

FIRST PHILADELPHIA PREPARATORY
CHARTER SCHOOL
4300 TACONY STREET
PHILADELPHIA, PA 19124

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

LOCATION:
ZOOM CONFERENCE

DATE & TIME:
MARCH 26, 2025
6:00 P.M.

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 6:05p.m. My name is Anita Vega-Kaiser. 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:
Anita Vega-Kaiser – President Dr. Martha J. Ritter – Vice-President Teresa Grumbrecht - Treasurer ShoShana Skates – Secretary MyDirah Littlepage-Saunders Board Members Absent:	Deborah Smith Jessica Marsico Deanna Smith Dr. Erina Pearlstein Ashley Redfearn Kristine Magargee Scott Kramer Peter Costa Dean Krebs, Esq. Barbara L. Saunders John Bish Samantha Lyons, WesGold Fellows

B. DISCLOSURE: EXECUTIVE SESSION *BY ANITA VEGA-KAISER*

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:

MYDIRAH
LITTLEPAGE-
SAUNDERS

SECOND:

TERESA
GRUMBRECHT

VOTE:

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R250326.01 Approval of the March 26, 2025 Agenda

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of First Philadelphia Preparatory Charter School hereby approves the March 26, 2025 Agenda.

Notes of Discussion / Advance Regulatory and Financial Comment:

Who	What
Board	General discussion

MOTION:

SHOSHANA
SAUNDERS

R250326.02 Minutes of the February 26, 2025 Meeting

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of First Philadelphia Preparatory Charter School hereby approves the Minutes of the

SECOND:
MARTHA RITTER

VOTE:
[X] PASS
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February 26, 2025 meeting of the Board of Trustees of First Philadelphia Preparatory 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. FIRST PHILADELPHIA PREPARATORY CHARTER SCHOOL

- a. *Ms. Samantha Lyons, WesGold Fellows*
 - i. *Discussed VestedIn, a community development financial institution wherein they provide small business loans, in which they have the WesGold Fellows; they facilitate economic development through youth; and*
 - ii. *Shared the fellowship programming, real estate, entrepreneurship, public speaking, financial literacy.*
- b. *Ms. Deborah Smith, CEO of FPPCS, Ms. Jennifer Marsico, Deanna Smith, and Dr. Erina Pearlstein, Principals of FPPCS*
 - i. *Reviewed and discussed with the Board the March 2025 CEO report, previously disseminated to the Board;*
 - ii. *Shared enrollment / attendance / discipline data;*
 - iii. *Shared that FPPCS has its 3rd crossing guard, and that parents have been informed to drop-off students near crossing guards;*
 - iv. *Shared June 12, 2025 graduation date at Holy Family;*
 - v. *Reviewed Safety drills conducted; and*
 - vi. *Shared various school trips.*

B. BUSINESS CONTROLLER

- a. *Peter Costa, Santilli & Thomson, LLC*
 - i. *Reviewed and discussed with the Board the February 2025 financial reports, previously disseminated to the Board.*

C. AMERICAN PARADIGM SCHOOLS

- a. *Ms. Ashley Redfearn, CEO of APS, Mr. Scott Kramer, CTO of APS, and Ms. Kristine Magargee, CAO of APS, reviewed and discussed with the Board the March 2025 APS report, previously disseminated to the Board.*

D. GENERAL COUNSEL

- a. *Dean Krebs, Esq.*
- i. *Reviewed and discussed resolutions on agenda*

SECTION III: OLD BUSINESS

NONE

SECTION IV: NEW BUSINESS

A. RESOLUTIONS

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SAUNDERS

SECOND:

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VOTE:

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R250326.03 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:

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

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SECOND:

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VOTE:

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R250326.04 Human Resources Resolution

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of First Philadelphia Preparatory Charter School accepts the Human Resources changes, modifications, and additions, as presented.

HIRES / RATE CHANGE / POSITION CHANGE / RETURN LOA		
NAME	TITLE	START DATE
None	None	None

MOTION:

SHOSHANA
SKATES

SECOND:

MARTHA
RITTER

VOTE:

[X] PASS

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MOTION:

TERESA
GRUMBRECHT

SECOND:

TERMINATIONS / RESIGNATIONS / LOA		
NAME	TITLE	EFFECTIVE DATE
Aneesah Izzard (resignation)	Middle School ELA	3/1/2025
Brittany Parkinson (LOA)	ES SPED Teacher	3/12/2025

Notes of Discussion / Advance Regulatory and Financial Comment:

Who	What

R241218.05 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
Abington Speech	Speech Pathology/OT/PT: \$80/hr BCBA: \$110/hr RBT: \$45/hr	Staffing services 2025-26 SY

R250326.05 Approval of Property Purchase of 4311 Tacony St., 4341 Tacony, 4230 Melrose

WHEREAS, Frankford Valley Foundation of Literacy I ("FVFLI") seeks to purchase parcels of property in Philadelphia, PA known as 4311 Tacony St., 4341

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Tacony, and 4230 Melrose in furtherance of its exempt purpose as a tax-exempt supporting organization of First Philadelphia Preparatory Charter School (“FPPCS”)

WHEREAS, as a supporting organization of FPPCS, FPPCS maintains an applicable level of control over FVFLI.

WHEREAS, in furtherance of purchasing the Property, FVFLI may need to conduct certain activities, including, but not limited to, entering into a letter of intent, conducting due diligence, and entering into an agreement of sale (the “Activities”).

RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees of FPPCS hereby ratifies and approves of FVFLI performing all appropriate Activities, as determined by FVFLI, in order to purchase the Property, and approves of the Board of FVFLI to perform such Activities.

Notes of Discussion / Advance Regulatory and Financial Comment:

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

ROLL CALL

Anita Vega-Kaiser - aye
Dr. Martha J. Ritter - ay
Teresa Grumbrecht - aye
ShoShana Skates - aye
MyDirah Littlepage-Saunders - aye

B. DISCUSSION AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

NEXT BOARD MEETING: APRIL 23, 2025 AT 6:00 P.M.

ADJOURNMENT AT 7:13 P.M.

MOTION:

TERESA GRUMBRECHT

SECOND:

MARTHA RITTER

VOTE:

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