

LINDLEY ACADEMY CHARTER SCHOOL AT BIRNEY

900 W. LINDLEY AVENUE
PHILADELPHIA, PA 19141

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

LOCATION:
ZOOM CONFERENCE CALL

DATE & TIME:
MARCH 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 6:06 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:
Reginald Howard — President Sandra Farmer — Vice President Anita Vega-Kaiser — Secretary Barbara L. Saunders — Treasurer Evette Alliston — Trustee Regina Felder — Trustee	Dr. Margery Covello, CEO Nancy White, Principal Ashley Redfearn, CEO, APS Kristine Magargee, Chief Academic Officer, APS Scott Kramer, Chief Talent Officer, APS Michael Thomson, Santilli & Thomson, LLC David Annecharico, Esq. Abigail Lipow, Esq.
Board Members Absent:	

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 did not meet in Executive Session.

C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION:
EA

SECOND:
AVK

VOTE:
☒ PASS
☐ FAIL

Resolution 250318.01 Approval of the March 18, 2025 Agenda

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of Lindley Academy Charter School at Birney hereby approves the **March 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's website.

D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION:
AVK

SECOND:
EA

VOTE:
☒ PASS
☐ FAIL

Resolution 250318.02 Approval of the February 18, 2025 Board Meeting Minutes

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

Notes of Discussion / Advance Regulatory and Financial Comment:

Who	What
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SECTION II: REPORTS

A. COMMUNITY COMMENT

Community Comment Colloquy (General Counsel)

Good evening. My name is David Annecharico, 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>None</i>	<i>None</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:

- *Enrollment and waitlist numbers; Currently enrolling students for 25-26 SY*
- *PVAAS, IRLA Reading levels, and STAR Reading and Math data*
- *Various outreach and partnerships with local community organizations, educational organizations*

B. AMERICAN PARADIGM SCHOOLS CEO

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

- *Reiterated commitment to equity, researched based educational methods*
- *Teacher recruitment updates and HR updates presented by S. Kramer*
- *Academic data team updates presented by K. Magargee*

C. BUSINESS CONTROLLER

M. Thomson presented the monthly written financial report, a copy of which is incorporated by reference herein, highlighting:

- *January and February expenditures*
- *Update on current finances*
- *Reviewed disbursements for February*

SECTION III: UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NONE

SECTION IV: NEW BUSINESS

A. RESOLUTIONS

MOTION:
RF

SECOND:
BLS

VOTE:
☒ PASS
☐ FAIL

Resolution 250318.03 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 Michael Thomson of Santilli & Thomson and hereby incorporates into these minutes by reference the Treasurer's Report and the documents presented by Michael Thomson 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:
SF

SECOND:
EA

VOTE:
☒ PASS
☐ FAIL

Resolution 250318.04 Human Resources

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

Notes of Discussion / Advance Regulatory and Financial Comment:

<i>Who</i>	<i>What</i>
<i>Dr. Covello</i>	<i>Reviewed the HR changes with the Board.</i>

MOTION:
AVK

SECOND:
BLS

VOTE:

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Resolution 250318.05 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.

Contractor	Amount	Comment: Terms and Conditions
Omnus Law (Karin Coger, Esq.)	\$3,000/month with \$1,000 retainer	Renewal of Intellectual Property, Trademark and Copyright Agreement

Notes of Discussion / Advance Regulatory and Financial Comment:

Who	What
Dr. Covello	Reviewed renewal agreement and summary of work from Ms. Coger
R. Howard	Requested to table resolution until next meeting

B. UPCOMING EVENTS

- NEXT BOARD MEETING: TUESDAY, APRIL 15 2025 AT 6:00 P.M.
- PRIORITY DEADLINE SOFI: MARCH 21ST
- NOURISHING NEIGHBORHOODS: FRIDAY, MARCH 28TH, APPROX. 11:30-1:30PM
- KINDERGARTEN CEREMONY: TUESDAY, JUNE 10, 2025 AT 9:30AM
- 8TH GRADE MOVE UP CEREMONY: WEDNESDAY, JUNE 11, 2025 AT 5:00 PM AT FIRST PHILADELPHIA PREPARATORY CHARTER SCHOOL

ADJOURNMENT AT 7:06 PM

MOTION:
SF

SECOND:
BLS

VOTE:
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