

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:
MARCH 15 2023
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 Anita Vega-Kaiser Sandra Farmer Dr. Ronald Whitaker Lionel S. Archer, Jr.	Naimah Wimberly Ashley Redfearn Kristine Magargee Scott Kramer Michael Thomson Peter Costa Dean Krebs, Esq. Marianne Lynch
Board Members Absent:	

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

R230315.01 Approval of the March 15, 2023 Agenda

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of Tacony Academy Charter School hereby approves the March 15, 2023 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:
RONALD WHITAKER
VOTE:

R230315.02 Minutes of the February 15, 2023 Meeting

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of Tacony Academy Charter School hereby approves the Minutes of the February 15, 2023 meeting of the Board of Trustees of Tacony Academy Charter School.

Notes of Discussion / Advance Regulatory and Financial Comment:

[X] PASS

[] FAIL

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

SECTION II: REPORTS

A. COMMUNITY COMMENT

Community Comment Colloquy (General Counsel)

Good evening. My name is Dean Krebs, and I am with Sand & Saidel, P.C., General Counsel to the Tacony Academy Charter School Board of Trustees. Will you please state your name for our records?

You will have three minutes to address the Board of Trustees. Any documents or communications with which you might supplement your comment should be submitted to me. I will keep the time and notify the Board when three minutes have elapsed.

This Board may choose not to comment, question, or respond in any way to your public comment. I will begin the time now.

Notes of Discussion / Advance Regulatory and Financial Comment:

<i>Who</i>	<i>What</i>
<i>B. Saunders</i>	<i>Noted that no members of the public were currently present when Section II(A) of the Agenda occurred; however, indicated that if members of the public were to join later, they will be allowed to speak.</i>
<i>T. Jacobs</i>	<p><i>After Section II(A) concluded, T. Jacobs, who registered before the meeting, joined the meeting seeking to provide community comment. The Board granted her the opportunity to speak.</i></p> <p><i>T. Jacobs read a statement from her son in regards to a recent discipline matter allegedly committed by him, in which, her son asserted that he did not make a threat towards any staff member but rather was talking to himself.</i></p> <p><i>T. Jacobs expressed her belief that the staff member seemed to target her child.</i></p>

B. TACONY ACADEMY CHARTER SCHOOL CEO

- a. Ms. Naimah Wimberly, CEO of Tacony Academy Charter School*
 - i. Reviewed and shared facility/ technology updates with the Board, including playground/ statute dedication; security; automatic gate and sound system;*
 - ii. Shared food service program updates with the Board*
 - iii. Shared "Chase the Check" financial planning week with the Board; and*
 - iv. Discussed alternate graduation paths for TAC students and that she will provide additional information next month.*

C. AMERICAN PARADIGM SCHOOLS CEO

- a. Ms. Ashley Redfearn, CEO of APS*

- i. *Informed the Board that the February 2023 APS report was previously disseminated to the Board and the APS was ready to answer any questions the Board may have.*

D. BUSINESS CONTROLLER

- a. *Peter Costa, Santilli & Thomson, LLC*
 - i. *Reviewed and discussed the February 2023 financial reports, previously disseminated to the Board.*

E. GENERAL COUNSEL

- a. *Dean Krebs, Esq.*
 - i. *Reminded the Board of upcoming SOFI deadlines.*

SECTION III: OLD BUSINESS

NONE

SECTION IV: NEW BUSINESS

A. RESOLUTIONS

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

R230315.03 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:
JEN RAGEN
SECOND:
ANITA VEGA-KAISER
VOTE:
 PASS
 FAIL

R230315.04 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/RATE CHANGE		
NAME	TITLE	START DATE
None	None	None

TERMINATIONS / RESIGNATIONS / LOA		
NAME	TITLE	EFFECTIVE DATE
Jennifer Lovenstein	5 th Grade Teacher	3/17/23

Notes of Discussion / Advance Regulatory and Financial Comment:

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

MOOT

R230315.05 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
None	None	None

Notes of Discussion / Advance Regulatory and Financial Comment:

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

MOTION:

LIONAL ARCHER

SECOND:

SANDRA FARMER

VOTE:

PASS

FAIL

R230315.06 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
Janus Associates, Inc. d/b/a/ BHS	\$2.51/Employee/Month	Employee Assistance Program services 3-Year Contract

		Supplemental services available at additional cost.
		Cost per employee may fluctuate depending on number of employees and utilization.

Notes of Discussion / Advance Regulatory and Financial Comment:

<i>Who</i>	<i>What</i>

MOTION:

R2230318.07 Approval of Amended Positive Behavior Support Policy

LIONEL ARCHER

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of Tacony Academy Charter School hereby ratifies and approves of the Amended Positive Behavior Support Policy, as presented.

SECOND:

Notes of Discussion / Advance Regulatory and Financial Comment:

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

ANITA VEGA-KAISER

VOTE:

PASS

FAIL

MOTION:

R230315.08 Election of Marianne Lynch as Trustee

JEN RAGEN

RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees of Tacony Academy Charter School hereby elects Ms. Marianne Lynch to the position of Trustee of the Board of Trustees of Tacony Academy Charter School, effective March 16, 2023; and

SECOND:

ANITA VEGA-KAISER

FURTHER RESOLVED, that Ms. Marianna Lynch shall be administered the oath of office by legal counsel.

VOTE:

TABLED

Notes of Discussion / Advance Regulatory and Financial Comment:

<i>Who</i>	<i>What</i>
<i>Board</i>	<i>General discussion, elected to Table resolution.</i>

ROLL CALL

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

UPON MOTION BY SANDRA FARMER AND SECOND BY ANITA VEGA-KAISER, THE BOARD ENTERED INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR PURPOSES 65 PA.C.S. § 708(5) AND CONFIDENTIAL MATTERS. SPECIFICALLY, IN REGARD TO R.230315.09 BELOW.

UPON MOTION BY SANDRA FARMER AND SECOND BY ANITA VEGA-KAISER, THE BOARD ENTERED INTO OPEN SESSION.

MOTION:

R230315.09 Expulsion of Student 45585

ANITA
VEGA-
KAISER

RESOLVED, student 45585 is permanently expelled from Tacony Academy Charter School effective March 15, 2023;

SECOND:

SANDRA
FARMER

FURTHER RESOLVED, the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law of the Board of Trustees on file with Tacony Academy Charter School and the record of the formal expulsion hearing of 45585 (“Hearing Record”) is adopted; and

VOTE:

[] PASS

FURTHER RESOLVED, the Hearing Record is made a part of 45585’s permanent record.

[X] FAIL

Notes of Discussion / Advance Regulatory and Financial Comment:

<i>Who</i>	<i>What</i>
<i>D. Krebs</i>	<i>For efficiency purposes, informed the Board of the implication of the Board’s vote. Specifically, if the Board agreed, that if this resolution failed, requiring another resolution expressly stating that the Board was not expelling the student would be unnecessary as failing this resolution demonstrated the Board’s intent not to expel the student.</i>
	<i>The Board unanimously understood and agreed.</i>

ROLL CALL

Barbara L. Saunders - *no*
Jennifer Ragen - *no*
Anita Vega-Kaiser - *no*
Sandra Farmer - *no*
Dr. Ronald Whitaker - *absent*
Lionel S. Archer, Jr. - *no*

B. DISCUSSION AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

NEXT BOARD MEETING: APRIL 19, 2023 AT 6:00 P.M.

ADJOURNMENT AT 7:58 P.M.

MOTION:

SANDRA FARMER

SECOND:

LIONEL ARCHER

VOTE:

PASS

FAIL

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