

FIRST PHILADELPHIA PREPARATORY
CHARTER SCHOOL
4300 TACONY STREET
PHILADELPHIA, PA 19142

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

LOCATION:

ZOOM CONFERENCE CALL DUE TO STAY AT HOME ORDER BY THE GOVERNOR

DATE & TIME:

MAY 26, 2020

8:00 PM

Minutes

SECTION I: CALL TO ORDER

Opening Colloquy

This meeting of the First Philadelphia Preparatory Charter School Board of Trustees is hereby called to Order. The time is 7:50 p.m. My name is John MacDonald. I am the President of this Board of Trustees and I will facilitate this meeting.

As we know, Governor Wolf of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania has declared a state of emergency in response to the global Coronavirus pandemic. In order to protect the health, welfare, and safety of the school community, this meeting is being held via teleconference. This is a public meeting that was properly advertised pursuant to the Pennsylvania Sunshine Act in the Philadelphia Daily News. 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 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:
Karin Coger Julani Ghana Anita Vega-Kaiser John MacDonald Barbara Saunders	Daniel Saidel, Esq. David Annecharico, Esq. Dean Krebs, Esq. Abigail Lipow, Esq.
Board Members Absent: Duane White Teresa Grumbrecht	

B. DISCLOSURE: EXECUTIVE SESSION BY JOHN MACDONALD

I would like to state, for purposes of the Minutes of this meeting that on May 26, 2020, the Board of Trustees met in Executive Session for the following purposes under 65 P.S. § 708:

(x) Certain Employee Issues. To discuss any matter involving the employment, appointment, termination of employment, terms and conditions of employment, evaluation of performance, promotion or disciplining of any specific prospective public officer or employee or current public officer or employee employed or appointed by the agency, or former public officer or employee, provided, however, that the individual employees or appointees whose rights could be adversely affected may request, in writing, that the matter or matters be discussed at an open meeting. The agency's decision to discuss such matters in executive session shall not serve to adversely affect the due process rights granted by law, including those granted by Title 2 (relating to administrative law and procedure).

(x) Consultation with Professional Advisor or Attorney. To consult with its attorney or other professional advisor regarding information or strategy in connection with litigation or with issues on which identifiable complaints are expected to be filed.

(x) Discuss Confidential Matters. To review and discuss agency business which, if conducted in public, would violate a lawful privilege or lead to the disclosure of information or confidentiality protected by law, including matters related to the initiation and conduct of investigations of possible or certain violations of the law and quasi-judicial deliberations.

C. Approval of Agenda

MOTION

ANITA VEGA-
KAISER

SECOND

JULANI GHANA

VOTE:

PASS

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R200526.01 Approval of the May 26, 2020 Agenda

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of First Philadelphia Preparatory Charter School hereby approves the May 26, 2020 Agenda.

Notes of Discussion / Advance Regulatory and Financial Comment:

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

SECTION IV: OLD BUSINESS

MOTION

JULANI GHANA

SECOND

BARBARA
SAUNDERS

VOTE:

PASS

FAIL

R200520.04 Approval of 2020-21 School Year Budget

RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees of First Philadelphia Preparatory Charter School ratifies and approves of the 2020-21 School Year Budget, as presented.

FURTHER RESOLVED, the CEO, in consultation with the business controller and general counsel, is authorized to execute any document or delegate any task necessary to effect this resolution.

ROLL CALL

Karin Coger - *aye*
Julani Ghana - *aye*
Teresa Grumbrecht - *absent*
Anita Vega-Kaiser - *aye*
John MacDonald - *aye*
Barbara Saunders - *aye*
Duane White - *absent*

Notes of Discussion / Advance Regulatory and Financial Comment:

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

SECTION IV: NEW BUSINESS

A. RESOLUTIONS

MOTION

ANITA VEGA-
KAISER

SECOND

JULANI GHANA

VOTE:

[X] PASS

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R200526.02 Termination of Employment: Dr. Joseph Gillespie

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of First Philadelphia Preparatory Charter School on January 15, 2020 by Resolution R200115.11 placed Dr. Joseph Gillespie on paid administrative leave effective January 15, 2020;

RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees of First Philadelphia Preparatory Charter School hereby terminates the employment of Dr. Joseph Gillespie, effective June 30, 2020 (the “Termination Date”);

FURTHER RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees of First Philadelphia Preparatory Charter School hereby continues Dr. Joseph Gillespie’s paid administrative leave up to and including the Termination Date;

FURTHER RESOLVED, Dr. Carleene Slowick, Interim CEO or any officer of this Board is directed and authorized to execute any document necessary and delegate any duty and responsibility to effect this resolution in consultation with Sand and Saidel P.C., General Counsel.

ROLL CALL

Karin Coger - *aye*
Julani Ghana - *aye*
Teresa Grumbrecht - *absent*
Anita Vega-Kaiser - *aye*
John MacDonald - *aye*
Barbara Saunders - *aye*
Duane White – *absent*

Notes of Discussion / Advance Regulatory and Financial Comment:

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

MOTION
 KARIN COGER
 SECOND
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 SAUNDERS
 VOTE:
 [X] PASS
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R200526.03 Termination of Employment: Brian Fisher

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of First Philadelphia Preparatory Charter School on January 15, 2020 by Resolution R200115.12 placed Brian Fisher on paid administrative leave effective January 15, 2020;

RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees of First Philadelphia Preparatory Charter School hereby terminates the employment of Brian Fisher, effective June 30, 2020 (the “Termination Date”);

FURTHER RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees of First Philadelphia Preparatory Charter School hereby continues Brian Fisher’s paid administrative leave up to and including the Termination Date;

FURTHER RESOLVED, Dr. Carleene Slowick, Interim CEO or any officer of this Board is directed and authorized to execute any document necessary and delegate any duty and responsibility to effect this resolution in consultation with Sand and Saidel P.C., General Counsel.

ROLL CALL

Karin Coger - *aye*
 Julani Ghana - *aye*
 Teresa Grumbrecht - *absent*
 Anita Vega-Kaiser - *aye*
 John MacDonald - *aye*
 Barbara Saunders - *aye*
 Duane White – *absent*

Notes of Discussion / Advance Regulatory and Financial Comment:

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

B. DISCUSSION AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Board agreed to meet with Mr. Michael Thomson of Santilli & Thomson, LLC on June 3, 2020 at 7:00pm to review the financial reports.

NEXT BOARD MEETING: June 17, 2020

ADJOURNMENT AT 8:00PM

MOTION

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SECOND

JG

VOTE:

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