

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

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

LOCATION:
ZOOM CONFERENCE

DATE & TIME:
MARCH 25, 2026
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 6:03 p.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: |
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| Anita Vega-Kaiser – President Dr. Martha J. Ritter – Vice-President Teresa Grumbrecht - Treasurer ShoShana Skates – Secretary Dr. MyDirah Littlepage-Saunders Pablo Mateo | Deborah Smith Ashley Redfearn Kristine Magargee Scott Kramer Samuel Mercanti Dean Krebs, Esq. Khalad Ashraf |
| Board Members Absent: | |

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:

TG

SECOND:

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VOTE:

PASS

FAIL

R260325.01 Approval of the March 25, 2026 Agenda

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of First Philadelphia Preparatory Charter School hereby approves the March 25, 2026 Agenda.

Notes of Discussion / Advance Regulatory and Financial Comment:

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

MOTION:

TG

SECOND:

MR

VOTE:

PASS

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R260325.02 Minutes of the February 25, 2026 Meeting

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of First Philadelphia Preparatory Charter School hereby approves the Minutes of the February 25, 2026 meeting of the Board of Trustees of First Philadelphia Preparatory Charter School.

Notes of Discussion / Advance Regulatory and Financial Comment:

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| Board | General discussion |
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SECTION II: REPORTS

A. COMMUNITY COMMENT

None

Notes of Discussion / Advance Regulatory and Financial Comment:

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

A. FIRST PHILADELPHIA PREPARATORY CHARTER SCHOOL

- a. *Ms. Deborah Smith, CEO of FPPCS*
 - i. *Reviewed and discussed with the Board the March 2026 CEO report, previously disseminated to the Board;*
 - ii. *Shared enrollment and attendance data with the Board;*
 - iii. *Shared date of next food giveaway as March 26, 2026;*
 - iv. *Informed the Board of upcoming PSSA testing and preparations being made;*
 - v. *Shared building work required on foundation wall; and*
 - vi. *Reviewed and discussed various school event highlights.*

B. AMERICAN PARADIGM SCHOOLS

- a. *Ms. Ashley Redfearn, CEO of APS; Ms. Kristine Magargee, CAO of APS, and Mr. Scott Kramer, CHRO of APS*
 - i. *Reviewed and discussed with March 2026 APS report*
 - ii. *Shared engagement surveys and open enrollment, and*
 - iii. *Shared changes in certification throughout network, noting initiatives being used to promote certification, including with Point Park University*
 - iv. *shared emergency Permit increases in Philadelphia by subject.*

C. BUSINESS CONTROLLER

- a. *Mr. Samuel Mercanti, Santilli & Thomson*
 - i. *Reviewed and discussed with the Board the March 2026 financials, previously disseminated with the Board.*

D. GENERAL COUNSEL

- a. *None*

SECTION III: OLD BUSINESS

NONE

SECTION IV: NEW BUSINESS

A. RESOLUTIONS

MOTION:

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SECOND:

MR

VOTE:

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R260325.03 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.

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R260325.04 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 |
|-----------------------|---------------|---|
| O'Donnell & Naccarato | \$19,000 | Structural engineering services regarding foundation wall |

Notes of Discussion / Advance Regulatory and Financial Comment:

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R260325.05 Election of Khalad Ashraf as Trustee

RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees of First Philadelphia Preparatory Charter School hereby elects Khalad Ashraf to the Board of Trustees of First Philadelphia Preparatory Charter School, effective March 25, 2026.

FURTHER RESOLVED, General Counsel is directed to administer the oath of office.

Notes of Discussion / Advance Regulatory and Financial Comment:

| <i>Who</i> | <i>What</i> |
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| <i>D. Krebs</i> | <i>Administered oath of office</i> |

UPON MOTION BY TERESA GRUMBRECHT AND SECOND BY SHOSHANA SKATES, THE BOARD ENTERED INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR PURPOSES DESCRIBED UNDER 65 PA.C.S. § 708(A)(5). SPECIFICALLY, TO DISCUSS MATTERS PERTAINING TO RESOLUTION R260325.06 BELOW, WHICH RELATES TO AN ALLEGED COMPENSATORY EDUCATION CLAIM.

UPON MOTION BY TERESA GRUMBRECHT AND SECOND BY SHOSHANA SKATES, THE BOARD ENTERED INTO OPEN SESSION.

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R260325.06 Confidential Settlement and Release Agreement for Student No. 10014696

RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees of First Philadelphia Preparatory Charter School hereby approves of the Confidential Settlement and Release Agreement between itself and Student No. 10014696 pending final legal review.

Notes of Discussion / Advance Regulatory and Financial Comment:

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

B. DISCUSSION AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

NEXT BOARD MEETING: APRIL 22, 2026 AT 6:00 P.M.

ADJOURNMENT AT 7:06 P.M.

MOTION:

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