

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

JANUARY 19, 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 6:12 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 Jennifer Ragen Anita Vega-Kaiser Sandra Farmer Dr. Ronald Whitaker Lionel S. Archer, Jr. Board Members Absent:	Thomas Scheid Ashley Redfearn Kristine Magargee Scott Kramer Lydia Jerchau Nicole Allison Victoria Wood Peter Costa Dean Krebs, Esq.

B. DISCLOSURE: EXECUTIVE SESSION BY BARBARA L. SAUNDERS

I would like to state, for purposes of the Minutes of this meeting that the Board did not meet in Executive Session prior to this meeting.

C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION:

RONALD WHITAKER

SECOND:

SANDRA FARMER

VOTE:

PASS

FAIL

R220119.01 Approval of the January 19, 2022 Agenda

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of Tacony Academy Charter School hereby approves the January 19, 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:

RONALD WHITAKER

SECOND:

SANDRA FARMER

VOTE:

R220119.02 Minutes of the December 15, 2021 Meeting

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of Tacony Academy Charter School hereby approves the Minutes of the December 15, 2021 meeting of the Board of Trustees of Tacony Academy Charter School.

Notes of Discussion / Advance Regulatory and Financial Comment:

[X] PASS

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

SECTION II: REPORTS

A. Community Comment

None

Notes of Discussion / Advance Regulatory and Financial Comment:

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

B. TACONY ACADEMY CHARTER SCHOOL CEO

- a. *Mr. Thomas Scheid—CEO of Tacony Academy Charter School*
 - i. *Reviewed and discussed with the Board the January 2022 CEO report, previously disseminated to the Board;*
 - ii. *Reviewed and discussed with the Board the enrollment, attendance, and discipline data*
 - iii. *Informed the Board that the CSO visit will be on February 23, 2022;*
 - iv. *Shared with the Board recent scholar athlete highlights;*
 - v. *Highlighted Mr. Paul Reiser as being selected as the 2022 Region 1 Athletic Director of the Year for PSADA;*
 - vi. *Updated the Board on playground facility updates and Phase 2 cafeteria and window project; and*
 - vii. *Updated the Board on High School Science Club collaboration with Tesla Science Foundation and Insectarium*
- b. *Board*
 - i. *Requested updated SPR Attendance Data.*

C. AMERICAN PARADIGM SCHOOLS

- a. *Ms. Ashley Redfearn—Chief Executive Officer of American Paradigm Schools*
 - i. *Expressed importance of Tesla Science Foundation;*
 - ii. *Expressed APS’s ongoing work with PA Science Leadership where all APS schools have a representative, noting the APS schools are part of a group of leaders to get the latest science info to the schools;*
 - iii. *Introduced Dr. Nicole Allison, Ms. Lydia Jerchai, and Ms. Victoria Wood, all members of the APS Team*
 - iv. *Ms. Lydia Jerchau—Director of Pupil Services*
 - 1. *Reviewed and discussed with the Board a slideshow presentation that highlighted the various compliance support that APS provides to the schools, including with IDEA, ECYEH, and EL.*
 - 2. *Noted the while the school is dealing with COVID-19, these compliance standards still need to be met.*

DR. RONALD WHITAKER, TRUSTEE, LEFT THE METING

- v. *Victoria Wood—College Counselor*
 - 1. *Reviewed and discussed with the Board a slideshow presentation that highlighted efforts made to ensure students are prepared for the next stage of their life;*
 - 2. *Shared and discussed with the Board goals towards meeting career readiness and shared with the Board various events promoted by APS, such as college tours and SAT school day;*
 - 3. *Reviewed and discussed with the Board the college enrollment data;*
 - 4. *Answered Board questions concerning the Common Application for college admission, noting that there is no fee to use Common App, that the majority of schools use Common App, and that those students who received a SAT fee waiver also can receive a waiver for their college applications through Common app;*
 - 5. *Discussed with the Board opportunities besides college that could be open to students, such as trade schools;*
- vi. *Dr. Nicole Allison—Caring School Community*
 - 1. *Discussed the goal of Caring School Community with the Board and that it is a CASEL SElect program, which is a reflection of its high quality;*
 - 2. *Expressed how APS works with schools to ensure there are clear and present CSC indicators and discussed each member of the school communities role towards CSC;*
- vii. *Board*
 - 1. *Expressed excitement of work being done for CSC and the efforts of the time entire APS team.*

