# FIRST PHILADELPHIA PREPARATORY CHARTER SCHOOL

4300 TACONY STREET PHILADELPHIA, PA 19142

## **BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING**

LOCATION: 4300 TACONY STREET PHILADELPHIA, PA 19124

> DATE & TIME: JUNE 19, 2019 7:30 PM

# **Minutes**

## **SECTION I: CALL TO ORDER**

## Opening Colloguy

This meeting of the First Philadelphia Preparatory Charter School Board of Trustees is hereby called to Order. The time is 8:18 p.m. My name is John MacDonald. I am the President of this Board of Trustees and I will facilitate this meeting.

This is a public meeting that was properly advertised pursuant to the Pennsylvania Sunshine Act in the Philadelphia Daily News.

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 p.m. on the day before this scheduled meeting may participate in public comment. At this time, I would ask that executive administration submit the list of commenters to our legal 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: Teresa Grumbrecht Dr. Joseph Gillespie Anita Vega-Kaiser John MacDonald Gerald L. Santilli Duane White Dr. Margery Covello **Board Members Absent:** Peter Costa Karin Coger Julani Ghana David Annecharico, Esq. Barbara Saunders Dean Krebs, Esq.

## B. DISCLOSURE: EXECUTIVE SESSION BY JOHN MACDONALD

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

Agenda.

MOTION	R190619.01 Approval of the June 19, 2019 Agenda		
TERESA GRUMBRECHT	RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of First Philadelphia		
SECOND	Preparatory Charter School hereby approves the June 19, 2019		

ANITA VEGA-KAISER

Vote:

[X] PASS

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Notes of Discussion / Advance Regulatory and Financial Comment:

Who	What
Board	General discussion

# D. Approval of Minutes

TERESA GRUMBRECHT

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ANITA VEGA-KAISER

VOTE:

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RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of First Philadelphia Preparatory Charter School hereby approves the Minutes of the May 15, 2019 meeting of the Board of Trustees of First Philadelphia Preparatory Charter School.

Notes of Discussion / Advance Regulatory and Financial Comment:

Who	What
Board	General discussion

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TERESA GRUMBRECHT

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ANITA VEGA-Kaiser

VOTE:

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# R190619.03 Minutes of the May 29, 2019 Special Meeting

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of First Philadelphia Preparatory Charter School hereby approves the Minutes of the May 29, 2019 meeting of the Board of Trustees of First Philadelphia Preparatory Charter School.

Notes of Discussion / Advance Regulatory and Financial Comment:

Who	What
Board	General discussion

### **SECTION II: REPORTS**

## A. Community Comment

Community Comment Colloquy (General Counsel)

Good Evening, my name is David Annecharico with Sand & Saidel, PC, General Counsel to the First Philadelphia Preparatory 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 that you might supplement your comment with 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:

Who	What

# B. First Philadelphia Preparatory Charter School CEO

- a. Dr. Joseph Gillespie CEO of First Philadelphia Preparatory Charter School
  - i. Discussed and presented to the Board the June 2019 CEO report, previously disseminated.
    - 1. Reviewed with the Board the goals of the past three years and efforts made towards achieving those goals, including in student achievement, curricular needs for high school, professional development, and school climate; and
    - 2. Indicated to the Board the goals for 2019-2022, which include increasing student achievement, enhancing student social and 190619

FPPCS BOARD MEETING AGENDA PAGE 3 OF 8 emotional development, enhancing professional development, increasing community involvement, and creating effective operational systems.

## C. American Paradigm Schools CEO

- a. Dr. Margery Covello Chief of Staff of American Paradigm School
  - i. Discussed and presented to the Board the June 2019 APS report, previously disseminated;
  - ii. Discussed with the Board a public relation plan to increase exposure of all APS schools; and
  - iii. Discussed with the Board the current transition assistance of APS between school years.

## D. Business Controller

- a. Peter Costa Santilli & Thomson
  - i. Discussed and presented to the Board the May 2019 APS report, previously disseminated, during which he:
    - 1. Indicated that SPED was over budgeted;
    - 2. Indicated salary savings of over \$300,000;
    - 3. Indicated a \$500,000 surplus;
    - 4. Indicated that \$2 million was moved into money markets;
    - 5. Indicated that FPPCS had \$8.4 million in savings; and
    - 6. Indicated that the engagement letter for the annual audit was executed.

