

TACONY ACADEMY CHARTER SCHOOL  
6201 KEYSTONE STREET  
PHILADELPHIA, PA 19135

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING**

LOCATION:  
ZOOM MEETING

DATE & TIME:  
FEBRUARY 21, 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 6:03 p.m. My name is Anita Vega-Kaiser. I am the Vice-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. Marianne Lynch	Naimah Wimberly  Ashley Redfearn Kristine Magargee Scott Kramer
<b>Board Members Absent:</b> Barbara L. Saunders 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:  
  
MARIANNE  
LYNCH  
  
SECOND:  
  
LIONEL ARCHER  
  
VOTE:  
  
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**R240221.01 Approval of the February 21, 2024 Agenda**

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of Tacony Academy Charter School hereby approves the February 21, 2024 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:  
  
MARIANNE  
LYNCH  
  
SECOND:  
  
LIONEL ARCHER  
  
VOTE:  
  
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**R240221.02 Minutes of the January 17, 2024 Meeting**

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of Tacony Academy Charter School hereby approves the Minutes of the January 17, 2024 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
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***Notes of Discussion / Advance Regulatory and Financial Comment:***

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

**A. TACONY ACADEMY CHARTER SCHOOL CEO**

- a. *Ms. Naimah Wimberly, CEO of TACS*
  - i. *Reviewed and discussed with the Board of February 2024 CEO report, previously disseminated with the Board*
  - ii. *Shared compliance updates with the Board, including McKinney Vento monitoring, SPREE window closing, and ACE preview;*
  - iii. *Updated the Board on school enrollment and attendance;*
  - iv. *Informed the Board of Red Rabbit contract renewal process, including a review of the Food Service report;*
  - v. *Shared Caring School Community events, including Student/-Staff/Parent basketball game, Black Excellence career Fair, and Chinese New Year event;*
  - vi. *Updated the Board on athletic reports. noting how various ES and HS teams ES teams finished their season and which sports were starting; and*
  - vii. *Informed the Board of upcoming college tours for HS students;*

**B. AMERICAN PARADIGM SCHOOLS CEO**

- a. *Ms. Ashley Redfearn, CEO of APS*
  - i. *Informed the Board of ongoing CEO collaboration across the network in areas of technical compliance and political engagement;*
  - ii. *Informed the Board of various facility projects in the pipeline for TACS, such as auditorium, roof and HVAC upgrades.;*
- b. *Mr. Scott Kramer, CTO of APS*
  - i. *Provided the Board an updated on Talent Team work, such as in areas of certification, EAP program, and potential partnership with Temple*
  - ii. *Informed the Board of network wide vacancies and the interview processes that have been undertaken;*
  - iii. *Informed the Board of upcoming recruitment events.*
- c. *Ms. Kristine Magargee, CAO of APS*
  - i. *Reviewed and discussed with the Board various strategies being implemented for ELA and Math instruction, including recent Learning Walks and interventions;*

- ii. *Informed the Board of work being performed by the Coaching Team;*
- iii. *Updated the Board on Data Team work, including in areas of Tableau and EdInight/MTSS;*
- iv. *Updated the Board of compliance updates pertaining to cyclical monitoring and McKinney Ventro;*
- v. *Informed the Board of various Caring School Community events;*
- vi. *Informed the Board of recent and upcoming college / career readiness events.*

**C. BUSINESS CONTROLLER**

- a. *Mr. Peter Costa, Santilli & Thomson, LLC*
  - i. *Reviewed and discussed with the Board the January 2024 financial reports, previously disseminated to the Board;*
  - ii. *Informed the Board that all revenue have come in;*
  - iii. *Informed the Board that there was a curret projected deficit of \$487,000 by year end though anticipated grants will likely reduce that amount;*
  - iv. *Informed the Board that there was \$2.2M cash repreesnting 40 operating days;*
  - v. *Informed the Board that there was \$820k disbursement in January;*
  - vi. *Reviewed and discussed with P&L with the Board.*

**D. GENERAL COUNSEL**

- a. *Mr. Dean Krebs, Esq.*
  - i. *Reminded Board of their SOFI obligations.*

**SECTION III: OLD BUSINESS**

NONE

**SECTION IV: NEW BUSINESS**

**A. RESOLUTIONS**

MOTION:

LIONEL  
ARCHER

SECOND:

MARIANNE  
LYNCH

VOTE:

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**R240221.03 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:

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ARCHER

SECOND:

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VOTE:

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### R240221.04 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
Paula Genoa (new hire)	Building Substitute (ES)	1/29/24

TERMINATIONS / RESIGNATIONS / LOA		
NAME	TITLE	EFFECTIVE DATE
<i>None</i>	<i>None</i>	<i>None</i>

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### R240221.05 Point Park University MOU

WHEREAS, Point Park University (“PPU”) has a program to allow for uncertified teachers to become certified (the “Program”).

WHEREAS, Tacony Academy Charter School (“TACS”) and PPU desire to enter into a partnership whereby TACS may offer uncertified TACS staff to become enrolled in the Program, and TACS may, subject to budgetary constraints and in the CEO’s determination and discretion, pay the applicable tuition to PPU on behalf of those uncertified TACS staff, to allow such uncertified TACS staff to become certified as part of the Program (the “Agreement”).

RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees of TACS hereby authorizes the CEO, in consultation with the business controller and legal counsel to negotiate the terms of the Agreement and to enter into such Agreement with PPU.

FURTHER RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees of TACS hereby authorizes that the CEO shall, in consultation with the business controller and legal counsel, negotiate and enter into agreements with those uncertified TACS staff members, who, subject to budgetary constraints and in the CEO’s determination and discretion, become enrolled in the Program as part of the

Agreement and who TACS paid the tuition for, for the repayment of tuition TACS paid on their behalf.

FURTHER RESOLVED, the CEO shall provide to the Board of Trustees of TACS regular updates on the progress and expenditures related to the Agreement.

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

<b><i>Who</i></b>	<b><i>What</i></b>
<i>A.Redfearn</i>	<i>Noted that the intent is that no budgetary commitment is being authorized or directed at this time and that if the school wants to proceed that the school will seek follow-up approval.</i>

**B. DISCUSSION AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

NEXT BOARD MEETING: MARCH 20, 2024 AT 6:00 PM.

**ADJOURNMENT AT 7:04PM**

MOTION:

LIONEL ARCHER

SECOND:

MARIANNE LYNCH

VOTE:

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