

# LINDLEY ACADEMY CHARTER SCHOOL AT BIRNEY

900 W. LINDLEY AVENUE  
PHILADELPHIA, PA 19141

## BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

LOCATION:  
ZOOM CONFERENCE CALL

DATE & TIME:  
FEBRUARY 20, 2024  
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 6:11 P.M. My name is Lisa Johnson. I am the President of this Board of Trustees, and I will facilitate this meeting.

This meeting is being held via video 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 Regina Felder — Trustee Evette Alliston — Treasurer</p> <p><b>Board Members Absent:</b></p> <p>Barbara Saunders — Vice President Reginald Howard — Secretary</p>	<p>Dr. Margery Covello, CEO Nancy White, Principal Elaine Latimer, Director of SPED</p> <p>Scott Kramer, Chief Talent Officer, APS Kristine Magargee, Chief Academic 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 to discuss Resolution R240220.08 (litigation matter) with legal counsel.*

**C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

MOTION:  
EA  
SECOND:  
RF  
VOTE:  
 PASS  
 FAIL

**Resolution 240220.01 Approval of the February 20, 2024 Agenda**

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of Lindley Academy Charter School at Birney hereby approves the **February 20, 2024** Agenda.

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

<b>Who</b>	<b>What</b>
Board	Reviewed the agenda, a copy of which was posted in advance on the school website

**D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

MOTION:  
EA  
SECOND:  
RF  
VOTE:  
 PASS  
 FAIL

**Resolution 240220.02 Approval of the January 16, 2024 Board Meeting Minutes**

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of Lindley Academy Charter School at Birney hereby approves the Minutes of the **January 16, 2024** meeting of the Board of Trustees of Lindley Academy Charter School at Birney.

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

<b>Who</b>	<b>What</b>
Board	Reviewed the January board 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:**

<b>Who</b>	<b>What</b>
<i>None</i>	<i>None</i>

**A. 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:*

- + Monthly enrollment data, including admissions for next year;*
- + Strategic plan updates, including a PCCD grant for mental health and safety;*
- + Student activities, including a student-run coffee shop; and*
- + Professional development*

**B. AMERICAN PARADIGM SCHOOLS CEO**

*K. Magargee and S. Kramer presented the monthly written report of APS, a copy of which is incorporated by reference herein, highlighting:*

- + Point Park University partnership and additional partnerships with educational pipelines; and*
- + Curriculum, instruction, and assessment updates, including alignment with new science standards.*

**C. 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 deficit, which has been decreasing;*
- + Increases to projected revenue; and*
- + Efforts to limit expenditures.*

**SECTION III: UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

NONE

**SECTION IV: NEW BUSINESS**

**A. RESOLUTIONS**

MOTION:  
EA  
SECOND:  
RF  
VOTE:  
 PASS  
 FAIL

**Resolution 240220.03 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:***

<i>Who</i>	<i>What</i>
<i>Board</i>	<i>General discussion</i>

MOOT

**Resolution 240220.04 Human Resources**

RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees of Lindley Academy Charter School hereby approves the human resources changes, as presented.

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

<i>Who</i>	<i>What</i>
<i>None</i>	<i>None</i>

MOTION:  
EA  
SECOND:  
RF  
VOTE:  
 PASS  
 FAIL

**Resolution 240220.05 Service Contracts**

RESOLVED, the Services Contract/s and associated report/s listed below are hereby accepted and ratified;

FURTHER RESOLVED, the CEO, Business Controller, and General Counsel are hereby authorized and directed to negotiate contract/s for the services described below;

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

Contractor	Amount	Comment: Terms and Conditions
Limbach Company LLC	\$13,393.00	Boiler feed pump replacement

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

Who	What
Dr. Covello	Reported upon the proposed boiler pump replacement work, which was previously discussed with the finance committee

MOTION:  
EA  
SECOND:  
RF  
VOTE:  
 PASS  
 FAIL

**Resolution 240220.06 IRS Form 990**

RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees of Lindley Academy Charter School hereby approves the IRS Form 990 filing for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2023, as presented.

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

Who	What
P. Costa	Reported upon the IRS Form 990

MOTION:  
SECOND:  
VOTE:  
 PASS  
 FAIL

**Resolution 240220.07 Point Park University Affiliation Agreement**

WHEREAS, Point Park University (“PPU”) has a program to allow for uncertified teachers to become certified (the “Program”).

WHEREAS, Lindley Academy Charter School at Birney (“LACS”) and PPU desire to enter into a partnership whereby uncertified LACS staff are enrolled in the Program to become certified and LACS shall pay the applicable tuition to PPU on behalf of those uncertified LACS staff to allow such uncertified LACS staff to become certified as part of the Program (the “Agreement”).

RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees of LACS hereby authorizes the CEO, in consultation with the business controller and legal counsel to negotiate the terms of the Agreement and to enter into such Agreement with PPU.

FURTHER RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees of LACS hereby authorizes the CEO, in consultation with the business controller and legal counsel, to negotiate and enter into agreements with those uncertified LACS staff member who

become enrolled in the Program as part of the Agreement for the repayment of tuition LACS paid on their behalf.

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

<i>Who</i>	<i>What</i>
<i>S. Kramer; P. Costa</i>	<i>Discussed the estimated costs of the program, as well as the start date of the program</i>

*Upon Motion by E. Alliston, Seconded by R. Felder, the Board voted to enter executive session at 7:05 pm.*

*Upon Motion by E. Alliston, Seconded by R. Felder, the Board voted to adjourn executive session at 7:18 pm.*

MOTION:  
EA  
SECOND:  
RF  
VOTE:  
 PASS  
 FAIL

**Resolution 240220.08 Confidential Settlement Agreement re: Student MJ**

RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees of Lindley Street Academy Charter School hereby approves the Confidential Settlement and Release Agreement between it and MJ, 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 240220.08 with legal counsel during executive session</i>

**B. UPCOMING EVENTS**

❖ NEXT BOARD MEETING: TUESDAY, MARCH 19, 2024 AT 6:00 P.M.

**ADJOURNMENT AT 7:21 P.M.**

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MOTION:  
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SECOND:  
RF  
VOTE:  
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