

TACONY ACADEMY CHARTER SCHOOL
6201 KEYSTONE STREET
PHILADELPHIA, PA 19135

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

LOCATION:
ZOOM MEETING

DATE & TIME:
OCTOBER 16, 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 Anita Vega-Kaiser Lionel S. Archer, Jr. Dr. Ronald Whitaker Marianne Lynch Reginald Howard Zakia Gates	Naimah Wimberly Ashley Redfearn Kristine Magargee Scott Kramer Peter Costa Dean Krebs, Esq. Staci Capozio
Board Members Absent:	

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.

MS. BARBARA L. SAUNDERS INTRODUCED MS. STACI CAPOZIO, WHO INFORMED THE BOARD SHE IS A PARENT OF A PRIOR AND CURRENT TACS STUDENT. SHE SHARED HER PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND.

C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION:

ZAKIA GATES

SECOND:

REGINALD
HOWARD

VOTE:

[X] PASS

[] FAIL

R241016.01 Approval of the October 16, 2024 Agenda

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of Tacony Academy Charter School hereby approves the October 16, 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:
REGINALD HOWARD
SECOND:
ZAKIA GATES
VOTE:
[X] PASS
[] FAIL

R241016.02 Minutes of the September 18, 2024 Meeting

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

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 November 2024 CEO report, previously disseminated to the Board.*

B. AMERICAN PARADIGM SCHOOLS CEO

- a. *Ms. Kristine Magargee, CAO of APS*
 - i. *Reviewed and discussed with the Board the November 2024 APS report, previously disseminated to the Board.*

C. BUSINESS CONTROLLER

- a. *Mr. Peter Costa, Santilli & Thomson, LLC*
 - i. *Reviewed and discussed with the Board the September 2024 financial reports;*
 - ii. *Informed the Board of various benefit costs associated with employees.*

D. GENERAL COUNSEL

- a. *Dean Krebs, Esq.*
 - i. *Reviewed the Board resolutions with the Board.*

SECTION III: OLD BUSINESS

MOTION:

RONALD
WHITAKER

SECOND:

ZAKIE
GATES

VOTE:

R240918.10 Approval of Board Officers

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 October 15, 2024.

FURTHER RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees ratifies and approves of the Board officers for the term of October 16, 2024 to June 30, 2025, as presented:

<i>OFFICER</i>	<i>NAME</i>
PRESIDENT	BARBARA SAUNDERS
VICE-PRESIDENT	VEGA-KAISER
TREASURER	LIONEL ARCHER
SECRETARY	MARIANNE LYNCH

ROLL CALL:

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

Notes of Discussion / Advance Regulatory and Financial Comment:

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

SECTION IV: NEW BUSINESS

A. RESOLUTIONS

MOTION:

MARIANNE
LYNCH

SECOND:

ZAKIA
GATES

VOTE:

[X] PASS

[] FAIL

R241016.03 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:

MARIANNE
LYNCH

SECOND:

ZAKIA
GATES

VOTE:

[X] PASS

[] FAIL

R241016.04 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
Karen Hainsworth (new hire)	Senior Seminar/English Teacher (HS)	9/16/24
Sarai McCoy (new hire)	Physics (HS)	9/16/24
Robyn Guenther (new hire)	12th Grade English Teacher (HS)	9/24/24
Sarai McCoy (position / rate change)	Algebra Teacher (HS)	9/30/24

TERMINATIONS / RESIGNATIONS / LOA		
NAME	TITLE	EFFECTIVE DATE
Brandon Rosica (resignation)	Classroom Teacher (ES) - 7th/8th Grade Science	10/4/24
Cristian Vazquez (resignation)	NTA (HS)	10/18/24

Notes of Discussion / Advance Regulatory and Financial Comment:

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

MOTION:

ANITA
VEGA-
KAISER

SECOND:

REGINALD
HOWARD

VOTE:

