

# 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

MAY 18, 2022

6:00 P.M.

## 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.

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**

<b>Board Members Present:</b>	<b>By Invitation: Non-Board Members:</b>
Barbara L. Saunders Jennifer Ragen Anita Vega-Kaiser Lionel S. Archer, Jr. Sandra Farmer Dr. Ronald Whitaker	Thomas Scheid Ryan Strasko  Ashley Redfearn Scott Kramer  Michael Thomson Peter Costa  Dean Krebs, Esq.
<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 the Board of Trustees did not meet in Executive Session prior to this meeting.*

**C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

MOTION:

JEN RAGEN

SECOND:

LIONEL ARCHER

VOTE:

PASS

FAIL

**R220518.01 Approval of May 18, 2022 Agenda**

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of Tacony Academy Charter School hereby approves May 18, 2022 Agenda.

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

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

**D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

MOTION:

LIONEL ARCHER

SECOND:

ANITA VEGA-KAISER

VOTE:

PASS

**R220518.02 Minutes of the April 20, 2022 Meeting**

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of Tacony Academy Charter School hereby approves the Minutes of the April 20, 2022 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>
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Board	General discussion
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**SECTION II: REPORTS**

**A. Community Comment**

None

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

Who	What
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 May 2022 APS report, previously disseminated to the Board.*
  - ii. *Shared with the Board on update on the patio & playground project;*
  - iii. *Discussed with the Board DEIB efforts;*
  - iv. *Reviewed and discussed with the Board the SPR attendance metric tracker;*
  - v. *Shared discipline data with the Board; and*
  - vi. *Shared HR events with the Board, including Prom pics, Penn Museum, and also noted end of year events;*
- b. *Board*
  - i. *Discussed strategies to increase attendance, such as removing privileges of seniors who have low attendance; and*
  - ii. *Ms. Ashley Redfearn noted that students with low attendance may be going through crises and suggested Project GO be further utilized to ensure students get the resources they need.*

**C. AMERICAN PARADIGM SCHOOLS**

- a. *Ms. Ashley Redfearn—Chief Executive Officer of American Paradigm Schools*
  - i. *Reviewed and discussed with the Board the May 2022 APS report, previously disseminated to the Board.*
- b. *Board*
  - i. *Expressed strategies should be discussed regarding employees using TACS IP in social media posts that are adverse to TACS.*
- c. *Ms. Jennifer Ragen*
  - i. *Noted that Standards Based Grading report will be presented to the Board in the future.*

**D. BUSINESS CONTROLLER**

- a. *Mr. Michael McLeish—Santilli & Thomson, LLC*
  - i. *Reviewed and discussed with the Board the April 2022 APS report, previously disseminated to the Board.*
  - ii. *Informed the Board that the school had \$4M in cash and discussed current disbursements.*

- iii. Reviewed and discussed the P&L, noting there was a positive variance of ~\$400k below budgets;
  - iv. Reviewed and discussed with the Board the proposed budget, noting that it was strong.
- b. Board
- i. Noted that the strong budget may mean money is available for sign-on bonuses.

**E. GENERAL COUNSEL**

- a. None

**SECTION III: NEW BUSINESS**

**A. RESOLUTIONS**

MOTION:  
LIONEL ARCHER  
SECOND:  
SANDRA FARMER  
VOTE:  
 PASS  
 FAIL

**R220518.03 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>
<i>Board</i>	<i>General discussion</i>

MOTION:  
LIONEL ARCHER  
SECOND:  
SANDRA FARMER  
VOTE:  
 PASS  
 FAIL

**R220518.04 Approval of 2022-23 Fiscal Year Budget**

RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees of Tacony Academy Charter School adopts the budget for the 2022-23 Fiscal Year, as presented.

**ROLL CALL**

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

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

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

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**R220518.05 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:*

Who	What
None	None

MOTION:

SANDRA FARMER

SECOND:

JEN RAGEN

VOTE:

PASS

FAIL

**R220518.06 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
School Staffing Associates, LLC	Add on Assessments: \$450/assessment	Addendum to contract Board approved via R220316.05.  This addendum clarifies costs associated with Evaluations and

		<p>Assessments concerning special education matters.</p> <p>Specifically, when requested separately, an Individual Evaluation, Re-Evaluation, or Assessment falls under the “Evaluation” cost, which the original contract noted was \$1,100/evaluation or \$2,200/evaluation if for Spanish speakers.</p> <p>However, if an Assessment is requested as part of an Evaluation, ‘adding-on’ that Assessment is only \$450. Thus, there is cost savings to do an Assessment together with an Evaluation rather than doing an Assessment at a later point in time.</p>
Brett DiNovi & Associates PA, LLC	<p>Clinical Associates: \$55/hr</p> <p>Behavioral Consultant/Licensed Behavioral Specialist: \$115/hr</p>	<p>Staffing services.</p> <p>Same costs at 2021-22 SY</p>
Delta School	<p>\$200/day/student</p> <p>or</p> <p>\$5,400/student for entire summer program</p> <p>Additional costs for services as may be applicable per IEP</p>	Extended School Year

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

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<i>Board</i>	<i>General discussion</i>

MOOT

**R220518.07 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:*

Who	What
None	None

**B. DISCUSSION AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- + *School graduation was noted to be on June 8<sup>th</sup>, at 10am & 2pm; and*
- + *APS picnic was noted to be on Saturday June 18<sup>th</sup>, between 11-3pm.*

NEXT BOARD MEETING: JUNE 15, 2022

**ADJOURNMENT AT 7:05 P.M.**

MOTION:

ANITA VEGA-KAISER

SECOND:

SANDRA FARMER

VOTE:

PASS

FAIL

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