

TACONY ACADEMY CHARTER SCHOOL
6201 KEYSTONE STREET
PHILADELPHIA, PA 19135

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

LOCATION:
ZOOM MEETING

DATE & TIME:
MAY 15, 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 6:07 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 Lionel S. Archer, Jr. Dr. Ronald Whitaker Marianne Lynch Board Members Absent: Anita Vega-Kaiser	Naimah Wimberly Ashley Redfearn Kristine Magargee Scott Kramer Peter Costa Dean Krebs, Esq. Dr. Kwanza Cogdell

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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SECOND:
RW
VOTE:
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R240515.01 Approval of the May 15, 2024 Agenda

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of Tacony Academy Charter School hereby approves the May 15, 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:
LA
SECOND:
ML
VOTE:
 PASS
 FAIL

R240515.02 Minutes of the April 17, 2024 Meeting

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of Tacony Academy Charter School hereby approves the Minutes of the April 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>
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SECTION II: REPORTS

A. COMMUNITY COMMENT

Community Comment Colloquy (General Counsel)

Good evening. My name is Dean Krebs, and I am with Sand & Saidel, 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 May 2024 CEO report, previously disseminated to the Board;*
 - ii. *Shared recent advocacy work in Harrisburg for Charter advocacy and funding efforts;*
 - iii. *Shared compliance updates, including ACE preview responses;*
 - iv. *Updated Board on PIMS / Food service submissions;*
 - v. *Shared upcoming Caring School Community events; and*
 - vi. *Shared Athletic updates, noting two scholars will be playing college soccer.*
- b. *Dr. Kwanza Waters-Cogdell, Principal*
 - i. *Reviewed and discussed with the Board the May 2024 CEO report, previously disseminated to the Board;*
 - ii. *Shared that students were compliant with uniforms*

B. AMERICAN PARADIGM SCHOOLS CEO

- a. *Ms. Ashley Redfearn, CEO of APS*
 - i. *Reviewed and discussed with the Board the May 2024 APS report, previously disseminated to the Board;*
 - ii. *Discussed various public relation activities APS has undertaken, including APC Steering Committee; targeted media outreach; and political advocacy leadership; and*
 - iii. *Discussed the SPED certification process/emergency certification*
- b. *Mr. Scott Kramer, CTO of APS*

- i. *Reviewed and discussed with the Board the May 2024 APS report, previously disseminated to the Board;*
- ii. *Shared with the Board compensations other charter schools are paying;*
- iii. *Shared DOL regulations regarding overtime;*
- iv. *Updated Board on Temple Teacher's residency program;*
- v. *Shared network vacancies; and*
- vi. *Shared with the Board the lack of participating as job fairs, noting a difference of hundreds of students*
- c. *The Board discussed the benefits being provided to teachers, including insurance*
- d. *Ms. Kristine Magargee, CAO of APS*
 - i. *Reviewed and discussed with the Board the May 2024 APS report, previously disseminated to the Board;*
 - ii. *Informed the Board that Tier 1-3 of MTSS have worked well because there is a different person at each grade level and then the whole team comes together to collaborate; and*
 - iii. *Noted Pupil Services department continues to ensure compliance*

DR. RONALD WHITAKER LEFT MEETING AT 6:54PM

C. BUSINESS CONTROLLER

- a. *Mr. Peter Costa, Santilli & Thomson, LLC*
 - i. *reviewed and discussed with the Board the April 2024 financial report, previously disseminated to the Board*
 - ii. *Expressed importance of 45 days cash for bond purposes;*
 - iii. *Noted estimated deficit has dropped significantly to -\$86,000.*
 - iv. *Shared P&L, previously disseminated*
 - v. *Reminded Board that SDP makes adjacent to subsidies*
 - vi. *Reviewed and discussed with the Board the 2024-25 Budget, expressing challenges due to ESSER funds ending*

D. GENERAL COUNSEL

- a. *Dean Krebs, Esq.*
 - i. *Reviewed and discussed the evening's Agenda, SOFI, and recent PA auditor report.*

SECTION III: OLD BUSINESS

NONE

SECTION IV: NEW BUSINESS

A. RESOLUTIONS

MOTION:

R240515.03 Report of the Business Controller

LA

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.

SECOND:

ML

VOTE:

Notes of Discussion / Advance Regulatory and Financial Comment:

PASS

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

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MOTION:

R240515.04 Approval of 2024-25 FY Draft Budget

LA

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of Tacony Academy Charter School hereby approves the school budget for 2024-25 FY.

SECOND:

ML

VOTE:

ROLL CALL

PASS

Barbara L. Saunders - aye
Anita Vega-Kaiser - absent
Lionel S. Archer, Jr. - aye
Dr. Ronald Whitaker - absent
Marianne Lynch - aye

FAIL

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<i>Board</i>	<i>General discussion</i>

MOTION:

R240515.05 Approval of Lease Reimbursement 2023-24 FY

LA

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of Tacony Academy Charter School hereby approves the Lease Reimbursement for the 2023-24 FY

SECOND:

ML

VOTE:

Notes of Discussion / Advance Regulatory and Financial Comment:

PASS

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MOTION:

R240515.06 Professional Services Contract/s Resolution

LA

RESOLVED, the Professional Services Contract/s and associated report/s listed below are hereby accepted and ratified;

SECOND:

ML

VOTE:

FURTHER RESOLVED, the CEO, Business Controller, and General Counsel are hereby authorized and directed to negotiate contract/s for the professional services described below;

PASS

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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
Elevate 215	\$1,500	This is an MOU for Membership into Apply Philly Charter, an online application system which prospective parents/students can utilize to apply to Philadelphia charter schools.

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MOTION:

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SECOND:

ML

VOTE:

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R240515.07 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
None	None	None

TERMINATIONS / RESIGNATIONS / LOA		
NAME	TITLE	EFFECTIVE DATE
Hilda Zorrilla (retiring)	HS Admin. Assistant	6/14/24
Naida Miranda (LOA)	HS School Secretary	4/8/24
Jessica Rosario (LOA)	HS Social Studies Teacher	5/3/24

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MOTION:

R230515.08 Approval of 2024-25 School Calendar

LA

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of Tacony Academy Charter School hereby approves the 2024-25 School Calendar, as presented

SECOND:

ML

Notes of Discussion / Advance Regulatory and Financial Comment:

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

VOTE:

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MOTION:

R230515.09 Approval of 2024-25 Board Calendar

LA

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of Tacony Academy Charter School hereby approves the 2024-25 Board Calendar, as presented

SECOND:

ML

Notes of Discussion / Advance Regulatory and Financial Comment:

<i>Who</i>	<i>What</i>
<i>Board</i>	<i>Discussed possibilities to meet in person</i>

VOTE:

PASS

FAIL

MOTION:

R230515.10 Approval of Flexible Instruction Days Plan

LA

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of Tacony Academy Charter School hereby approves the Flexible Instruction Days plan, as presented.

SECOND:

ML

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VOTE:

PASS

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B. DISCUSSION AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

NEXT BOARD MEETING: JUNE 19, 2024 AT 6:00 PM.

ADJOURNMENT AT 7:40PM

MOTION:

LA

SECOND:

ML

VOTE:

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