[X] PASS

[] FAIL

R241016.05 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
Bustleton Services, Inc.	<u>Plowing</u> 1"-4": \$875.00 4.1" – 7": \$1,062.00 7.1" – 11": \$1,500.00 11" +: \$2,250.00 <u>Shoveling</u> 1"-4": \$562.50 4.1" – 7": \$812.50 7.1" – 11": \$1,062.50 11": \$1,312.50	Snow removal Elementary School
Bustleton Services, Inc.	<u>Plowing</u> 1"-4": \$1,250.00 4.1" – 7": \$1,625.00 7.1" – 11": \$2,000.00 11" +: \$2,500.00 <u>Shoveling</u> 1"-4": \$750.00 4.1" – 7": \$1,125.00 7.1" – 11": \$1,625.00 11"+: \$2,250.00	Snow removal High School
Ausin Texas Learning Group, LLC	TBD	Staffing services

Notes of Discussion / Advance Regulatory and Financial Comment:

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

MOTION:

REGINALD
HOWARD

SECOND:

MARIANNE
LYNCH

VOTE:

TABLED

R241016.06 Approval of Committee Members

RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees ratifies and approves of the assigned Committee Members, as presented:

<i>Academic Data and Curriculum Committee</i>	
Vice-President	<i>Vega-Kaiser</i>
Chief Executive Officer	<i>Wimberly</i>
Appointee #1	
Appointee #2	
<i>Personnel Committee</i>	
Secretary	
Chief Executive Officer	<i>Wimberly</i>
Appointee #1	
Appointee #2	

<i>Administrative Services Committee</i>	
Vice-President	<i>Vega-Kaiser</i>
Appointee #1	
Appointee #2	

<i>Fiscal Committee</i>	
Treasurer	
Business Controller	
Appointee #1	
Appointee #2	

<i>Audit Committee</i>	
Appointee #1	
Appointee #2	
Appointee #3	

<i>Nominating Committee</i>	
Appointee #1	
Appointee #2	
Appointee #3	
Appointee #4	

<i>Discipline Committee</i>	
Appointee #1	
Appointee #2	
Appointee #3	
Appointee #4	

ROLL CALL:

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

Notes of Discussion / Advance Regulatory and Financial Comment:

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

MOTION:
 REGINALD
 HOWARD
 SECOND:
 MARIANNE
 LYNCH
 VOTE:
 PASS
 FAIL

R241016.07 Approval of Federal Conflict of Interest Policy

RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees ratifies and approves of the Federal Conflict of Interest Policy, as presented.

Notes of Discussion / Advance Regulatory and Financial Comment:

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

UPON MOTION BY ANITA VEGA-KAISER AND SECOND BY LIONEL ARCHER, THE BOARD ENTERED INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR PURPOSES DESCRIBED UNDER 65 P.S. 708(A)(4) AND OTHER CONFIDENTIAL MATTERS. SPECIFICALLY, TO DISCUSS RESOLUTIONS R241016.08 BELOW WHICH PERTAIN TO ALLEGED COMPENSATORY

EDUCATION CLAIMS

UPON MOTION BY ANITA VEGA-KAISER AND SECOND BY LIONEL ARCHER, THE BOARD ENTERED INTO OPEN SESSION

MOTION:
REGINALD HOWARD

R241016.08 Confidential Settlement and Release Agreement for Student No. 9235662

SECOND:
MARIANNE LYNCH

RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees of Tacony Academy Charter School hereby approves of the Confidential Settlement and Release Agreement between itself and Student No.9235662, pending final legal review.

VOTE:
[X] PASS
[] FAIL

Notes of Discussion / Advance Regulatory and Financial Comment:

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

B. DISCUSSION AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

ADJOURNMENT AT 7:31PM

MOTION:

MARIANNE LYMCH

SECOND:

ANITA VEGA-KAISER

VOTE:

MARIANNE LYNCH

[X] PASS

[] FAIL