$86.49/hr School Psychologist: \$90.99/hr	Behavioral services Term: 2022-23 SY

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R220420.07 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
None	None	None

Notes of Discussion / Advance Regulatory and Financial Comment:

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None	None

MOTION:

R220420.08 Approval of ARP ESSER Health and Safety Plan

[LIONEL ARCHER](#)

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

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B. DISCUSSION AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Board noted that there was a DEIB symposium on April 28th

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NEXT BOARD MEETING: MAY 18, 2022

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ADJOURNMENT AT 7:04 P.M.

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