

LINDLEY ACADEMY CHARTER SCHOOL AT BIRNEY

900 W. LINDLEY AVENUE
PHILADELPHIA, PA 19141

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

LOCATION:
ZOOM CONFERENCE CALL

DATE & TIME:
FEBRUARY 18, 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 6:16 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 Reginald Howard — President Anita Vega-Kaiser — Secretary	Dr. Margery Covello, CEO Nancy White, Principal Ashley Redfearn, CEO, APS Kristine Magargee, Chief Academic Officer, APS Scott Kramer, Chief Talent Officer, APS Peter Costa, Santilli & Thomson, LLC David Hussey, Esq.
Board Members Absent: Evette Alliston — Trustee Sandra Farmer — Vice President	

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 meet in Executive Session to discuss a confidential student expulsion matter (Resolution 250218.05).

C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION:
AVK
SECOND:
BLS
VOTE:
☒ PASS
☐ FAIL

Resolution 250218.01 Approval of the February 18, 2025 Agenda

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of Lindley Academy Charter School at Birney hereby approves the **February 18, 2025** Agenda.

Notes of Discussion / Advance Regulatory and Financial Comment:

Who	What
Board	Reviewed the agenda, a copy of which was posted on the school website

D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION:
BLS
SECOND:
AVK
VOTE:
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Resolution 250218.02 Approval of the January 21, 2025 Board Meeting Minutes

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of Lindley Academy Charter School at Birney hereby approves the Minutes of the **January 21, 2025** 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 January board minutes

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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:

<i>Who</i>	<i>What</i>
<i>Christine Jackson</i>	<i>Address the board regarding a pending student expulsion matter</i>

A. LINDLEY ACADEMY CHARTER SCHOOL AT BIRNEY CEO

Dr. Covello presented the monthly written CEO report, a copy of which is incorporated by reference herein, highlighting:

- + Wild Things Preserved partnership;*
- + Student enrollment, including housing insecurity and foster care;*
- + Professional development and teacher pipeline, including research that informs professional development;*
- + Outreach and partnerships, including efforts to get speed bumps;*
- + Food service compliance; and*
- + Facilities update.*

B. AMERICAN PARADIGM SCHOOLS CEO

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

- + Mission and vision statement;*
- + Health and safety updates; and.*
- + Academic team updates, as presented by K. Magargee.*

The Board discussed Lindley Academy's commitment to DEI.

C. BUSINESS CONTROLLER

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

- + *Building expenses;*
- + *December expenditures; and*
- + *Changes to revenues and expenditures.*

SECTION III: UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NONE

SECTION IV: NEW BUSINESS

A. RESOLUTIONS

MOTION:
BLS
SECOND:
AVK
VOTE:
[X] PASS
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Resolution 250218.03 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>

MOTION:
AVK
SECOND:
BLS
VOTE:
[X] PASS
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Resolution 250218.04 Adoption of IU26 Policies

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

Notes of Discussion / Advance Regulatory and Financial Comment:

<i>Who</i>	<i>What</i>
<i>Dr. Covello</i>	<i>Reported upon the proposed policies</i>

Upon Motion by B. Saunders, Seconded by A. Vega-Kaiser, the Board voted to enter executive session at 7:11 pm to discuss a student expulsion.

Upon Motion by B. Saunders, Seconded by R. Felder, the Board voted to adjourn from executive session at 7:32 pm.

MOTION:
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SECOND:
AVK
VOTE:
[X] PASS
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Resolution 250218.05 Permanent Expulsion of Student P.L.

RESOLVED Student P.L. is permanently expelled from Lindley Academy Charter School at Birney, effective February 18, 2025;

FURTHER RESOLVED, the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law of the Board of Trustees on file with Lindley Academy Charter School at Birney and the record of the formal expulsion hearing of P.L. ("Hearing Record") is adopted; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, the Hearing Record is made a part of P.L.'s permanent record.

Notes of Discussion / Advance Regulatory and Financial Comment:

<i>Who</i>	<i>What</i>
<i>Board</i>	<i>Discussed and reviewed the expulsion matter during executive session</i>

B. UPCOMING EVENTS

- ❖ NEXT BOARD MEETING: TUESDAY, MARCH 18, 2025 AT 6:00 P.M.
- ❖ STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL INTERESTS: PRIORITY DEADLINE MARCH 2025

ADJOURNMENT AT 7:36 P.M.

MOTION:
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SECOND:
AVK
VOTE:
[X] PASS
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