

# LINDLEY ACADEMY CHARTER SCHOOL AT BIRNEY

900 W. LINDLEY AVENUE  
PHILADELPHIA, PA 19141

## BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

LOCATION:  
ZOOM CONFERENCE CALL

DATE & TIME:  
MAY 20, 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 6:23 PM 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 Barbara Saunders — Treasurer Regina Felder — Trustee Evette Alliston — Trustee  <b>Board Members Absent:</b> Sandra Farmer — Vice President Anita Vega-Kaiser — Secretary	Dr. Margery Covello, CEO Nancy White, Principal  Kristine Magargee, Chief Academic Officer, APS Scott Kramer, Chief Talent Officer, APS  Peter Costa, Santilli & Thomson, LLC  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 the Board of Trustees did not meet in Executive Session.*

**C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

MOTION:  
  
 REGINA FELDER  
 SECOND:  
  
 EVETTE  
 ALLISTON  
  
 VOTE:  
 PASS  
 FAIL

**Resolution 250520.01 Approval of the May 20, 2025 Agenda**

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of Lindley Academy Charter School at Birney hereby approves the **May 20, 2025** Agenda.

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

<i>Who</i>	<i>What</i>
<i>Board</i>	<i>General Discussion</i>

**D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

MOTION:  
  
 BARBARA  
 SAUNDERS  
  
 SECOND:  
  
 EVETTE  
 ALLISTON  
  
 VOTE:  
 PASS  
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**Resolution 250520.02 Approval of the April 15, 2025 Board Meeting Minutes**

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

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

<i>Who</i>	<i>What</i>
<i>Board</i>	<i>General Discussion</i>

**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><i>Who</i></b>	<b><i>What</i></b>
<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:*

- *The CSO presentation for charter renewal kickoff, as LACS is in the 2025-2026 charter renewal cohort.*
- *Mayor Parker’s town hall visit to LACS on May 8; Dr. Covello is part of her 8<sup>th</sup> District Advisory Council*
  - o *Mayor Parker stated that LACS should participate in the Extended Year/ Extended Day program she proposed*
- *Current enrollment and wait list numbers as well as waitlist numbers for 25-26*
- *Updates on university partnerships*
- *MPAA Coach of the Year: Ms. Taneisha Brown, Junior Varsity Cheer Coach*

**B. AMERICAN PARADIGM SCHOOLS CEO**

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

- *APS will support LACS in summer audits and metrics in preparing for renewal.*

**C. BUSINESS CONTROLLER**

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

- *Reviewed financial reports with Finance Committee*
- *Currently some outstanding payments at the end of the year*
- *The proposed budget does include a 6% increase in salary for staff*

**SECTION III: UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

NONE

**SECTION IV: NEW BUSINESS**

**A. RESOLUTIONS**

MOTION:  
REGINA FELDER

SECOND:  
EVETTE ALLISTON

VOTE:  
 PASS  
 FAIL

**Resolution 250520.03 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:

EVETTE ALLISTON  
SECOND:

REGINA FELDER

VOTE:  
 PASS  
 FAIL

**Resolution 250520.04 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.

<b>Contractor</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Comment: Terms and Conditions</b>
StellaMila LLC, d/b/a PRO Pediatric Services	Various Rates	Provision of various SPED professionals

Delta T Group	Various Rates	Provision of various SPED professionals
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**Notes of Discussion / Advance Regulatory and Financial Comment:**

Who	What
M. Covello	Contractors that provide the school with behavior specialists, RBTs, BCBA, speech pathologists, etc. for special education services

MOTION:  
 BARBARA SAUNDERS  
 SECOND:  
 EVETTE ALLISTON  
 VOTE:  
 X PASS  
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**Resolution 250520.05 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:**

Who	What
M. Covello	Reviewed HR changes with the Board

MOTION:  
 REGINA FELDER  
 SECOND:  
 BARBARA SAUNDERS  
 VOTE:  
 X PASS  
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**Resolution 250520.06 Positive Behavioral Support Policy**

RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees of Lindley Academy Charter School at Birney hereby approves of the positive behavioral support policy, as presented.

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

Who	What
M. Covello	LACS is also in the midst of SPED compliance monitoring, and is reviewing and updating policies related to state monitoring

MOTION:  
 REGINA FELDER  
 SECOND:  
 EVETTE ALLISTON  
 VOTE:  
 X PASS  
 [ ] FAIL

**Resolution 250520.07 2025-2026 School Calendar**

RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees of Lindley Academy Charter School at Birney hereby approves of the 2025-2026 school calendar, as presented.

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

Who	What
M. Covello	Reviewed 2025-2026 School Calendar with the Board

MOTION:  
 REGINA FELDER  
 SECOND:  
 BARBARA SAUNDERS

**Resolution 250520.08 2025-2026 Board Meeting Calendar**

RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees of Lindley Academy Charter School at Birney hereby approves of the 2025-2026 board meeting calendar, as presented.

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

Who	What
Board	General Discussion

MOTION:  
BARBARA SAUNDERS  
SECOND:  
REGINA FELDER  
VOTE:  
X PASS  
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**Resolution 250520.09 2025-2026 Maintenance Staff Calendar**

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of Lindley Academy Charter School at Birney hereby approves the 2025-2026 maintenance staff calendar, as presented.

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

<i>Who</i>	<i>What</i>
<i>M. Covello</i>	<i>Reviewed maintenance staff calendar with the Board</i>

MOTION:  
REGINA FELDER  
SECOND:  
BARBARA SAUNDERS  
VOTE:  
X PASS  
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**Resolution 250520.10 2025-2026 Budget**

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of Lindley Academy Charter School at Birney hereby approves the 2025-2026 budget, as presented.

**By Roll Call Vote:**

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

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

<i>Who</i>	<i>What</i>
<i>P. Costa</i>	<i>Reviewed proposed budget with the Board</i>

**B. UPCOMING EVENTS**

- NEXT BOARD MEETING: JUNE 17, 2025 AT 6PM
- KINDERGARTEN MOVE UP JUNE 10TH AT 9AM. LOCATION: LACS CAFETERIA
- 8TH GRADE MOVE UP: JUNE 11TH AT 5PM AT FPPCS AUDITORIUM

**ADJOURNMENT AT 7:20 PM**

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MOTION:  
BARBARA SAUNDERS

SECOND:  
EVETTE ALLISTON

VOTE:  
X PASS  
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