

TACONY ACADEMY CHARTER SCHOOL
6201 KEYSTONE STREET
PHILADELPHIA, PA 19135

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

LOCATION:
ZOOM MEETING

DATE & TIME:
JANUARY 17, 2024
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 6:02 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: |
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| Barbara L. Saunders Anita Vega-Kaiser Marianne Lynch | Naimah Wimberly Kristine Magargee Scott Kramer |
| Board Members Absent: Lionel S. Archer, Jr. 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:

ANITA VEGA-KAISER

SECOND:

MARIANNE LYNCH

VOTE:

[X] PASS

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R240117.01 Approval of the January 17, 2024 Agenda

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of Tacony Academy Charter School hereby approves the January 17, 2024 Agenda.

Notes of Discussion / Advance Regulatory and Financial Comment:

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

DR. RONALD WHITAKER JOINED THE MEETING AT 6:05PM

D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION:

ANITA VEGA-KAISER

SECOND:

R240117.02 Minutes of the December 20, 2023 Meeting

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

MARIANNE
LYNCH

VOTE:

[X] PASS

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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> |
|------------|--------------------|
| Board | General discussion |

SECTION II: REPORTS

A. COMMUNITY COMMENT

NONE

Notes of Discussion / Advance Regulatory and Financial Comment:

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

A. Business Controller

- a. *Mr. Peter Costa, Santilli & Thomson*
 - i. *Reviewed and discussed with the Board the December 2023 financial reports, previously disseminated to the Board;*
 - ii. *Informed the Board that the budgeted year end had an approximately deficit of \$487,000;*
 - iii. *Noted \$2.1M cash, 37 days, though next week additional federal money will be received effectively doubling the cash; and*
 - iv. *Reviewed and discussed Profit and Loss.*
- b. *Ms. Naimah Wimberly, CEO of TACS*
 - i. *Answered Board questions as to services vendor Brett DiNovi provides, as shown in the financial reports; and*
 - ii. *Shared information with the Board about various purchases and expenditures towards curriculum and whether financially the school has the funds necessary.*

B. Tacony Academy Charter School CEO

- a. *Ms. Naimah Wimberly, CEO of TACS*
 - i. *Reviewed and discussed with the Board the January 2024 CEO report, previously disseminated to the Board;*
 - ii. *Answered Board questions about how chromebook purchase will be used, noting the hope is to have 2 devices per student;*
 - iii. *Informed the Board that the vast majority of suspensions relate to fights; indicating the school has been diligent taking other remedial measures that due not rise to suspension; and*
 - iv. *Noted increase in attendance with decreased discipline.*

C. American Paradigm Schools CEO

- a. *Mr. Scott Kramer, CFO of APS*
 - i. *Informed the Board that the January 2024 APS report was uploaded to the Board packet;*

- ii. *Highlighted that recent trauma including deaths at schools, but because the Board’s adoption of BHS, crisis counsels have been on call to assist the schools.*

D. General Counsel

- a. *Mr. Dean Krebs, Esq.*
 - i. *Reviewed and discussed the evening’s Agenda;*
 - ii. *Informed board of BEFC; and*
 - iii. *Informed Board of SOFI, noting it would be ideal to have it finished by March.*

SECTION III: OLD BUSINESS

NONE

SECTION IV: NEW BUSINESS

A. RESOLUTIONS

MOTION:

ANITA
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KAISER_

SECOND:

MARIANNE
LYNCH

VOTE:

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R240117.03 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:

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MOTION:

ANITA
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SECOND:

MARIANNE
LYNCH

VOTE:

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R240117.04 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 |
| Marie Keele (new hire) | Classroom Teacher (ES) – 6 ELA | 1/8/24 |
| Aiyana Adams (new hire) | Instructional Assistant | 1/10/24 |

TERMINATIONS / RESIGNATIONS / LOA

| NAME | TITLE | EFFECTIVE DATE |
|-------------|--------------|-----------------------|
| <i>None</i> | <i>None</i> | <i>None</i> |

Notes of Discussion / Advance Regulatory and Financial Comment:

| Who | What |
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MOTION:

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KAISER_

SECOND:

MARIANNE
LYNCH

VOTE:

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R240117.05 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 |
|-------------------------------|--|---|
| Tri-State HVAC Equipment, LLC | Quarterly: \$2,960.00 Total: \$11,884 | HVAC Maintenance at 1330 Rhawn St. |
| Tri-State HVAC Equipment, LLC | Quarterly: \$3,027.50 Total: \$12,110 | HVAC Maintenance at 6201 Keystone St. |
| Delta-T Group, Inc. | Psychological Evaluations: \$1200/each FBA /w Standard Evaluation: \$1200 (w/o; \$500) Neuro /w Standard Evaluation: \$1200 (w/o; \$500) Autistic /w Standard Evaluation: \$1200 (w/o; \$500) Record Review: \$500 Bilingual Evaluations (Spanish): | Amendment to prior agreement which adds additional services. The current and added services are reflected in this resolution. |

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| | \$2200 | |
| | In-Person IEP Meeting: \$150 | |
| | Paraprofessional: \$28/hr | |
| | RN: \$60/hr | |
| | LPN: \$50/hr | |

Notes of Discussion / Advance Regulatory and Financial Comment:

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R240117.06 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> |
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| <i>None</i> | <i>None</i> |

B. DISCUSSION AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

NEXT BOARD MEETING: FEBRUARY 21, 2024 AT 6:00 PM.

ADJOURNMENT AT 6:52PM

MOTION:

ANITA VEGA-KAISER_

SECOND:

MARIANNE LYNCH

VOTE:

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VOTE:

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