

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:
OCTOBER 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 6:03 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

Board Members Present:	By Invitation: Non-Board Members:
Barbara L. Saunders Jennifer Ragen Sandra Farmer Dr. Ronald Whitaker Lionel S. Archer, Jr.	Naimah Wimberly Ryan Strasko Ashley Redfearn Kristine Magargee Scott Kramer
Board Members Absent: Anita Vega-Kaiser	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:

JEN RAGEN

SECOND:

SANDRA FARMER

VOTE:

PASS

FAIL

R221019.01 Approval of the October 19, 2022 Agenda

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

LIONEL ARCHER

VOTE:

PASS

R221019.02 Minutes of the September 21, 2022 Meeting

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of Tacony Academy Charter School hereby approves the Minutes of the September 21, 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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SECTION II: REPORTS

A. COMMUNITY COMMENT

None

Notes of Discussion / Advance Regulatory and Financial Comment:

Who	What
None	None

MS. ANITA VEGA-KAISER, TRUSTEE, JOINED THE MEETING AT 6:08PM

B. TACONY ACADEMY CHARTER SCHOOL CEO

- a. *Ms. Naimah Wimberly, CEO of Tacony Academy Charter School*
 - i. *Reviewed and discussed with the Board the October 2022 CEO report, previously disseminated to the Board;*
 - ii. *Informed the Board that there were no major facility updates; same projects as last month;*
 - iii. *Updated the Board on school counseling services;*
 - iv. *Updated the Board on college and career readiness efforts, including post-secondary plans for students;*
 - v. *Shared attendance data with the Board, noting efforts in 4th and 11th grade;*
 - vi. *Updated Board on Clubhouse and Athletic events; and*
 - vii. *Informed the Board of recent leadership retreat and shared her leadership philosophy of being of the ‘Chief Energy Officer.’*
- b. *Mr. Ryan Strasko—Principal of Tacony Academy Charter School*
 - i. *Informed the Board of Caring School events;*
 - ii. *Updated the Board on MTSS meetings;*
 - iii. *Informed the Board of Learning Walks, including bi-weekly ELA meetings;*
 - iv. *Shared with the Board the use of various interventions, including 10 for 2, Structures Word Inquiry, Small Group Math, and Zearn/Lexi;*
 - v. *Informed the Board that field trips were starting soon; and*
 - vi. *Shared PD and Partnerships, such as Dance Change and Insectarium.*

C. AMERICAN PARADIGM SCHOOLS CEO

- a. *Ms. Ashley Redfearn—CEO of American Paradigm Schools*
 - i. *Reviewed and discussed with the Board the October 2022 APS report, previously disseminated to the Board;*
 - ii. *Shared with the Board various CEO collaborations; and*
 - iii. *Informed the Board that TACS is on SDP’s Agenda tomorrow for charter approval;*
- b. *Mr. Scott Kramer—CAO of American Paradigm Schools*
 - i. *Reviewed and discussed with the Board the October 2022 APS report, previously disseminated to the Board.*
- c. *Ms. Kristine Magargee—Chief Academic Officer of American Paradigm Schools*

- i. Reviewed and discussed with the Board the October 2022 APS report, previously disseminated to the Board.

D. BUSINESS CONTROLLER

- a. Mr. Michael McLeish, Santilli & Thomson, LLC
 - i. Reviewed and discussed with the Board the August financial report, as prevented;
 - ii. Informed the Board that P&O showed little variances; and
 - iii. Discussed use of ESSER II and III funds.

E. GENERAL COUNSEL

- a. Dean Krebs, Esq
 - i. Informed the Board of next steps to upload documents for Charter renewal.

DR. RONALD WHITAKER, TRUSTEE, LEFT THE MEETING AT 6:49PM

SECTION III: OLD BUSINESS

NONE

SECTION IV: NEW BUSINESS

A. RESOLUTIONS

MOTION:
SANDRA FARMER
SECOND:
JEN RAGEN
VOTE:
 PASS
 FAIL

R221019.03 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:
ANITA VEGA-KAISER
VOTE:
 PASS
 FAIL

R221019.04 Human Resources Resolution

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

HIRES / RETURN TO SERVICE/ POSITION CHANGE		
NAME	TITLE	START DATE
Andres Nieves (new hire)	Instructional Aide (ES)	9/19/22
Aeisha Smith (new hire)	9th & 10th Grade SPED Teacher (HS)	9/19/22
Kathleen Shea (new hire)	Social Studies Teacher (HS)	10/3/22
Amandeep Kaur	Guidance Counselor (ES)	10/11/22

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(new hire)		
Safa Abu Yaqoub (new hire)	Instructional Assistant (ES)	10/17/22
Gregg Tyndall (rate change)	Building Engineer (ES)	9/23/22
Michael Patkus (rate change)	English Teacher (HS)	9/26/22

TERMINATIONS / RESIGNATIONS / LOA		
NAME	TITLE	EFFECTIVE DATE
Robert Caranci (resignation)	Social Studies Teacher (HS)	10/17/22
Patricia Corish (LOA)	2nd Grade Teacher (ES)	10/17/22

Notes of Discussion / Advance Regulatory and Financial Comment:

Who	What

MOTION:

ANITA
VEGA-
KAISER

SECOND:

SANDRA
FARMER

VOTE:

PASS

FAIL

R221019.05 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.

Contractor	Amount	Comment: Terms and Conditions
Bustleton Services, Inc.	<u>Plowing</u> 1 - 4": \$1,250.00 4.1 - 7": \$1,625.00 7.1 - 11": \$2,000.00 11" + : \$2,500.00 <u>Shoveling:</u> 1 - 4": \$750.00 4.1 - 7": \$1,125.00 7.1 - 11": \$1,625.00 11" +: \$2,250.00 <u>Salt & Equipment</u> Salt Application: \$1,250/each Plow: \$119/hr Bobcat: \$156/hr	2022-23 SY Snow Services

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	Wheel Loader: \$187.50/hr Shovelers: \$50/hr Salt/Calcium: \$65/hr	
Spectrum Staffing Solutions, Inc.	<u>Climate Control:</u> \$180/day <u>PCA:</u> \$25/hr or \$180/day <u>Substitute teachers:</u> \$275/day	Staffing Services

Notes of Discussion / Advance Regulatory and Financial Comment:

<i>Who</i>	<i>What</i>
<i>N. Wimberly</i>	

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R221019.06 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.

Contractor	Amount	Comment: Terms and Conditions
None	None	None

Notes of Discussion / Advance Regulatory and Financial Comment:

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

B. DISCUSSION AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

NEXT BOARD MEETING: NOVEMBER 16, 2022 AT 6:00 P.M.

ADJOURNMENT AT 6:56 P.M.

MOTION:

SANDRA FARMER

SECOND:

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LIONEL ARCHER

VOTE:

PASS

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