D. BUSINESS CONTROLLER

- a. *Mr. Peter Costa—Santilli & Thomson, LLC*
 - i. *Reviewed and discussed with the Board the December 2021 financial reports, previously disseminated to the Board*
 - ii. *Reviewed and discussed with the Board the Profits and Loss document and how additional columns were added to reflect differences between current budget and working budget;*
 - iii. *Reviewed and discussed the Summary of Major class differences;*
 - iv. *Discussed how ESSERS funds could be used; and*
 - v. *Opined that TACS is financially strong*

E. GENERAL COUNSEL

- a. *Mr. Dean Krebs, Esq.*
 - i. *Informed the Board of the process to complete financial interest forms before the May 1st deadline;*

SECTION III: NEW BUSINESS

A. RESOLUTIONS

MOTION:

SANDRA FARMER

SECOND:

RONALD WALKER

VOTE:

PASS

FAIL

MOTION:

ANITA VEGA- KAISER

SECOND:

SANDRA FARMER

VOTE:

PASS

FAIL

R220119.03 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>P. Costa</i>	<i>As discussed above</i>
<i>Board</i>	<i>General discussion</i>

R220119.04 Approval of Leader in Residence and Building Substitute Positions

RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees of Tacony Academy Charter School, upon recommendation by the Chief Executive Officer, hereby ratifies and accepts the creation of the following two additional positions at Tacony Academy Charter School, effective immediately:

- Leader in Residence
- Building Substitute

FURTHER RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees of Tacony Academy Charter School hereby directs the Chief Executive Officer, in consultation with the Business Controller, to make allowances and adjustments for compensation for these positions in the current budget, in amounts reasonably determined appropriate by the Chief Executive Officer.

Notes of Discussion / Advance Regulatory and Financial Comment:

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

R220119.05 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
Ramay Hayes	Building Substitute	1/20/22
Sonia Rosario	HS Spanish Teacher	1/5/22

TERMINATIONS / RESIGNATIONS/LOA

MOTION:

ANITA VEGA- KAISER

SECOND:

SANDRA FARMER

VOTE:

PASS

FAIL

NAME	TITLE	EFFECTIVE DATE
Michael Patkus (LOA)	9 th Grade English Teacher	2/16/22
Melissa Prushan (LOA)	HS Sped Teacher	1/5/22
Robert Caranci (LOA)	9 th Grade History Teacher	1/10/22

Notes of Discussion / Advance Regulatory and Financial Comment:

Who	What
Board	General discussion

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R220119.06 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
None	None	None

Notes of Discussion / Advance Regulatory and Financial Comment:

Who	What
None	None

MOOT

R220119.07 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

MOTION:

SANDRA FARMER

SECOND:

LIONEL ARCHER

VOTE:

PASS

FAIL

R220119.08 Approval of Emergency Instructional Time Template

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of Tacony Academy Charter School hereby approves the Emergency Instructional Time Template, as presented; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of Tacony Academy Charter School hereby approves the weekly instructional calendar, as presented.

Notes of Discussion / Advance Regulatory and Financial Comment:

Who	What
Board	General discussion

MOTION:

LIONEL ARCHER

SECOND:

SANDRA FARMER

VOTE:

PASS

FAIL

R220119.09 Approval of Amended Bylaws of Frankford Valley Foundation for Literacy II

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of Tacony Academy Charter School hereby ratifies and approves of the Amended Bylaws of Frankford Valley Foundation for Literacy II, as presented.

Notes of Discussion / Advance Regulatory and Financial Comment:

Who	What
Board	General discussion

B. DISCUSSION AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

NEXT BOARD MEETING: FEBRUARY 16, 2022

ADJOURNMENT AT 7:37 P.M.

MOTION:

ANITA VEGA-KAISER

SECOND:

SANDRA FARMER

VOTE:

PASS

FAIL

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