

LINDLEY ACADEMY CHARTER SCHOOL AT BIRNEY

900 W. LINDLEY AVENUE
PHILADELPHIA, PA 19141

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

LOCATION:
ZOOM CONFERENCE CALL

DATE & TIME:
FEBRUARY 17, 2026
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 6:15 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 Dr. Kathleen Taylor – Trustee Board Members Absent: 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 Samuel Mercanti, Santilli & Thomson, LLC 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 February 17, 2026, the Board of Trustees did meet in Executive Session to consult with a professional advisor and attorney and to discuss confidential matters.

C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION:
SANDRA FARMER

SECOND:
KATHLEEN TAYLOR

VOTE:
X PASS
[] FAIL

Resolution 260217.01 Approval of the February 17, 2026 Agenda

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of Lindley Academy Charter School at Birney hereby approves the **February 17, 2026** 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:
EVETTE ALLISTON

SECOND:
BARBAR L. SAUNDERS

VOTE:
X PASS
[] FAIL

Resolution 260217.02 Approval of the January 20, 2026 Board Meeting Minutes

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of Lindley Academy Charter School at Birney hereby approves the Minutes of the **January 20, 2026** 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>
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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, copy of which is incorporated by reference herein, highlighting the following:*

- *Reviewed current enrollment numbers with the Board*
- *McKinney Vento Monitoring by PDE occurring this March*
- *Previewed various February school events for the Board*
- *Khanmigo Pilot for 26-27 school year*
 - *Khan Academy's school program*
 - *Invited to be part of the pilot as LACS is part of the Mayor's extended year program, provided fully funded*
 - *Looking specifically to use for math to help improve math scores*
- *3/27 LACS hosting a mini City Hall with representative from the Mayor's Office*
- *Provided updates on grants*
 - *Awarded PCCD Grant on School Safety and Mental Health*
 - *WorkForce Grant completed by APS*
 - *Expect to hear from Gwynedd Mercy University on status of William Penn Foundation grant for certified teachers on 2/20; very competitive grant*
- *Reviewed updated engagement survey with the Board*
- *Project RiSE Update – CSO states it supports Renaissance Charters to be included in Find Your Fit*

B. AMERICAN PARADIGM SCHOOLS CEO

+The monthly APS report, a copy of which is incorporated by reference herein, was previously disseminated to the Board.

C. BUSINESS CONTROLLER

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

- Reviewed monthly expenditures

SECTION III: UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NONE

SECTION IV: NEW BUSINESS

A. RESOLUTIONS

MOTION:
SANDRA FARMER

SECOND:
KATHLEEN
TAYLOR

VOTE:
X PASS
[] FAIL

Resolution 260217.03 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 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.

Notes of Discussion / Advance Regulatory and Financial Comment:

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

MOTION:
ANITA VEGA-
KAISER

SECOND:
EVETTE ALLISTON

VOTE:
X PASS
[] FAIL

Resolution 260217.04 Confidential Settlement Agreement in re: M.J.

RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees of Lindley Academy Charter School at Birney hereby approves of the Confidential Settlement Agreement, General Release, and Associated Trust in re: M.J., as presented, pending final legal review.

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:
ANITA VEGA-
KAISER

VOTE:
X PASS
[] FAIL

Resolution 260217.05 Confidential Settlement Agreement in re: N.A.

RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees of Lindley Academy Charter School at Birney hereby approves of the Confidential Settlement Agreement, General Release, and Associated Trust in re: N.A., as presented, pending final legal review.

Notes of Discussion / Advance Regulatory and Financial Comment:

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

MOTION:
BARBARA L.
SAUNDERS

SECOND:
KATHLEEN
TAYLOR

VOTE:
X PASS
[] FAIL

Resolution 260217.06 Human Resources

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

Notes of Discussion / Advance Regulatory and Financial Comment:

<i>Who</i>	<i>What</i>
<i>M. Covello</i>	<i>Reviewed hiring updates with Board.</i>

B. UPCOMING EVENTS

- NEXT BOARD MEETING: MARCH 17, 2026 AT 6PM
- MINI CITY HALL MARCH 27, 2026
- APS' SCIENCE EVENT AT FRANKLIN INSTITUTE ON FEBRUARY 24, 2026
- LACS BLACK HISTORY EVENT FEBRUARY 25, 2026

ADJOURNMENT AT 7:03 PM

MOTION:

EVETTE ALLISTON

SECOND:
SANDRA FARMER

VOTE:
X PASS
 FAIL
