

TACONY ACADEMY CHARTER SCHOOL  
6201 KEYSTONE STREET  
PHILADELPHIA, PA 19135

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING**

LOCATION:  
ZOOM MEETING

DATE & TIME:  
OCTOBER 18, 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 \_\_\_\_ p.m. My name is Barbara L. Saunders. I am the President of this Board of Trustees, and I will facilitate this meeting.

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>
Anita Vega-Kaiser Lionel S. Archer, Jr. Dr. Ronald Whitaker	Naimah Wimberly Ryan Strasko
<b>Board Members Absent:</b> Marianne Lynch Barbara L. Saunders	Ashley Redfearn Kristine Magargee Scott Kramer
	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:  
LIONEL ARCHER  
SECOND:  
RONALD WHITAKER  
VOTE:  
 PASS  
 FAIL

**R231018.01 Approval of the October 18, 2023 Agenda**

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of Tacony Academy Charter School hereby approves the October 18, 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:  
LIONEL ARCHER  
SECOND:  
RONALD WHITAKER  
VOTE:  
 PASS  
 FAIL

**R231018.02 Minutes of the September 20, 2023 Meeting**

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of Tacony Academy Charter School hereby approves the Minutes of the September 20, 2023 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:***

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

**B. TACONY ACADEMY CHARTER SCHOOL CEO**

- a. *Ms. Naimah Wimberly, CEO of TACS, and Mr. Ryan Strasko, Principal of TACS*
  - i. *Reviewed and discussed with the Board the October 2023 CEO report, previously disseminated to the Board.*

**C. AMERICAN PARADIGM SCHOOLS CEO**

- a. *Ms. Ashley Redfearn, CEO of APS*
  - i. *Reviewed and discussed with the Board the October 2023 APS report, previously disseminated to the Board.*

**D. BUSINESS CONTROLLER**

- a. *Mr. Peter Costa, Santilli & Thomson, LLC*
  - i. *Reviewed and discussed with the Board the September 2023 financial report, previously disseminated to the Board.*

**E. GENERAL COUNSEL**

- a. *None*

**SECTION III: OLD BUSINESS**

NONE

**SECTION IV: NEW BUSINESS**

**A. RESOLUTIONS**

MOTION:

LIONEL  
ARCHER

SECOND:

RONALD  
WHITAKER

VOTE:

[X ] PASS

[ ] FAIL

**R231018.03 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:***

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

MOTION:  
 RONALD WHITAKER  
 SECOND:  
 LIONEL ARCHER  
 VOTE:  
 PASS  
 FAIL

**R231018.04 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
Brandon Rosico (new hire)	Science Teacher (ES)	10/09/23

TERMINATIONS / RESIGNATIONS / LOA		
NAME	TITLE	EFFECTIVE DATE
Migdalia Maldonado (resignation)	Cafeteria Aide (ES)	10/6/23

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

Who	What
Board	General discussion

MOTION:  
 LIONEL ARCHER  
 SECOND:  
 RONALD WHITAKER  
 VOTE:  
 PASS  
 FAIL

**R231018.05 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>Snow Plowing Service</u> 1" – 4" : \$875.00 4.1" – 7": \$1,062.50 7.1" – 11" : \$1,500.00	2023-24 SY  Elementary School

	<p>11" – 11"+ : \$2,250.00</p> <p>Snow Shoveling Service:</p> <p>1" – 4" : \$562.50  4.1" – 7": \$1,062.  7.1" – 11" : \$1,500.00  11" – 11"+ : \$2,250.00</p>	
Bustleton Services, Inc.	<p><u>Snow Plowing Service</u></p> <p>1" – 4" : \$1,250.00  4.1" – 7": \$1,625.00  7.1" – 11" : \$2,000.00  11" – 11"+ : \$2,500.00</p> <p>Snow Shoveling Service:</p> <p>1" – 4" : \$750.00  4.1" – 7": \$1,125.00  7.1" – 11" : \$1,675.00  11" – 11"+ : \$2,250.00</p>	<p>2023-24 SY</p> <p>High School</p>

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

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

NONE

**R231018.06 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:*

Who	What
None	None

MOTION:  
RONALD WHITAKER  
SECOND:  
LIONEL ARCHER  
VOTE:  
 PASS  
 FAIL

**R231018.07 E-Signature Authorization**

RESOLVED, by authority of the Board of Trustees of Tacony Academy Charter School, and it is hereby resolved by authority of the same, that Naimah Wimberly, who is the Chief Executive Officer of the above named body is authorized and directed to sign any and all contracts, agreements, grants and/or licenses (hereinafter collectively referred to as contract(s)) with the Pennsylvania Department of Education (Department); and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the body consents to the use of electronic signatures by the above named individual and that no handwritten signature from the above named individual shall be required in order for any contract with the Department to be legally enforceable and that by affixing his/her electronic signature to an electronic file of the contract via the Department’s e-grants system, the above designated authorized individual shall have effectively executed and delivered the contract, binding the Board of Trustees of Tacony Academy Charter School to comply with the terms of said contract; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that no writing shall be required in order to make the contract valid and legally binding, provided that the Department and all other necessary Commonwealth approvers affix their signatures electronically

and an electronically-printed copy of the Contract is e-mailed or is otherwise made available to the body by electronic means; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the body will not contest the due authorization, execution, delivery, validity or enforceability of the electronic Contract under the provisions of a statute of frauds or any other applicable law. The Contract, if introduced as evidence on paper in any judicial, arbitration, mediation, or administrative proceedings, will be admissible as between the parties to the same extent and under the same conditions as other business records originated and maintained in documentary form and the admissibility thereof shall not be contested under either the business records exception to the hearsay rule or the best evidence rule; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the body will notify the Department's Bureau of Management Services promptly in the event that the above named individual is no longer authorized to execute agreements on behalf of the body electronically and that the Department shall be entitled to rely upon the above named officer's authority to execute agreements electronically on behalf of the body until such notice is received by the Department's Office of Chief Counsel.

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

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**B. DISCUSSION AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

NEXT BOARD MEETING: NOVEMBER 15, 2023.

**ADJOURNMENT AT 7:12PM**

MOTION:  
LIONEL ARCHER

SECOND:  
RONALD WHITAKER

VOTE:  
[X] PASS  
[ ] FAIL