

TACONY ACADEMY CHARTER SCHOOL  
6201 KEYSTONE STREET  
PHILADELPHIA, PA 19135

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING**

LOCATION:  
ZOOM CONFERENCE CALL DUE TO COVID-19 PANDEMIC

DATE & TIME:  
AUGUST 17, 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 from the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, this meeting is being held via teleconference. This is a public meeting that was properly noticed 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 the 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 Anita Vega-Kaiser Sandra Farmer Dr. Ronald Whitaker Lionel S. Archer, Jr.  <b>Board Members Absent:</b> Jennifer Ragen	Thomas Scheid Naimah Wimberly  Ashley Redfearn Kristine Magargee Scott Kramer  Michael Thomson 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 of Trustees did not meet in Executive Session prior to this meeting*

**C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

MOTION:  
 SANDRA FARMER  
 SECOND:  
 RONALD WHITAKER  
 VOTE:  
 PASS  
 FAIL

**R220817.01 Approval of the August 17, 2022 Agenda**

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of Tacony Academy Charter School hereby approves the August 17, 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:  
 SANDRA FARMER  
 SECOND:  
 LIONEL S. ARCHER  
 VOTE:  
 PASS

**R220817.02 Minutes of the June 15, 2022 Meeting**

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of Tacony Academy Charter School hereby approves the Minutes of the June 15, 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>
<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>

**B. TACONY ACADEMY CHARTER SCHOOL CEO**

- a. *Mr. Thomas Scheid—Chief Executive Officer of TACS*
  - i. *Reviewed and discussed with the Board the August 2022 CEO report;*
  - ii. *Shared with the Board a video regarding Summer programing, noting that sixty (60) students participated at Rhawn St. with Springboard;*
  - iii. *Discussed enrollment data and waitlist with the Board, noting ~7,500 on waitlist;*
  - iv. *Shared HR updates with the Board;*
  - v. *Informed the Board that the playground is finished; and*
  - vi. *Introduced Ms. Naimah Wimberly to the Board.*
- b. *Ms. Naimah Wimberly*
  - i. *Expressed thanks for the Board’s consideration of herself as next CEO;*
  - ii. *Discussed that over the Summer she had had multiple 1-on-1 meetings with TACS administrators to learn about TACS’ culture; and*
  - iii. *Expressed her excitement about working with TACS.*

**C. AMERICAN PARADIGM SCHOOLS CEO**

- a. *Ms. Ashley Redfearn—Chief Executive Officer of APS*
  - i. *Reviewed and discussed with the Board the August 2022 APS report, noting that over 900 students participated in Summer programming across the APS network; and*
  - ii. *Shared her memories of working with Ms. Wimberly at TACS previously and how lucky TACS would be to have her come back.*

**D. BUSINESS CONTROLLER**

- a. *Mr. Peter Costa—Santilli & Thomson, LLC*
  - i. *Reviewed and discussed with the Board the July 2022 financial reports; and*
  - ii. *Informed the Board that there was \$4.5M in cash, representing 97 days.*

**E. GENERAL COUNSEL**

- a. **NONE**

**SECTION III: OLD BUSINESS**

NONE

**SECTION IV: NEW BUSINESS**

**A. RESOLUTIONS**

MOTION:

**R220817.03 Report of the Business Controller**

ANITA  
VEGA-  
KAISER

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.

SECOND:

RONALD  
WHITAKER

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

VOTE:

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

[X] PASS

[ ] FAIL

MOTION:

**R220817.04 Human Resources Resolution**

SANDRA  
FARMER

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of Tacony Academy Charter School accepts the Human Resources changes, modifications, and additions, as presented.

SECOND:

ANITA  
VEGA-  
KAISER

<b>HIRES / RETURN TO SERVICE/ POSITION CHANGE</b>		
<b>NAME</b>	<b>TITLE</b>	<b>START DATE</b>
Kwanza Waters (new hire)	Principal HS	7/1/22
Stephanie Kull (new hire)	Grade Teacher ES	8/22/22
Rachael DeNicuolo (new hire)	Substitute Teacher ES	8/22/22
Kandis Moffitt (new hire)	STEM Teacher HS	8/22/22
Naimah Wimberly (new hire)	CEO	8/31/22

VOTE:

[X] PASS

[ ] FAIL

<b>TERMINATIONS / RESIGNATIONS / LOA</b>		
<b>NAME</b>	<b>TITLE</b>	<b>EFFECTIVE DATE</b>
Frances Cruz (resignation)	Fiscal Officer/Food Service Director	6/30/22
Daniela Morales (resignation)	Instructional Assistant ES	8/1/22
Kishana Cox (resignation)	Instructional Assistant ES	8/9/22
Patrycja Kordek (resignation)	Instructional Assistant ES	8/9/22
Nicholas Terramani (resignation)	Music Teacher ES	8/22/22
Caitlin Ross (resignation)	Classroom Teacher ES	8/30/22
Thomas Scheid (resignation)	CEO	8/30/22

Colleen Crouse (FMLA)	Grade Teacher ES	8/22/22
Alice Morratti (FMLA)	Grade Teacher ES	8/22/22

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**R220817.05 Professional Services Contract/s Resolution**

RESOLVED, the Professional Services 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 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.

<b>Contractor</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Comment: Terms and Conditions</b>
None	None	None

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

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

MOOT

**R220817.06 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 terms and conditions for the Purchase Contract/s described below;

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

<b>Contractor</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Comment: Terms and Conditions</b>
None	None	None

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

<b><i>Who</i></b>	<b><i>What</i></b>
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None	None
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MOTION:

**R220817.07 Approval of Lease Reimbursement**

SANDRA FARMER

RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees of Tacony Academy Charter School approves the application for reimbursement of a charter school lease for 2021-22.

SECOND:

LIONEL S. ARCHER

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

VOTE:

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

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MOTION:

**R220817.08 Approval of Philadelphia Police Department Memorandum of Understanding**

LIONEL S. ARCHER

RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees of Tacony Academy Charter School hereby approves the Memorandum of Understanding with the Philadelphia Police Department, as presented.

SECOND:

SANDRA FARMER

VOTE:

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

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MOTION:

**R220817.09 Approval of 2022-23 Student Handbook**

ANITA VEGA-KAISER

RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees of Tacony Academy Charter School hereby approves the 2022-23 Student Handbook of Tacony Academy Charter School, as presented.

SECOND:

LIONEL S. ARCHER

FURTHER RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees of Tacony Academy Charter School hereby authorizes the Chief Executive Officer to make additional changes to the 2022-23 Student Handbook, as determined necessary by the Chief Executive Officer.

VOTE:

PASS

FAIL

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MOTION:

**R220817.10 Approval of Chief Executive Officer Employment Agreement**

SANDRA FARMER

RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees of Tacony Academy Charter School hereby approves the Chief Executive Officer Employment Agreement with Ms. Naimah Wimberly, as presented.

SECOND:

ANITA VEGA-KAISER

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

VOTE:

PASS

FAIL

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**B. DISCUSSION AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

+ The Board discussed the upcoming teacher inductions

NEXT BOARD MEETING: SEPTEMBER 21, 2022 AT 6:00 P.M.

**ADJOURNMENT AT 6:40 P.M.**

MOTION:

LIONEL S. ARCHER

SECOND:

ANITA VEGA-KAISER

VOTE:

PASS

FAIL

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