

LINDLEY ACADEMY CHARTER SCHOOL AT BIRNEY
900 W. Lindley Avenue¹
Philadelphia, PA 19141
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
OCTOBER 19, 2021
6:00 PM

MINUTES

SECTION I: CALL TO ORDER

Opening Colloquy

This October 19, 2021 Board of Trustees meeting of the Lindley Academy Charter School at Birney Board of Trustees is hereby called to Order. The time is 6:07 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
Ana Christina Melhor
Barbara Saunders
Reginald Howard

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.

Regina Felder

Sean Murphy, Director of Climate
Garry Beverly, Vice Principal
David Hussey, Esq.
Peter Costa, Santilli and Thomson
Michael Thomson, Santilli and Thomson
Ashley Redfearn, CEO, APS
Scott Kramer, CTO, APS
Kristine Magargee, CAO, APS
Scott Meltzer, Director of Curriculum and Instruction for Math, APS
Gabrielle Alfaro, Math Coach / Curriculum Specialist, APS

Board Members Absent:

Evette Bowman

B. Chairperson's Disclosure: Executive Session

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

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**Resolution 21101901
Approval of the Agenda**

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of Lindley Academy Charter School at Birney hereby approves the **October 19, 2021** Agenda.

Notes of Discussion / Advance Regulatory and Financial Comment:

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

D. Approval of Minutes

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**Resolution 21101902
Approval of the September 21, 2021 Board Meeting Minutes**

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of Lindley Academy Charter School at Birney hereby approves the Minutes of the **September 21, 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> |
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| <i>Board</i> | <i>Reviewed the September minutes</i> |

SECTION II: Reports

A. Community Comment

Community Comment Colloquy (General Counsel)

Good Evening, my name is David Hussey 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.

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| <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 CEO report, a copy of which is incorporated by reference herein.

C. American Paradigm Schools

A. Redfearn presented the monthly written APS report, a copy of which is incorporated by reference herein. A. Redfearn discussed the importance of providing students with high quality instruction.

S. Meltzer presented regarding the math curriculum, highlighting:

- + Opportunities and challenges from remote instruction; and*
- + Math initiatives for the 2021-22 school year, including Intervention Reinvention to target unfinished learning, standards-based grading, content-focused coaching, and the Illustrative Mathematics curriculum.*

APS and the Board additionally discussed whether other schools recognize standards-based grading.

D. Business Controller

P. Costa presented the monthly written financial report, a copy of which is incorporated by reference herein.

SECTION III: UNFINISHED BUSINESS — NONE

SECTION IV: NEW BUSINESS

A. RESOLUTIONS

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Resolution 21101903 Approval of Reports

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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, 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, 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> |
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| <i>Board</i> | <i>General discussion</i> |

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Resolution 21101904 Human Resources

RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees of Lindley Academy Charter School at Birney hereby ratifies and approves the attached schedule of human resources changes, as presented.

Notes of Discussion / Advance Regulatory and Financial Comment:

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| <i>M. Covello</i> | <i>Reported upon the proposed human resources changes</i> |

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Resolution 21101905 Revision of School Calendar

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

Notes of Discussion / Advance Regulatory and Financial Comment:

| <i>Who</i> | <i>What</i> |
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| <i>M. Covello</i> | <i>Reported upon proposed changes to the school calendar to accommodate culturally responsive holidays</i> |

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Resolution 21101906 Professional Services

RESOLVED, the professional service proposals and associated reports listed below are hereby accepted and ratified;

FURTHER RESOLVED, the CEO is hereby authorized and directed to negotiate the terms and conditions of contracts based upon these professional service proposals; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, the CEO is authorized to execute any document or delegate any task necessary to effect this resolution.

| Contractor | Amount | Comment: Terms and Conditions |
|------------------------|--|--|
| Limbach Company LLC | \$11,184.00 /yr with 3% annual increase | Heating system maintenance and daily monitoring 3 year contract |
| Focused Staffing Group | Hourly rates as set forth in the attached proposal | Professional staffing services, as-needed |

Notes of Discussion / Advance Regulatory and Financial Comment:

| <i>Who</i> | <i>What</i> |
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| <i>M. Covello</i> | <i>Reported upon the proposed services</i> |

Resolution 21101907 Adoption of Policies

RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees of Lindley Academy Charter School at Birney hereby adopts the Philadelphia Intermediate Unit's policies and procedures under the federal requirements of 34 CFR Part 300.

Notes of Discussion / Advance Regulatory and Financial Comment:

| <i>Who</i> | <i>What</i> |
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| <i>M. Covello</i> | <i>Reported upon the requirement that the Board adopt applicable IU policies</i> |

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SECTION VII: DISCUSSION AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

❖ NEXT BOARD MEETING: TUESDAY NOVEMBER 16ST, 2021 @ 6PM

Adjournment @ 6:51 pm

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