

LINDLEY ACADEMY CHARTER SCHOOL AT BIRNEY  
900 W. LINDLEY AVENUE  
PHILADELPHIA, PA 19141

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING**

LOCATION:  
ZOOM CONFERENCE CALL

DATE & TIME:  
APRIL 15, 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 6:07 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**

<b>Board Members Present:</b>	<b>By Invitation: Non-Board Members:</b>
Reginald Howard — President Sandra Farmer — Vice President Anita Vega-Kaiser — Secretary Regina Felder — Trustee Evette Alliston — Trustee  <b>Board Members Absent:</b> Barbara Saunders — Treasurer	Dr. Margery Covello, CEO  Kristine Magargee, Chief Academic Officer, APS Scott Kramer, Chief Talent Officer, APS  Peter Costa, Santilli & Thomson, LLC Eric Strauss, WithumSmith+Brown  David Annecharico, Esq. Abigail Lipow, Esq.

**B. DISCLOSURE: EXECUTIVE SESSION BY REGINALD HOWARD**

*I'd like to state, for purposes of the Minutes of this meeting that on March 5, 2025, the Board of Trustees did meet in Executive Session to discuss certain employee issues.*

**C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

MOTION:  
SF

**Resolution 250415.01 Approval of the April 15, 2025 Agenda**

SECOND:  
EA

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of Lindley Academy Charter School at Birney hereby approves the **April 15, 2025** Agenda.

VOTE:  
X PASS  
[ ] FAIL

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

<b><i>Who</i></b>	<b><i>What</i></b>
<i>Board</i>	<i>Reviewed the agenda, a copy of which was posted on the school's website.</i>

**D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

MOTION:  
AVK

**Resolution 250415.02 Approval of the March 18, 2025 Board Meeting Minutes**

SECOND:  
RF

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

VOTE:  
X PASS  
[ ] FAIL

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

<b>Who</b>	<b>What</b>
Board	Reviewed the March minutes

**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:**

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

**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:*

- *LACS is the autistic support center for North Philly – 3 autistic support classrooms. April Autistic Acceptance Month*
- *Reviewed current enrollment numbers and waitlist numbers; Reviewed upcoming enrollment for 2025-2026*
- *Reviewed data summary from families, University partnerships, and upcoming staff engagement/SDP surveys (staff, parents, students)*
- *Presented updates on community outreach and partnerships*
- *Presented facilities updates*

**B. AMERICAN PARADIGM SCHOOLS CEO**

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

- *Academic Committee Meeting is May 7*

**C. BUSINESS CONTROLLER**

E. Strauss presented the Draft IRS Form 990, a copy of which is incorporated by reference herein, highlighting:

- Various data presented in the document that will be accessible to the public

P. Costa presented the financial report:

- Met with finance committee and reviewed all financial reports

**SECTION III: UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

NONE

**SECTION IV: NEW BUSINESS**

**A. RESOLUTIONS**

MOTION:  
SF

SECOND:  
AVK

VOTE:  
 PASS  
 FAIL

**Resolution 250415.03 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:  
RF

SECOND:  
AVK

VOTE:  
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 FAIL

**Resolution 250415.04 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)	Various Rates	Intellectual Property, Trademark and Copyright.

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

Who	What
Board	Reviewed changes to Omnus contract

UPON MOTION OF REGINA FELDER, AND SECOND BY ANITA VEGA-KAISER, THE BOARD UNANIMOUSLY VOTED TO ENTER CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS CONFIDENTIAL MATTERS.

UPON MOTION OF REGINA FELDER AND SECOND BY SANDRA FARMER, THE BOARD UNANIMOUSLY VOTED TO ENTER OPEN SESSION.

MOTION:  
EA

**Resolution 250415.05 Confidential Settlement Agreement in re: D.H.**

SECOND:  
AVK

RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees of Lindley Academy Charter School at Birney hereby approves of the Confidential Settlement agreement in re: D.H., as presented.

VOTE:  
X PASS  
[ ] FAIL

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

Who	What
Board	General Discussion

MOTION:  
AVK

**Resolution 250415.06 IRS Form 990**

SECOND:  
SF

RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees of Lindley Academy Charter School hereby approves the IRS Form 990 filing for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024, as presented.

VOTE:  
X PASS  
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*By Roll Call:*

- Reginald Howard – *aye*
- Sandra Farmer – *aye*
- Anita Vega-Kaiser – *aye*
- Barbara Saunders – *absent*
- Regina Felder – *aye*
- Evette Alliston – *aye*

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

<b><i>Who</i></b>	<b><i>What</i></b>
<i>Eric Strauss</i>	<i>Reviewed IRS Form 990 with the Board</i>

MOTION:  
EA

**Resolution 250415.07 Insurance Benefits**

SECOND:  
AVK

RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees of Lindley Academy Charter School at Birney hereby accepts the Blue Cross Blue Shield Insurance Proposal at a rate of an 8% increase, as presented.

VOTE:  
X PASS  
[ ] FAIL

***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>

**B. UPCOMING EVENTS**

- NEXT BOARD MEETING: MAY 20, 2025 AT 6PM
- MAYOR'S TOWN COUNCIL: MAY 8TH FROM 6-8PM AT LACS
- MAY 14<sup>TH</sup>: EXPRESSIVE ARTS NIGHT AT LACS
- KINDERGARTEN MOVE UP JUNE 10TH AT 9AM. LOCATION: LACS CAFETERIA
- 8TH GRADE MOVE UP: JUNE 11TH AT 5PM AT FFPCS AUDITORIUM

**ADJOURNMENT AT 7:11 PM**

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MOTION:  
RF  
SECOND:  
SF  
VOTE:  
X PASS  
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