

TACONY ACADEMY CHARTER SCHOOL
6201 KEYSTONE STREET
PHILADELPHIA, PA 19135

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

LOCATION:
ZOOM MEETING

DATE & TIME:
DECEMBER 20, 2023
6:30 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 6:32 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

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

ANITA VEGA-KAISER

VOTE:

[X] PASS

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R231220.01 Approval of the December 20, 2023 Agenda

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of Tacony Academy Charter School hereby approves the December 20, 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:

ANITA VEGA-KAISER

VOTE:

[X] PASS

R231220.02 Minutes of the November 15, 2023 Meeting

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

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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>

A. BUSINESS CONTROLLER

a. Board acknowledged prior receipt of the November 2023 financial report.

B. TACONY ACADEMY CHARTER SCHOOL CEO

a. Board acknowledged prior receipt of the December 2023 CEO report.

C. AMERICAN PARADIGM SCHOOLS CEO

a. Board acknowledged prior receipt of the December 2023 APS report.

D. GENERAL COUNSEL

a. None

SECTION III: OLD BUSINESS

NONE

SECTION IV: NEW BUSINESS

A. RESOLUTIONS

MOTION:

LIONEL
ARCHER

SECOND:

MARIANNE
LYNCH

VOTE:

[X] PASS

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R231220.03 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:

MARIANNE
LYNCH

SECOND:

LIONEL
ARCHER

VOTE:

[X] PASS

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R231220.04 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
Christopher Nicholas (position change)	Classroom Teacher (ES) to 6 Social Studies/Science	1/2/24

TERMINATIONS / RESIGNATIONS / LOA		
NAME	TITLE	EFFECTIVE DATE
Colleen Crouse (resignation)	Classroom Teacher (ES) - 6 Social Studies/Science	12/22/23
Heather Garstka (resignation)	Classroom Teacher (ES) - 6 ELA	12/22/23
Marcella Szwedowski (retirement)	Library Instructional Assistant	1/2/24

Notes of Discussion / Advance Regulatory and Financial Comment:

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

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R231220.05 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
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Notes of Discussion / Advance Regulatory and Financial Comment:

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

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R231220.06 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>

MOTION:

R231220.07 Approval of the 2022-23 FY Audit Report

LIONEL
ARCHER

RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees of Tacony Academy Charter School accepts and approves of the 2022-23 FY Audit Report, as presented.

SECOND:

ROLL CALL

MARIANNE
LYNCH

VOTE:

Barbara L. Saunders - *aye*

PASS

Anita Vega-Kaiser - *aye*

FAIL

Lionel S. Archer, Jr. - *aye*

Dr. Ronald Whitaker - *absent*

Marianne Lynch - *aye*

Notes of Discussion / Advance Regulatory and Financial Comment:

<i>Who</i>	<i>What</i>
<i>E.Strauss</i>	<i>Reviewed and discussed with the Board the draft audit report.</i>

B. DISCUSSION AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

NEXT BOARD MEETING: JANUARY 17, 2024 AT 6:00 PM.

ADJOURNMENT AT 6:58PM

MOTION:

LIONEL ARCHER

SECOND:

MARIANNE LYNCH

VOTE:

PASS

FAIL