

TACONY ACADEMY CHARTER SCHOOL
6201 KEYSTONE STREET
PHILADELPHIA, PA 19135

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

LOCATION:
ZOOM MEETING

DATE & TIME:
JUNE 19, 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:
Barbara L. Saunders Lionel S. Archer, Jr. Marianne Lynch	Naimah Wimberly Ashley Redfearn Scott Kramer
Board Members Absent: Dr. Ronald Whitaker Anita Vega-Kaiser	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:
RW
SECOND:
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VOTE:
[X] PASS
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R240619.01 Approval of the June 19, 2024 Agenda

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of Tacony Academy Charter School hereby approves the June 19, 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:
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SECOND:
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VOTE:
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R240619.02 Minutes of the May 15, 2024 Meeting

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of Tacony Academy Charter School hereby approves the Minutes of the May 15, 2024 meeting of the Board of Trustees of Tacony Academy Charter School.

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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>

A. TACONY ACADEMY CHARTER SCHOOL CEO

- a. *Ms. Naimah Wimberly, CEO of TACS*
 - i. *Reviewed and discussed with the Board the June 2024 CEO report, previously disseminated to the Board;*
 - ii. *Informed the Board of recent Epicenter and PIMS submission ;*
 - iii. *Reviewed and discussed with the Board various Caring School Community events, including Dance Chance Partnership, Spring Art and Music Showcase, BMX Against Bullying, Alex’s Lemonade Stand, among others.*

MS. VEGA-KAISER, PRESIDENT, JOINED THE MEETING MOMENTARILY AT 6:19PM TO EXPRESS HER APPRECIATION TO THE BOARD

B. AMERICAN PARADIGM SCHOOLS CEO

- a. *Ms. Ashley Redfearn, CEO of APS*
 - i. *Reviewed and discussed with the Board the June 2024 CEO report, previously disseminated to the Board;*
 - ii. *Shared with the Board CEO collaboration activities;*
 - iii. *Reported on various facility work for TACS;*
 - iv. *Reviewed and discussed the enrollment demographics;*
 - v. *Informed the board that the employment engagement surveys were recently submitted to employees;*
 - vi. *Shared with the Board the Teacher Apprenticeship Program;*
 - vii. *Highlighted various activities the Academic Team is engaged in, including coaching rotations and various pupil services,*

C. BUSINESS CONTROLLER

- a. *Mr. Peter Costa, Santilli & Thomson*
 - i. *Reviewed and discussed with the Board the May 2024 financial report, previously disseminated to the Board;*
 - ii. *Answerd Board questions about current bond covenants, noting the school needed 45-days cahs;*
 - iii. *Informed the Board that SDP rates were at 10% which is more than what was budgeted for.*

D. GENERAL COUNSEL

a. None

SECTION III: OLD BUSINESS

NONE

SECTION IV: NEW BUSINESS

A. RESOLUTIONS

MOTION:

R240619.03 Report of the Business Controller

RW

SECOND:

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.

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VOTE:

Notes of Discussion / Advance Regulatory and Financial Comment:

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MOTION:

R240619.04 Approval of 2023-24 FY End of Year Fund

RW

SECOND:

RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees of Tacony Academy Charter School designates estimated ending fund balance for the year ending June 30, 2024, as follows:

ML

VOTE:

Designated for Working Capital/School Performance	\$390,000
Available for Appropriation	\$2,831,000
Designed for Non-Liquid Assets	\$200,000
Total Fund Balance	\$3,420,000

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MOTION:

R240619.05 Human Resources Resolution

RW

SECOND:

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

ML

VOTE:

Notes of Discussion / Advance Regulatory and Financial Comment:

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MOTION:

R240619.06 Professional Services Contract/s Resolution

RW

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

SECOND:

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

VOTE:

[X] PASS

FURTHER RESOLVED, the President is authorized to execute any document or delegate any task necessary to effectuate this resolution.

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Contractor	Amount	Comment: Terms and Conditions
R&A Cleaning Contract	\$40,000	2024-25 Facility Cleaning Contract 1300 Rhawn St.. & 6201 Keystone St. Includes Daytime Porter
Brett DiNovi	Clinical Associates: \$57.50/hr Behavior Consultant: \$127.50/hr	2024-25 SY Staffing services
Drexel University MOU	N/A	SNAP-Ed Nutrition Educational Program
General Healthcare Resources, LLC	<u>Nursing</u> RN: \$63.00/hr LPN: \$53.00/hr CSN:\$73.00/hr <u>Education</u> Paraprofessional: \$33.00/hr RBT: \$43.00/hr BCBA: \$95.00/hr	2024-25 SY Staffing services

	Program Advisor: \$89.00/hr <u>Therapy</u> PT: \$85.00/hr OT: \$85.00/hr SLP: \$90.00/hr	
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R240619.07 Amended Family Engagement Policy

RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees of Tacony Academy Charter School accepts the Amended Family Engagement Policy, as presented.

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UPON MOTION BY RONALD WHITAKER AND SECOND BY MARIANNE LYNCH, THE BOARD UNANIMOUSLY ENTERED INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR PURPOSES DESCRIBED IN 65 PA.C.S. 708(A)(5)(7) AND OTHER CONFIDENTIAL MATTERS. SPECIFICALLY, TO DISCUSS RESOLUTION R240619.08 BELOW, WHICH RELATES TO THE ANNUAL REPORTS REQUIRED UNDER 24 PA. STAT § 13-1309-B(C)(5) AND 13-1302-E, AND TO ENGAGE IN PRIVILEGED COMMUNICATIONS PERTAINING TO RESOLUTION R240619.09.

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UPON MOTION BY RONALD WHITAKER AND SECOND BY MARIANNE LYNCH, THE BOARD UNANIMOUSLY ENTERED INTO OPEN SESSION

R240619.08 Approval of Safety, Security and Threat Report

RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees of Tacony Academy Charter School accepts the Safety, Security, and Threat report, as presented.

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MOTION:

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SECOND:

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VOTE:

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R240619.09 Approval of Kleinbard LLC

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of Tacony Academy Charter School accepts the engagement letter for legal services from Kleinbard LLC, as presented.

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B. DISCUSSION AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

ADJOURNMENT AT 7:45PM

MOTION:

RW

SECOND:

ML

VOTE:

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