

LINDLEY ACADEMY CHARTER SCHOOL AT BIRNEY
900 W. Lindley Avenue¹
Philadelphia, PA 19141
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
DECEMBER 1, 2020
6:00 PM

MINUTES

SECTION I: CALL TO ORDER

Opening Colloquy

This December 1, 2020 Board of Trustees meeting of the Lindley Academy Charter School at Birney Board of Trustees is hereby called to Order. The time is 6:06 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 Lindley Academy Charter School at Birney 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
Ana Christina Melhor — Secretary
Barbara Saunders — Vice President
Regina Felder — Trustee
Evette Bowman — Treasurer
Reginald Howard — Trustee

Board Members Present:

Lisa Johnson
Barbara Saunders
Regina Felder
Evette Bowman

By Invitation: Non-Board Members:

Dr. Margery Covello, CEO
Nancy White, Principal
Ralph Lovelidge, Principal
Elaine Latimer, Director of SPED

¹ This meeting is being publicly held through a zoom conference, which is open to members of the public online via <https://zoom.us/j/99860656329> or by telephone at 1-646-558-8656.

Reginald Howard

Andrea Brock, Director of Operations
Kwanza Howard, Assistant Principal
Caroline Lembo, Librarian
Akelia Burke, Social Worker
David Hussey, Esq.
Jessica Bassett
Peter Costa, Santilli and Thomson
Ashley Redfearn, Executive Director, APS
Katie Santilli, CBO, APS
Scott Kramer, CTO, APS
Brandie Hill, Teacher
Maurice Allen, Teacher
Emily Nowalski, SPED Teacher
Garry Beverly, Climate Manager

Board Members Absent

Ana Christina Melhor

B. Chairperson's Disclosure: Executive Session

I would like to state, for purposes of the Minutes of this meeting that the Board of Trustees will not meet in Executive Session during this meeting.

C. Approval of Agenda

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**Resolution 20120101
Approval of the Agenda**

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of Lindley Academy Charter School at Birney hereby approves the **December 1, 2020** Agenda.

Notes of Discussion / Advance Regulatory and Financial Comment:

<i>Who</i>	<i>What</i>
<i>Board</i>	<i>Reviewed the agenda</i>

D. Approval of Minutes

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**Resolution 20120102
Approval of the November 17, 2020 Board Meeting Minutes**

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of Lindley Academy Charter School at Birney hereby approves the Minutes of the **November 17, 2020** meeting of the Board of Trustees of Lindley Academy Charter School at Birney.

Notes of Discussion / Advance Regulatory and Financial Comment:

<i>Who</i>	<i>What</i>
<i>Board</i>	<i>Reviewed the draft minutes</i>

SECTION II: Reports

A. Community Comment

Community Comment Colloquy (General Counsel)

Good Evening, my name is David Hussey with Sand & Saidel, P.C., General Counsel to the Lindley Academy Charter School at Birney 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>

A. Lindley Academy Charter School at Birney CEO

Dr. Covello presented the monthly CEO report, a copy of which is incorporated by reference herein, highlighting a successful second round of distribution of supplies to students for remote learning.

A. Burke, C. Lembo, and K. Howard presented regarding Lindley's 4 Steps Toward Equity program, highlighting:

- + The origins and development of the program, including the school's Let's Talk Forum that was started following the murder of George Floyd;*
- + The program's mission to shape a caring school community that supports Black Lives Matter;*
- + An overview of the 4 Steps Toward Equity;*
- + Efforts to promote ongoing improvement and development of the program; and*
- + Speaking events sponsored as part of the program.*

The Board praised Lindley Academy's efforts to promote an inclusive community, including efforts to assist students experiencing homelessness.

B. American Paradigm Schools

A. Redfearn presented the monthly report of APS, a copy of which is incorporated by reference herein, highlighting:

- + The importance of the caring school community and school leadership;*

+ CEO collaboration among APS schools, particularly during the COVID emergency;
and

+ The status of reopening plans.

The Board praised APS's new teacher induction program.

C. Business Controller

P. Costa presented the monthly report of the business controller, a copy of which is incorporated by reference herein. Dr. Covello reported upon PCCD and ESSER grant spending.

SECTION III: UNFINISHED BUSINESS — NONE

SECTION IV: NEW BUSINESS

A. RESOLUTIONS

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Resolution 20120103 Approval of Reports

RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of Lindley Academy Charter School at Birney hereby accepts the report of the CEO of Lindley Academy Charter School at Birney and hereby incorporates into these minutes by reference the written report and the documents presented by the School Administration to the Board;

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of Lindley Academy Charter School at Birney hereby accepts the report of American Paradigm Schools and hereby incorporates into these minutes by reference the written report and the documents presented by American Paradigm Schools to the Board; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of Lindley Academy Charter School at Birney 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>

Resolution 20120104 Instructional Time Schedule

RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees of Lindley Academy Charter School at Birney hereby approves the Emergency Instructional Time Template, as presented; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees of Lindley Academy Charter

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School at Birney hereby approves the weekly instructional calendar, as presented.

Notes of Discussion / Advance Regulatory and Financial Comment:

<i>Who</i>	<i>What</i>
<i>Dr. Covello</i>	<i>Reported upon the emergency instructional time template submission</i>

SECTION VII: DISCUSSION AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ❖ L. JOHNSON EXPRESSED HER WISHES THAT EVERYONE REMAIN SAFE DURING THE ONGOING COVID EMERGENCY
- ❖ NEXT BOARD MEETING: TUESDAY JANUARY 19TH, 2021 @ 6PM

Adjournment @7:04 pm

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