

LINDLEY ACADEMY CHARTER SCHOOL AT BIRNEY

900 W. LINDLEY AVENUE
PHILADELPHIA, PA 19141

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

LOCATION:
ZOOM CONFERENCE CALL

DATE & TIME:
NOVEMBER 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 6:04 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 Regina Felder — Trustee Evette Alliston — Trustee Board Members Absent: Barbara L. Saunders — Treasurer	Dr. Margery Covello, CEO Nancy White, Principal Kristine Magargee, Chief Academic Officer, APS Scott Kramer, Chief Talent Officer, APS Samuel Mercanti, Santilli & Thomson, LLC Abigail Lipow, Esq. Dr. Kaitlin K. Moran, Advisory Trustee

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

Resolution 251118.01 Approval of the November 18, 2025 Agenda

SECOND:
SANDRA FARMER

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

VOTE:
X PASS
 FAIL

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:
EVETTE
ALLISTON

Resolution 251118.02 Approval of the October 21, 2025 Board Meeting Minutes

SECOND:
REGINA FELDER

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of Lindley Academy Charter School at Birney hereby approves the Minutes of the **October 21, 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:

<i>Who</i>	<i>What</i>
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<i>Board</i>	<i>General Discussion</i>
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MOTION:
SANDRA FARMER

Resolution 251118.03 Approval of the November 5, 2025 Board Meeting Minutes

SECOND:
EVETTE
ALLISTON

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of Lindley Academy Charter School at Birney hereby approves the Minutes of the **November 5, 2025** meeting of the Board of Trustees of Lindley Academy Charter School at Birney.

VOTE:
X PASS
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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 Abigail Lipow, 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 CEO report, a copy of which is incorporated by reference herein, highlighting:*

- *APS granted LACS half of the money that could be expected through the Mayor's Grant for food shortages due to the federal government shutdown – LACS will spend approximately \$3K per month on grocery items for students and families*
- *Presented current enrollment numbers and waitlist numbers*
- *State Cyclical monitoring is currently occurring*
- *CSO Auditors will be at LACS for renewal auditing*
- *LACS received a perfect score for its renewal site visit from the CSO*

B. AMERICAN PARADIGM SCHOOLS CEO

+S. Kramer and K. Magargee presented the monthly APS report, a copy of which is incorporated by reference herein, highlighting:

- Working with the school regarding the food security planning, attended mayoral town hall pop up supports for food programs
- HR Updates: New health care updates will allow parents some more flexibility with health care savings
- Presented Academic updates regarding professional development
- APS will be presenting the Teacher Apprenticeship Program to the State soon for final approval

C. BUSINESS CONTROLLER

+S. Mercanti presented the monthly APS report, a copy of which is incorporated by reference herein, highlighting:

- Reviewed current financial expenses, including disbursements and income based on enrollment

SECTION III: UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NONE

SECTION IV: NEW BUSINESS

A. RESOLUTIONS

MOTION:
 REGINA FELDER
 SECOND:
 EVETTE ALLISTON
 VOTE:
 X PASS
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Resolution 251118.04 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 Samuel Mercanti of Santilli & Thomson and hereby incorporates into these minutes by reference the Treasurer’s Report and the documents presented by Samuel Mercanti to the board.

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MOTION:
SANDRA FARMER

Resolution 251118.05 Holiday Bonuses

SECOND:
EVETTE ALLISTON

RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees of Lindley Academy Charter School at Birney hereby approves 2025-26 holiday bonuses in the amount of \$500 (net) per full-time staff member.

VOTE:
X PASS
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B. UPCOMING EVENTS

- NEXT BOARD MEETING: DECEMBER 2, 2025 AT 6PM

ADJOURNMENT AT 6:59 PM

MOTION:
RF
SECOND:
SF
VOTE:
X PASS
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