

TACONY ACADEMY CHARTER SCHOOL
6201 KEYSTONE STREET
PHILADELPHIA, PA 19135

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

LOCATION:
ZOOM MEETING

DATE & TIME:
SEPTEMBER 18, 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 6:00 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 Anita Vega-Kaiser Lionel S. Archer, Jr. Dr. Ronald Whitaker Marianne Lynch	Naimah Wimberly, CEO Kristine Magargee Scott Kramer Peter Costa Dean Krebs, Esq. Briana Kates, Principal Reginald Howard Dr. Zakia Gates
Board Members Absent: Dr. Ronald Whitaker	

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:

ANITA VEGA-
KAISER

VOTE:

PASS

FAIL

R240918.01 Approval of the September 18, 2024 Agenda

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of Tacony Academy Charter School hereby approves the September 18, 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:

LIONEL ARCHER

SECOND:

MARIANNE
LYNCH

R240918.02 Minutes of the August 21, 2024 Meeting

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of Tacony Academy Charter School hereby approves the Minutes of the August 21, 2024

VOTE:

[X] PASS

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meeting of the Board of Trustees of Tacony Academy Charter School.

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<i>Who</i>	<i>What</i>
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SECTION II: REPORTS

DR. ZAKIA GATES WAS INTRODUCED TO THE BOARD WHO SHARED THEIR PRIOR EXPERIENCE AT FPPCS AND THAT THEY WERE NOW WITH EASTERN UNIVERSITY.

REGINALD HOWARD WAS INTRODUCED TO THE BOARD AND SHARED THAT HE WAS A COMMUNITY ADVOCATE WHO WAS NOW TRANSITIONING INTO THE EDUCATIONAL INDUSTRY AND HAD PRIOR EXPERIENCE ON THE LACS BOARD.

A. COMMUNITY COMMENT

None

Notes of Discussion / Advance Regulatory and Financial Comment:

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

A. TACONY ACADEMY CHARTER SCHOOL CEO

- a. *Ms. Naimah Wimberly, CEO of TACS*
 - i. *Reviewed and discussed with the Board the September 2024 CEO report, previously disseminated;*
 - ii. *Shared and discussed school data and compliance requirements;*
 - iii. *Updated school on federal programs and grants*
 - iv. *Reminded Board of \$70k grant; and*
 - v. *Informed the Board regarding implementation of Temple residency program*
- b. *Ms. Briana Kates, Principal at TACS*
 - i. *Reviewed and discussed with the Board the September 2024 CEO report, previously disseminated;*
 - ii. *Shared various activities and events occurring at TACS; and*
 - iii. *Shared various services being implemented to support staff, including PD.*

B. AMERICAN PARADIGM SCHOOLS CEO

- a. *Mr. Scott Kramer, CTO of APS, and Ms. Kristine Magargee, CAO of APS*
 - i. *reviewed and discussed with the Board the September 2024 APS report, previously disseminated to the Board;*
 - ii. *Shared with the Board facility work being performed at TACS;*

- iii. *Informed the Board of HR updates related to the Title IX training, updating employee handbook, and of upcoming DOL changes;*
- iv. *Reviewed and discussed PD topics for ELA, including Intro to AI and Diffit, and discussed support that was provided for Math with Middle School Team establishing a shared grading system;*
- v. *Shard Data Team updates, noting FOCUS training; and*
- vi. *Shared Pupil Services updates, nothing efforts APS has made towards McKinney Vento audit, EL program, and programming and staffing.*

C. BUSINESS CONTROLLER

- a. *Mr. Peter Costa, Santilli & Thomson, LLC*
 - i. *Reviewed and discussed with the Board the August 2024 financials;*
 - ii. *Informed the Board of deficit;*
 - iii. *Indicated there was \$25M cash; and*
 - iv. *Informed the Board that TACS was meeting its bond covenants.*

D. GENERAL COUNSEL

SECTION III: OLD BUSINESS

NONE

SECTION IV: NEW BUSINESS

A. RESOLUTIONS

MOTION:

LIONEL
ARCHER

SECOND:

MARIANNE
LYNCH

VOTE:

PASS

FAIL

R240918.03 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:

