

# LINDLEY ACADEMY CHARTER SCHOOL AT BIRNEY

900 W. LINDLEY AVENUE  
PHILADELPHIA, PA 19141

## BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

LOCATION:  
ZOOM CONFERENCE CALL

DATE & TIME:  
JANUARY 16, 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 6:06 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>
Lisa Johnson — President Barbara Saunders — Vice President Regina Felder — Trustee Evette Alliston — Treasurer Reginald Howard — Secretary  <b>Board Members Absent:</b>  None	Dr. Margery Covello, CEO Nancy White, Principal  Ashley Redfearn, CEO, APS Scott Kramer, Chief Talent Officer, APS Kristine Magargee, Chief Academic Officer, APS  Peter Costa, Santilli & Thomson, LLC  David Hussey, Esq.

**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 did not meet in Executive Session prior to this meeting.*

**C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

MOTION:  
RF  
SECOND:  
EA  
VOTE:  
 PASS  
 FAIL

**Resolution 240116.01 Approval of the January 16, 2024 Agenda**

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of Lindley Academy Charter School at Birney hereby approves the **January 16, 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:  
RF  
SECOND:  
LJ  
VOTE:  
 PASS  
 FAIL

**Resolution 240116.02 Approval of the December 5, 2023 Board Meeting Minutes**

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of Lindley Academy Charter School at Birney hereby approves the Minutes of the **December 5, 2023** 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 December 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:**

<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:*

- + Cheerleading team is participating in Nationals;*
- + Monthly data updates, including enrollment and waitlist information;*
- + Strategic plan updates, including efforts to promote attendance, as well as efforts to use the Caring School Community model to promote DEI goals;*
- + Compliance and building safety updates;*
- + Upcoming events; and*
- + Professional development updates.*

*Dr. Covello additionally recognized the support of Board members in honor of Board Member Appreciation month.*

**B. AMERICAN PARADIGM SCHOOLS CEO**

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

**C. BUSINESS CONTROLLER**

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

- + Plans to prepare for an anticipated deficit for the 2023-24 school year based upon decreases in grant revenue; and*
- + Available cash on hand.*

The Board inquired regarding the status of facilities repair projects. P. Costa and the Board discussed plans to convene a finance committee meeting to discuss facilities repairs.

**SECTION III: UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

NONE

**SECTION IV: NEW BUSINESS**

**A. RESOLUTIONS**

MOTION:  
RF  
SECOND:  
EA  
VOTE:  
 PASS  
 FAIL

**Resolution 240116.03 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><i>Who</i></b>	<b><i>What</i></b>
<i>Board</i>	<i>General discussion</i>

MOTION:  
BLS  
SECOND:  
RF  
VOTE:  
 PASS  
 FAIL

**Resolution 240116.04 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:***

<b><i>Who</i></b>	<b><i>What</i></b>
<i>Dr. Covello; Board</i>	<i>Reported upon the proposed HR changes; discussed an employee leave of absence</i>

**B. UPCOMING EVENTS**

❖ NEXT BOARD MEETING: TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2024 AT 6:00 P.M.

**ADJOURNMENT AT 6:53 P.M.**

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MOTION:

RH

SECOND:

RF

VOTE:

PASS

FAIL

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