

**GENERAL DAVID B. BIRNEY CHARTER SCHOOL**  
**900 W. Lindley Avenue**  
**Philadelphia, PA 19141**  
**BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING**  
**SEPTEMBER 19, 2017**  
**6:00 PM**

**AGENDA**

**SECTION I: CALL TO ORDER**

*Opening Colloquy*

This September 19, 2017 Board of Trustees meeting of the General David B. Birney Charter School Board of Trustees is hereby called to Order. The time is \_\_\_\_\_ pm. My name is Lisa Johnson. I am the President of this Board of Trustees and I will facilitate this meeting.

This is a public meeting of the Board of Trustees of the General David B. Birney Charter School that was properly advertised pursuant to the Pennsylvania Sunshine Act. The public meeting schedule is posted at the school and on the website in the monthly calendar.

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 pm 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**

Lisa Johnson — President  
Jane McAndrew  
Ana Christina Melhor  
Barbara Saunders — Secretary/Treasurer

**Board Members Present:**

**By Invitation: Non-Board Members:**

Kareem Thomas, CEO  
William Wilkins, Esq.  
Peter Costa, Santilli and Thomson  
Richard Trzaska, APS CEO

**Board Members Absent**

## B. Chairperson's Disclosure: Executive Session

1. I'd 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.

**OR**

2. I'd like to state, for purposes of the Minutes of this meeting that on \_\_\_\_\_, 2017, the Board of Trustees met in Executive Session for the following purposes under 65 P.S. § 708:

( ) 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).

( ) Labor Relations. To hold information, strategy and negotiation sessions related to labor relations and/or arbitration.

( ) Purchase or Lease of Real Property. To consider the purchase or lease of real property up to the time an option to purchase or lease the real property is obtained or up to the time an agreement to purchase or lease such property is obtained if the agreement is obtained directly without an option.

( ) 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.

( ) 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.

Additional Notes for Minutes of Meeting:

### C. Approval of Agenda

MOTION

**Resolution 17091901**

SECOND

**Approval of the Agenda**

VOICE:

PASS

FAIL

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of General David B. Birney Charter School hereby approves the **September 19, 2017** Agenda.

*Notes of Discussion / Advance Regulatory and Financial Comment:*

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

### D. Approval of Minutes

MOTION

**Resolution 17091902**

SECOND

**Approval of the August 29, 2017 Board Meeting Minutes**

VOICE:

PASS

FAIL

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of General David B. Birney Charter School hereby approves the Minutes of the **August 29, 2017** meeting of the Board of Trustees of General David B. Birney Charter School.

*Notes of Discussion / Advance Regulatory and Financial Comment:*

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

## SECTION II: Reports

### A. Community Comment

*Community Comment Colloquy (General Counsel)*

Good Evening, my name is William Wilkins with Sand & Sidel, P.C., General Counsel to the General David B. Birney 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.

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

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- B. General David B. Birney Charter School CEO
- C. American Paradigm Schools CEO
- D. Business Controller

**SECTION III: UNFINISHED BUSINESS** — NONE

**SECTION IV: NEW BUSINESS**

A. RESOLUTIONS

MOTION

SECOND

VOTE:

PASS

FAIL

**Resolution 17091903 Report of Kareem Thomas, Chief Executive Officer of General David B. Birney Charter School**

RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of General David B. Birney Charter School hereby accepts the report of Kareem Thomas, Chief Executive Officer of General David B. Birney Charter School and hereby incorporates into these minutes by reference the written report and the documents presented by Kareem Thomas, CEO to the board.

*Notes of Discussion / Advance Regulatory and Financial Comment:*

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

MOTION

SECOND

VOTE:

PASS

FAIL

**Resolution 17091904 Report of Richard Trzaska, Chief Executive Officer of American Paradigm Schools**

RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of General David B. Birney Charter School hereby accepts the report of Richard Trzaska, Chief Executive Officer of American Paradigm Schools and hereby incorporates into these minutes by reference the written report and the documents presented by Richard Trzaska, CEO.

*Notes of Discussion / Advance Regulatory and Financial Comment:*

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

MOTION

SECOND

**Resolution 17091905 Report of Peter Costa, Business Controller**

VOTE:  
 PASS  
 FAIL

RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of General David B. Birney Charter School hereby reviews and accepts the Financial Report of Peter Costa and hereby incorporates into these minutes by reference the Treasurer's Report and the documents presented by Peter Costa to the board.

*Notes of Discussion / Advance Regulatory and Financial Comment:*

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

MOTION

**Resolution 17091906 Human Resources**

SECOND

RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees of General David B. Birney Charter School accepts the human resources changes, modifications and additions as presented below.

VOTE:  
 PASS  
 FAIL

<u>New Hires</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Start Date</u>	<u>Salary</u>
<u>Resignations</u>			
<u>/</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>End Date</u>	
<u>Terminations</u>			
		8/21/17	
Marvelous Richardson	Cafeteria/ Recess Aide		

*Notes of Discussion / Advance Regulatory and Financial Comment:*

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

**SECTION VII: DISCUSSION AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

# Adjournment

MOTION

SECOND

VOTE:

PASS

FAIL

