

TACONY ACADEMY CHARTER SCHOOL  
6201 KEYSTONE STREET  
PHILADELPHIA, PA 19135

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING**

LOCATION:  
ZOOM MEETING

DATE & TIME:  
APRIL 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 6:03 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>
Barbara L. Saunders Anita Vega-Kaiser Lionel S. Archer, Jr.	Naimah Wimberly  Ashley Redfearn Kristine Magargee Scott Kramer
<b>Board Members Absent:</b> Dr. Ronald Whitaker Marianne Lynch	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:  
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 VOTE:  
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**R240417.01 Approval of the April 17, 2024 Agenda**

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of Tacony Academy Charter School hereby approves the April 17, 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**

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**R240417.02 Minutes of the March 20, 2024 Meeting**

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

*Community Comment Colloquy (General Counsel)*

Good evening. My name is Dean Krebs, and I am with Sand & Sidel, 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>

**A. TACONY ACADEMY CHARTER SCHOOL CEO**

- a. *Ms. Naimah Wimberly, CEO of TACS*
  - i. *Reviewed and discussed with the Board the April 2024 CEO report, previously disseminated;*
  - ii. *Reviewed and discussed with the Board various community services projects being undertaken by school community members, including athletes, with \$9k raised for American Cancer Society;*
  - iii. *Informed the Board that two female TACS students—the only students in the city—were asked to speak at Girls on the Run;*
- b. *Mr. Ryan Strasko, Principal of TACS*
  - i. *Reviewed and discussed with the Board the April 2024 CEO report, previously disseminated;*
  - ii. *Shared with the Board various caring school community events;*
  - iii. *Informed the Board of activities pertaining to Women’s history month; and*
  - iv. *Shared with the Board the utilization this year of a new reading program and showed data indicating subsequent improvement.*

**B. AMERICAN PARADIGM SCHOOLS CEO**

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

- i. Reviewed and discussed with the Board the April 2024 APS report, previously disseminated.
- b. Mr. Scott Kramer, CTO of APS
  - i. Reviewed and discussed with the Board the April 2024 APS report, previously disseminated;
  - ii. Shared with the Board compensation at SDP and Camden, noting the differences in payments between the APS network schools and them;
  - iii. Informed the Board that staff were told about Student Teacher Support Program;
  - iv. Provided updates to the Board on the Temple residency program;
  - v. Reviewed recruitment events with the Board, though noted that, out of 25 schools participating only 3 applicants at recent in-person job fair, and shared the challenges with recruitment in the current environment and that instead, better recruitment strategies is forming close relationships with colleges and other organizations to bring in students
- c. Ms. Kristine Magargree, CEO of APS
  - i. Reviewed and discussed with the Board the April 2024 APS report, previously disseminated.

**C. BUSINESS CONTROLLER**

- a. Mr. Peter Costa, Santilli & Thomson
  - i. Reviewed and discussed with the Board the March 2024 financial reports, previously disseminated.
  - ii. Informed the Board that there was a budget deficit of \$150,000;
  - iii. Informed the Board that the 2024-25 budget was currently being reviewed;
  - iv. Informed the Board that future SDP rates are currently unclear

**D. GENERAL COUNSEL**

- a. None

**SECTION III: OLD BUSINESS**

NONE

**SECTION IV: NEW BUSINESS**

**A. RESOLUTIONS**

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**R240417.03 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.

VOTE:  
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**R240417.04 Human Resources Resolution**

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of Tacony Academy Charter School accepts the Human Resources changes, modifications, and additions, as presented.

VOTE:  
[X] PASS  
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<b>HIRES / RETURN TO SERVICE/ POSITION CHANGE/RATE CHANGE</b>		
<b>NAME</b>	<b>TITLE</b>	<b>START DATE</b>
Solivette Calderon (position change)	IA	2/26/24

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

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**B. DISCUSSION AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

NEXT BOARD MEETING: MAY 15, 2024 AT 6:00 PM.

**ADJOURNMENT AT 6:52PM**

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VOTE:

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