

# LINDLEY ACADEMY CHARTER SCHOOL AT BIRNEY

900 W. LINDLEY AVENUE  
PHILADELPHIA, PA 19141

## BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

### LOCATION:

ZOOM CONFERENCE CALL DUE TO COVID-19 PANDEMIC

### DATE & TIME:

MAY 16, 2023

6:00 P.M.

## MINUTES

### SECTION I: CALL TO ORDER

#### *Opening Colloquy*

This meeting of the Lindley Academy Charter School at Birney Board of Trustees is hereby called to order. The time is 6:04 P.M. My name is Lisa Johnson. I am the President of this Board of Trustees, and I will facilitate this meeting.

In order to protect the health, welfare, and safety of the school community from the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, this meeting is being held via teleconference. 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 notice included instructions for how the public could participate in tonight's meeting. 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 5:00 P.M. on the day before this scheduled meeting may participate in public comment. At this time, I would ask that the Executive Administration submit the list of commenters to our General 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**

<b>Board Members Present:</b>	<b>By Invitation: Non-Board Members:</b>
<p>Lisa Johnson — President                      Evette Alliston — Treasurer                      Reginald Howard — Secretary</p> <p><b>Board Members Absent:</b></p> <p>Barbara Saunders — Vice President                      Regina Felder — Trustee</p>	<p>Dr. Margery Covello, CEO                      Nancy White, Principal</p> <p>Elaine Latimer, Director of Special Education                      Andrea Brock, School Safety and Security Coordinator</p> <p>Ashley Redfearn, CEO, APS                      Scott Kramer, Chief Talent Officer, APS</p> <p>Peter Costa, Santilli &amp; Thomson, LLC</p> <p>David Hussey, Esq.</p>

**B. DISCLOSURE: EXECUTIVE SESSION BY LISA JOHNSON**

*I'd like to state, for purposes of the Minutes of this meeting that during this meeting, the Board of Trustees will meet in Executive Session for the following purposes pursuant to 65 P.S. § 708:*

Consultation with Professional Advisor or Attorney. To consult with its attorney or other professional advisor regarding Resolution 230516.07 to discuss information or strategy in connection with litigation or with issues on which identifiable complaints are expected to be filed.

School Safety and Security. To receive an annual report from the School Safety and Security Coordinator regarding current safety and security practices that identifies strategies to improve school safety and security, pursuant to 24 P.S. § 1309-B.

**C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

MOTION:  
 EA  
 SECOND:  
 RH  
 VOTE:  
 PASS  
 FAIL

**Resolution 230516.01 Approval of the May 16, 2023 Agenda**

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of Lindley Academy Charter School at Birney hereby approves the **May 16, 2023** Agenda.

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

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

Board	Reviewed the meeting agenda, a copy of which was posted on the school website in advance of the meeting
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**D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

MOTION:  
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SECOND:  
EA  
VOTE:  
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**Resolution 230516.02 Approval of the April 18, 2023 Board Meeting Minutes**

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of Lindley Academy Charter School at Birney hereby approves the Minutes of the **April 18, 2023** meeting of the Board of Trustees of Lindley Academy Charter School at Birney.

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

Who	What
Board	Reviewed the April meeting minutes

**SECTION II: REPORTS**

**A. COMMUNITY COMMENT**

*Community Comment Colloquy (General Counsel)*

Good evening. My name is David Hussey, and I am 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 with which you might supplement your comment 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.

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

Who	What
None	None

**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:*

- + Student awards celebrations;
- + Monthly data;
- + Academics and attendance, including an increase in student attendance rates;
- + Student activities and community outreach, including high engagement for parent surveys;
- + Staff appreciation week;
- + Ongoing facilities projects;

+ Professional development, including new and ongoing initiatives.

**C. AMERICAN PARADIGM SCHOOLS CEO**

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

- + Public relations and community outreach efforts; and
- + Staffing for the 2023-24 school year.

**D. BUSINESS CONTROLLER**

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

- + Projected budget surplus; and
- + Subsidies and revenue higher than budgetary projections.

**SECTION III: UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

NONE

**SECTION IV: NEW BUSINESS**

**A. RESOLUTIONS**

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 VOTE:  
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**Resolution 230516.03 Approval of Reports**

RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees of Lindley Academy Charter School at Birney accepts the report of the CEO of Lindley Academy Charter School at Birney and all documents submitted thereby, which shall be incorporated into the record of this meeting; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees of Lindley Academy Charter School at Birney accepts the report of American Paradigm Schools and all documents submitted thereby, which shall be incorporated into the record of this meeting; 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:***

<b>Who</b>	<b>What</b>
Board	Received and reviewed the associated reports

MOTION:  
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VOTE:  
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### Resolution 230516.04 2023-24 School Calendar

RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees of Lindley Academy Charter School at Birney approves the 2023-24 school calendar, as presented.

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

Who	What
Dr. Covello	Reported upon the proposed school calendar

MOTION:  
EA  
SECOND:  
RH  
VOTE:  
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### Resolution 230516.05 2023-24 Board Meeting Calendar

RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees of Lindley Academy Charter School at Birney approves the 2023-24 Board Meeting Calendar, as presented.

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

Who	What
Board	Reviewed and discussed the proposed board meeting calendar

MOTION:  
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VOTE:  
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### Resolution 230516.06 Emergency Instructional Time Plan

RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees of Lindley Academy Charter School at Birney approves the emergency instructional time plan, as presented.

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

Who	What
Dr. Covello	Discussed the emergency instructional time plan and the purpose thereof

R. Felder entered the meeting at approximately 6:38 pm.

MOTION:  
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VOTE:  
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### Resolution 230516.07 CEO Employment Contract

RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees of Lindley Academy Charter School at Birney approves the CEO employment contract of Dr. Margery Covello, as presented.

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

Who	What
Personnel Committee	Reviewed the proposed CEO employment contract in advance of the board meeting

## B. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Upon Motion by E. Alliston, Seconded by R. Howard, the Board voted to enter into executive session at 6:41 pm to meet with legal counsel to discuss Resolution 230516.08 (involving a pending legal claim) and to receive the School Safety and Security Report.

Upon Motion by E. Alliston, Seconded by R. Howard, the Board adjourned from executive session at 7:08 pm.

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VOTE:  
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**Resolution 230516.08 Confidential Settlement and Release re: Student AR**

RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees of Lindley Street Academy Charter School hereby approves the Confidential Settlement and Release Agreement between it and AR as presented.

FURTHER RESOLVED, the President, in consultation with general counsel, is authorized to execute any document or delegate any task necessary to effect this resolution.

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

<i>Who</i>	<i>What</i>
<i>Board</i>	<i>Discussed Resolution 230516.08 during executive session</i>

**B. UPCOMING EVENTS**

- ❖ NEXT BOARD MEETING: TUESDAY, JUNE 20, 2023 AT 6:00 P.M.
- ❖ MOVING UP CEREMONY: JUNE 7, 2023 AT 5:00 P.M. AT FIRST PHILADELPHIA PREPARATORY CHARTER SCHOOL

**ADJOURNMENT AT 7:08 P.M.**

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