## **SECTION III: NEW BUSINESS**

#### A. RESOLUTIONS

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ANITA VEGA-Kaiser

SECOND

TERESA GRUMBRECHT

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# R190619.04 Report of the Business Controller

RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees of First Philadelphia Preparatory 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:

Who	What
P. Costa	As discussed previously.
Board	General discussion.

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R190619.05 Fund Balance

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of First Philadelphia Preparatory Charter School designates estimated ending fund balance for the year ending June 30, 2019 as follows:

Designated for Working Capital	\$3,100,000
Designated for Future PSERS Contribution	\$300,000
Available for Appropriation	\$700,000
Designated for Non-Liquid Assets	\$1,100,000
Total Fund Balance	\$5,200,000

Notes of Discussion / Advance Regulatory and Financial Comment:

Who	What
P. Costa	Indicated purpose of resolution was to make clear the
	funds available at FPPCS.
Board	General discussion

#### R190619.06 Uniform Human Resources Resolution

RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees of First Philadelphia Preparatory Charter School ratifies the human resources changes, modifications and additions as presented.

Notes of Discussion / Advance Regulatory and Financial Comment:

Who	What
J. Gillspie	Discussed changes on manning table
Board	General discussion

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## R190619.07 Uniform Professional Services Resolution

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

FURTHER RESOLVED, the CEO, business controller and general counsel are hereby authorized and directed to negotiate the terms and conditions of those contract/s based upon these Professional Services Proposal/s;

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

Conditions	Contractor	Amount	Comment: Conditions	Terms	and
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None None	None
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Notes of Discussion / Advance Regulatory and Financial Comment:

Who	What
None	None

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ANITA VEGA-KAISER

SECOND

TERESA GRUMBRECHT

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#### R190619.08 Uniform Purchases Resolution

RESOLVED, the Purchase Services, Proposal/s and associated reports listed below are hereby accepted and ratified;

FURTHER RESOLVED, the CEO, business controller and general counsel are hereby authorized and directed to negotiate the terms and conditions of those contract based upon these Purchase Services and Proposal/s;

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

Contractor	Amount	Comment: Terms and Conditions
Renaissance Star	\$26,207.46	Star 360 Subscription Renewal

Notes of Discussion / Advance Regulatory and Financial Comment:

Who	What
J. Gillespie	Indicated purpose of contract

UPON MOTION BY JOHN MACDONALD AND SECOND BY TERESA GRUMBRECHT, THE BOARD UNANIMOUSLY ENTERED INTO EXECTUVIE SESSION FOR PURPOSES DESCRIBED IN 65 PA.C.S.A. § 701(A)(5) TO REVIEW THE SAFETY AND SECURITY PLAN.

UPON MOTION BY JOHN MACDONALD AND SECOND BY TERESA GRUMBRECHT, THE BOARD UNANIMOUSLY ENTERED INTO OPEN SESSION.

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TERESA GRUMBRECHT

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R190619.09 Safety and Security Plan

RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees of First Philadelphia Preparatory Charter School ratifies the Executive Session to Review the Safety and Security Plan as presented.

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Notes of Discussion / Advance Regulatory and Financial Comment:

Who What

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R190619.10 Title IX Grievance Policy

TERESA GRUMBRECHT

RESOLVED, the First Philadelphia Preparatory Charter School's Board of Trustees ratifies the Title IX Grievance Policy as presented.

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Notes of Discussion / Advance Regulatory and Financial Comment:

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## **B. DISCUSSION AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

UPON MOTION BY ANITA VEGA-KAISER AND SECOND BY JOHN MACDONALD, THE BOARD UNANIMOUSLY ENTERED INTO EXECTUVIE SESSION FOR PURPOSES DESCRIBED IN 65 PA.C.S.A. § 701(A)(1).

UPON MOTION BY JOHN MACDONALD AND SECOND BY ANITA VEGA-KAISER, THE BOARD UNANIMOUSLY ENTERED INTO OPEN SESSION.

## Dr. Joseph Gillespie:

Indicated to the Board that there were necessary capital improvements, including making copy room more centralized and egress exit corrections, which would require a separate Board meeting to approve.

#### Board:

- Expressed disappointment in appearances of 8th graders at recent graduation and indicated that next year all graduates should wear gowns.
- NEXT BOARD MEETING: August 21, 2019

# ADJOURNMENT @ 8:43PM

MOTION

ANITA VEGA-KAISER

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JOHN MACDONALD

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