

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

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

LOCATION:
ZOOM CONFERENCE

DATE & TIME:
APRIL 22, 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 6:03p.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 Dr. MyDirah Littlepage-Saunders Pablo Mateo Board Members Absent: ShoShana Skates – Secretary Khaled Ashraf	Deborah Smith Deanna Smith Jennifer Marsico Dr. Erina Pearlstein Ashley Redfearn Kristine Magargee Scott Kramer Samuel Mercanti Dean Krebs, Esq.

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:

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SECOND:

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VOTE:

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R260422.01 Approval of the April 22, 2026 Agenda

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of First Philadelphia Preparatory Charter School hereby approves the April 22, 2026 Agenda.

Notes of Discussion / Advance Regulatory and Financial Comment:

Who	What
Board	General discussion

MOTION:

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VOTE:

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R260422.02 Minutes of the March 25, 2026 Meeting

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of First Philadelphia Preparatory Charter School hereby approves the Minutes of the March 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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<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. Deborah Smith, CEO of FPPCS*
 - i. *Reviewed and discussed with the Board the April 2026 CEO report;*
 - ii. *Reviewed and discussed enrollment data with the Board;*
 - iii. *Reviewed and discussed suspension data with the Board;*
 - iv. *Shared with the Board updated regarding 4311 Tacony project and facility work at 4300 Tacony.*
- b. *Ms. Jennifer Marsico, K-4 Principal of FPPCS; Ms. Deanna Smith, 5-8 Principal of FPPCS; and Dr. Erica Pearlstein, 9-12 Principal of FPPCS*
 - i. *Each Shared attendance data with the Board for their respective grades;*
 - ii. *Each Shared recent staff observations that were conducted for their respective grades; and*
 - iii. *Each Shared recent community events for their respective grades.*

MS. SHOSHANA SKATES JOINED THE MEETING AT 6:12PM DURING MS. MARSICO'S REPORT

MS. KHALED ASHRAF JOINED THE MEETING AT 6:16PM DURING MS. SMITH'S REPORT

B. AMERICAN PARADIGM SCHOOLS

- a. *Ms. Ashley Redfearn, CEO of APS*
 - i. *Reviewed and discussed with the Board of April 2026 CEO report, previously disseminated to the Board; and*
 - ii. *Informed attendance at SDP budget meeting*
- b. *Mr. Scott Kramer, CHRO of APS*

- i. *Reviewed and discussed with the Board of April 2026 CEO report, previously disseminated to the Board;*
 - ii. *Informed the Board of K-12 SPED apprenticeship that has been reviewed by PDE; and*
 - iii. *Shared strategic partners.*
 - c. *Ms. Kristine Magargee, CAO of APS*
 - i. *Reviewed and discussed with the Board of April 2026 CEO report, previously disseminated to the Board;*
 - ii. *Shared that Math team was focusing on small group instruction; and*
 - iii. *Shared efforts to ensure MTSS is aligned with what is expected for renewal*

C. BUSINESS CONTROLLER

- a. *Mr. Samuel Mercanti, Santilli & Thomson, LLC*
 - i. *Reviewed and discussed with the Board the March 2026 financial reports.*

D. GENERAL COUNSEL

- a. *None*

SECTION III: OLD BUSINESS

NONE

SECTION IV: NEW BUSINESS

A. RESOLUTIONS

MOTION:

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SECOND:

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VOTE:

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R260422.03 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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R260422.04 Professional Services Contract/s Resolution

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

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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
ASPS, Inc.	OT/PT: \$82/hr BCBA: \$110/hr RBT: \$45/hr	Staffing services
Soliant	OT: 106.32/hr	Staffing service
Delta School	\$7,700/ student Per diem rate of \$350	Extended School Year Three (3) Students
Y.A.L.E.	\$442.79 / day	Extended School Year Four (4) Students
GAMUT	BSC: \$120/hr BCA: \$85/hr CIS: \$50/hr RBY: \$44.60/hr ABA: \$42.60/hr CABA: \$50/hr	Staffing services

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R260422.05 Approval of Cost-of-Living Adjustment

RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees of First Philadelphia Preparatory Charter School hereby accepts the Cost-of-Living Adjustment for the 2026-27 FY, as presented.

Notes of Discussion / Advance Regulatory and Financial Comment:

<i>Who</i>	<i>What</i>
<i>S. Kramer</i>	<i>Shared it would be 5% increase across all employees and, due to the timing for next month's meeting, it was asked to be approved tonight.</i>

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UPON MOTION BY PABLO MATEO AND SECOND BY KHALED ASHRAF, THE BOARD UNANIMOUSLY VOTED TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR PURPOSES DESCRIBED UNDER 65 PA.C.S. § 708(A)(7) AND OTHER CONFIDENTIAL MATTERS. SPECIFICALLY, REGARDING RESOLUTION R260422.06 BELOW WHICH PERTAINS TO THOSE REPORTS DESCRIBED UNDER 24 P.S. § 13-1302-E(a)(2)(v) AND 13-1309-B(c)(5).

UPON MOTION BY PABLO MATEO AND SECOND BY KHALED ASHRAF, THE BOARD UNANIMOUSLY ENTERED INTO OPEN SESSION.

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R260422.06 Approval of Safety & Security Plan

RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees of First Philadelphia Preparatory Charter School hereby accepts the Safety & Security Plan, as presented.

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

B. DISCUSSION AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

NEXT BOARD MEETING: MAY 27, 2026 AT 6:00 P.M.

ADJOURNMENT AT 7:16 P.M.

MOTION:

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