

# LINDLEY ACADEMY CHARTER SCHOOL AT BIRNEY

900 W. LINDLEY AVENUE  
PHILADELPHIA, PA 19141

## BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

LOCATION:  
ZOOM CONFERENCE CALL

DATE & TIME:  
JANUARY 21, 2025  
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 6:05 P.M. My name is Reginald Howard. 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

Board Members Present:	By Invitation: Non-Board Members:
Barbara Saunders — Treasurer Regina Felder — Trustee Evette Alliston — Trustee Reginald Howard — President Sandra Farmer — Vice President	Dr. Margery Covello, CEO Nancy White, Principal  Kristine Magargee, Chief Academic Officer, APS
<b>Board Members Absent:</b>  Anita Vega-Kaiser — Secretary	Peter Costa, Santilli & Thomson, LLC  David Hussey, Esq.

## B. DISCLOSURE: EXECUTIVE SESSION BY REGINALD HOWARD

*I'd like to state, for purposes of the Minutes of this meeting that during this meeting, the Board of Trustees will not meet in Executive Session.*

## C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION:  
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VOTE:  
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### Resolution 250103.01 Approval of the January 21, 2025 Agenda

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of Lindley Academy Charter School at Birney hereby approves the **January 21, 2025** Agenda.

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

Who	What
Board	Reviewed the agenda.

## D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION:  
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### Resolution 250103.02 Approval of the December 3, 2024 Board Meeting Minutes

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of Lindley Academy Charter School at Birney hereby approves the Minutes of the **December 3, 2024** 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 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 reviewed the monthly CEO report, a copy of which is incorporated by reference herein, highlighting:*

- + Mission moment: cheerleading team's qualification for the national championship;*
- + Monthly data, including enrollment;*
- + PSSA preparation and data analysis;*
- + Efforts to promote student attendance;*
- + Grief counseling program;*
- + Group publication regarding equity-focused teacher candidate preparation;*
- + Community engagement; and*
- + Facilities updates.*

## B. AMERICAN PARADIGM SCHOOLS CEO

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

- + HR updates and apprenticeship program updates to promote certification;*
- + Science of reading night to review reading data; and*
- + Coaching and data team updates.*

## C. BUSINESS CONTROLLER

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

- + Cash on hand and monthly disbursements;*

- + *Projected surplus is in line with budgeted projections; and*
- + *Reviewed projected revisions to the budget.*

*P. Costa reported that the finance committee met last week to review November financials.*

### **SECTION III: UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

NONE

### **SECTION IV: NEW BUSINESS**

#### **A. RESOLUTIONS**

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#### **Resolution 250103.03 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>

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#### **Resolution 240820.04 Human Resources**

RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of Lindley Academy Charter School at Birney 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</i>	<i>Presented the proposed HR change and discussed the proposed new hire</i>

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#### **Resolution 240820.05 Approval of FRCCP Comprehensive Plan**

RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of Lindley Academy Charter School at Birney hereby approves the Future Ready Comprehensive Plan, as presented.

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

<i>Who</i>	<i>What</i>
<i>Dr. Covello</i>	<i>Reported upon the proposed comprehensive plan approval, which ratifies a previously approved plan</i>

**Resolution 240820.06 Professional Services Contracts**

RESOLVED, the 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 professional services described below;

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

<b>Contractor</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Comment: Terms and Conditions</b>
Limbach Company LLC	\$8,900.00	Boiler maintenance and inspection

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

<i>Who</i>	<i>What</i>
<i>Dr. Covello</i>	<i>Provided an update regarding the boiler and discussed the ongoing maintenance needs</i>
<i>Board</i>	<i>Inquired regarding the budgetary impact of the proposed boiler maintenance services</i>

**B. UPCOMING EVENTS**

- ❖ NEXT BOARD MEETING: TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2025 AT 6:00 P.M.
- ❖ CAREER DAYS: JANUARY 27, 28, AND 30
- ❖ STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL INTERESTS DUE MAY 30

**ADJOURNMENT AT 7:03 P.M.**

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