LIONEL
ARCHER

SECOND:

MARIANNE
LYNCH

VOTE:

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R240918.04 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
Hilary Moeller (new hire)	Classroom Teacher (ES) - 5th Grade ELA	8/26/24
Nia Allen (new hire)	TTR - SPED (ES)	8/26/24
Heather Ashcroft (rate change)	EL & Federal Grants Coordinator	8/19/24

TERMINATIONS / RESIGNATIONS / LOA		
NAME	TITLE	EFFECTIVE DATE
Lauren Brophy (resignation)	Assistant Principal/Title I Coordinator (HS)	8/9/24

MOTION:

ANITA
VEGA-
KAISER

SECOND:

LIONEL
ARCHER

VOTE:

[X] PASS

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R240918.05 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
Soliant	TBD	Staffing services SPED teacher

CWD-G	\$51,974.43	Gymnasium Sound System Obtained through cooperative purchasing agreement
Withum	\$34,400	Annual financial auditors

Notes of Discussion / Advance Regulatory and Financial Comment:

<i>Who</i>	<i>What</i>
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MOTION:

R240918.06 Approval of Amended By-laws

LIONEL ARCHER

RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees of Tacony Academy Charter School ratifies and approves of the amended By-Laws, as presented.

SECOND:

MARIANNE LYNCH

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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ROLL CALL:

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

MOTION:

R240918.07 Election of Dr. Zakia Gates as Trustee

ANITA VEGA-KAISER

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of Tacony Academy Charter School hereby elects Dr. Zakia Gates to the position of Trustee of the Board of Trustees of Tacony Academy Charter School, effective September 19, 2024; and

SECOND:

MARIANNE LYNCH

FURTHER RESOLVED, that Dr. Zakia Gates shall be administered the oath of office by legal counsel.

VOTE:

[X] PASS

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Notes of Discussion / Advance Regulatory and Financial Comment:

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

MOTION:
MARIANNE
LYNCH
SECOND:
LIONEL
ARCHER
VOTE:
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 FAIL

R240918.08 Election of Reginald Howard as Trustee

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of Tacony Academy Charter School hereby elects Reginald Howard to the position of Trustee of the Board of Trustees of Tacony Academy Charter School, effective September 19, 2024; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that Reginald Howard shall be administered the oath of office by legal counsel.

Notes of Discussion / Advance Regulatory and Financial Comment:

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

MOTION:
BARBARA
L.
SAUNDERS
SECOND:
LIONEL
ARCHER
VOTE:
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R240918.09 Approval of Board Terms

RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees of Tacony Academy Charter School ratifies and approves of the current Board terms, as presented below:

Cohort I

Dr. Ronald Whitaker: July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2027
Anita Vega-Kaiser: July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2027
Reginald Howard: September 19, 2024 – June 30, 2027

Cohort II

Barbara L. Saunders: June 22, 2022 – June 30, 2025
Zakia Gates: September 19, 2024 – June 30, 2025

Cohort III

Lionel Archer: July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2026
Marianne Lynch: July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2026

ROLL CALL:

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

Notes of Discussion / Advance Regulatory and Financial Comment:

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

MOTION:

R240918.10 Approval of Board Officers

LIONEL
ARCHER

RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees ratifies and approves of the extension of the term of those Officers described in Resolution R230621.13 from June 30, 2024 through September 18, 2024.

SECOND:

MARIANNE
LYNCH

FURTHER RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees ratifies and approves of the Board officers for the term of September 19, 2024 to June 30, 2025, as presented:

TABLED

<i>OFFICER</i>	<i>NAME</i>
PRESIDENT	
VICE-PRESIDENT	
TREASURER	
SECRETARY	

ROLL CALL:

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

Notes of Discussion / Advance Regulatory and Financial Comment:

<i>Who</i>	<i>What</i>
<i>Board</i>	<i>Unanimously tabled resolution until next meeting</i>

B. DISCUSSION AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

NEXT BOARD MEETING: OCTOBER 16, 2024 AT 6:00 PM.

ADJOURNMENT AT 7:04PM

MOTION:
ANITA VEGA-KAISER

SECOND:

LIONEL ARCHER

VOTE:

[X] PASS

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