

LINDLEY ACADEMY CHARTER SCHOOL AT BIRNEY
900 W. Lindley Avenue¹
Philadelphia, PA 19141
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
APRIL 20, 2021
6:00 PM

MINUTES

SECTION I: CALL TO ORDER

Opening Colloquy

This April 20, 2021 Board of Trustees meeting of the Lindley Academy Charter School at Birney Board of Trustees is hereby called to Order. The time is 6:04 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

Board Members:

Lisa Johnson — President
Ana Christina Melhor — Secretary
Barbara Saunders — Vice President
Regina Felder — Trustee

Board Members Absent:

Evette Bowman — Treasurer
Reginald Howard — Trustee

By Invitation: Non-Board Members:

Dr. Margery Covello, CEO
Nancy White, Principal
Ralph Lovelidge, Principal
Elaine Latimer, Director of SPED
Andrea Brock, Director of Operations
Kristine Magargee, APS CAO
Katie Santilli, CBO, APS
Scott Kramer, CTO, APS
Peter Costa, Santilli & Thomson, LLC
Michael Thomson, Santilli & Thomson,

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.

LLC
David Annecharico, Esq.
Jessica Bassett

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 meet in Executive Session for the following purposes under 65 P.S. § 708:

(x) 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.

C. Approval of Agenda

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Resolution 21042001
Approval of the Agenda

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of Lindley Academy Charter School at Birney hereby approves the **April 20, 2021** 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 21042002
Approval of the March 16, 2021 Board Meeting Minutes

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of Lindley Academy Charter School at Birney hereby approves the Minutes of the **March 16, 2021** 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 March minutes</i>

SECTION II: Reports

A. Community Comment

Community Comment Colloquy (General Counsel)

Good Evening, my name is David Annecharico with Sand & Sidel, 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>

B. Lindley Academy Charter School at Birney CEO

Dr. Covello presented the monthly written report of the CEO, a copy of which is incorporated by reference herein, highlighting:

- +The impact of current events upon the school community;*
- + Lindley Academy’s return to in-person instruction;*
- + That Lindley Academy has surpassed 100,000 free meals served during the pandemic and will continue to serve meals during the summer;*
- + Updates regarding charter renewal;*
- + Enrollment for the upcoming 2021-22 school year;*
- + PSSA and PASA testing, which will begin in May;*
- + Summer programming;*
- + Outreach and activities, including plans for 8th grade graduation;*
- + Plans for upcoming facilities projects; and*
- + Professional development.*

Dr. Covello and the Board discussed and congratulated LaShan Rose for her receipt of an award from the National Science Teaching Association.

C. American Paradigm Schools

S. Kramer reported upon APS’s ongoing DEI initiative and staffing updates. K. Magargee reported upon ongoing CEO collaboration. K. Santilli reported upon ongoing facilities projects and plans.

D. Business Controller

P. Costa presented the monthly written report of the business controller, a copy of which is incorporated by reference herein, highlighting:

- + Revenue increases due to increased special education enrollment; and
- + Areas of savings from budgeted expenditures.

P. Costa additionally reviewed the draft 2021-22 budget, a version of which was reviewed with the Board during the April meeting, highlighting:

- + Revenue assumptions;
- + Salary increases;
- + Additional staffing; and
- + Medical insurance cost decreases.

M. Covello and the Board discussed proposed staffing changes and the Board expressed its desire to increase student services to address learning loss suffered by students throughout the pandemic.

SECTION III: UNFINISHED BUSINESS — NONE

SECTION IV: NEW BUSINESS

A. RESOLUTIONS

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Resolution 21042003 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; 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 of Santilli & Thomson 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 21042004 Parent and Family Engagement Policy

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RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of Lindley Academy Charter School at Birney hereby approves the Title I Parent and Family Engagement Policy, as presented.

Notes of Discussion / Advance Regulatory and Financial Comment:

<i>Who</i>	<i>What</i>
<i>M. Covello; Board</i>	<i>Discussed proposed updates to the existing policy</i>

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Resolution 21042005 Staff Stipends

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of Lindley Academy Charter School at Birney hereby approves the following stipends for participation in the Springboard Collaborative program, as presented.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Lashan Rose	\$1,170
Brandie Hill	\$1,850
Stephanie Twist	\$2,060
Christine Daniels	\$2,060
Iesha Nelson	\$2,500

Notes of Discussion / Advance Regulatory and Financial Comment:

<i>Who</i>	<i>What</i>
<i>M. Covello</i>	<i>Reported upon the purpose of the proposed stipends, which is to compensate teachers who participated in the recent Springboard program</i>

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Resolution 21042006 Health Insurance Plan Renewal

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of Lindley Academy Charter School at Birney hereby approves renewal of its employee health insurance plan with Independence Blue Cross, as presented.

Notes of Discussion / Advance Regulatory and Financial Comment:

<i>Who</i>	<i>What</i>
<i>M. Covello; S. Kramer</i>	<i>Reported upon the proposed health plan renewal, including changes to the rates</i>

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Resolution 21042007 2021-22 Board Meeting Calendar

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of Lindley Academy Charter School at Birney hereby approves the following board meeting calendar for the 2021-

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22 school year:

August 17, 2021
 September 21, 2021
 October 19, 2021
 November 16, 2021
 December 7, 2021
 January 18, 2022
 February 15, 2022
 March 15, 2022
 April 19, 2022
 May 17, 2022
 June 21, 2022

FURTHER RESOLVED, that each of the foregoing board meetings shall be held at 900 Lindley Avenue, Philadelphia, PA 19141 at 6:00 pm.

Notes of Discussion / Advance Regulatory and Financial Comment:

<i>Who</i>	<i>What</i>
<i>M. Covello</i>	<i>Reviewed the proposed board meeting calendar and highlighted the December meeting date</i>

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Resolution 21042008 2021-22 School Academic Calendar

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of Lindley Academy Charter School at Birney hereby approves the 2021-22 school academic calendar, as presented.

Notes of Discussion / Advance Regulatory and Financial Comment:

<i>Who</i>	<i>What</i>
<i>M. Covello</i>	<i>Reviewed and discussed the proposed 2021-22 school calendar</i>

SECTION VII: DISCUSSION AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ❖ STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL INTERESTS ARE DUE MAY 1, 2021. BOARD MEMBERS AND ADMINISTRATORS WHO REQUIRE ASSISTANCE ARE ENCOURAGED TO REACH OUT TO THE CEO.
- ❖ NEXT BOARD MEETING: TUESDAY MAY 18TH, 2021 @ 6PM

Upon Motion by A. Melbor, Seconded by B. Saunders, the Board voted to enter into executive session to discuss confidential matters.

Upon Motion A. Melbor, Seconded by B. Saunders the Board voted to adjourn from executive session at 7:13 pm.

Adjournment @ 7:15 pm

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