

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

Minutes

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 6:00 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

Board Members Present:

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

By Invitation: Non-Board Members:

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

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.

C. Approval of Agenda

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Resolution 17091901 Approval of the Agenda

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>
<i>Board</i>	<i>General Discussion</i>

D. Approval of Minutes

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Resolution 17091902 Approval of the August 29, 2017 Board Meeting Minutes

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>
<i>Board</i>	<i>General Discussion</i>

SECTION II: Reports

A. Community Comment—Moot

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>
<i>None</i>	<i>None</i>

B. General David B. Birney Charter School CEO

K. Thomas reviewed the written monthly CEO report, a copy of which is incorporated hereto, highlighting:

+ Facilities update;

+ Academic programming for all scholars at Lindley Academy Charter School;

+ STAR screening that was administered and the results of same;

+ Professional development and growth;

+ Community involvement; and

+ Enrollment; Attendance; Discipline & Special Education reports.

K. Thomas introduced Michael Thompson, Building Engineer, to the Board. Mr. Thompson discussed his professional background and experience with the Board.

C. American Paradigm Schools CEO

R. Trzaska reviewed the written monthly report of American Paradigm Schools, a copy of which is incorporated by reference herein, highlighting:

+ Professional development, geared towards academic achievement;

+ Facilities report; and

+ Human resources—vacant positions and attempts to fill such positions.

D. Business Controller

P. Costa reviewed an internal draft written financial report.

SECTION III: UNFINISHED BUSINESS — NONE

SECTION IV: NEW BUSINESS

A. RESOLUTIONS

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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>
<i>Board</i>	<i>General Discussion</i>

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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>
<i>Board</i>	<i>General Discussion</i>

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Resolution 17091905 Report of Peter Costa, Business Controller

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>
<i>Board</i>	<i>General Discussion</i>

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Resolution 17091906 Human Resources

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

Resignations

<u>/</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>End</u>
<u>Terminations</u>		<u>Date</u>
Marvelous		8/21/1
Richardson	Cafeteria/	7

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Notes of Discussion / Advance Regulatory and Financial Comment:

<i>Who</i>	<i>What</i>
<i>K. Thomas</i>	<i>Presented the reason for the resignation.</i>

SECTION VII: DISCUSSION AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

NONE

Adjournment
@ 7:01 pm

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