

LINDLEY ACADEMY CHARTER SCHOOL AT BIRNEY

900 W. LINDLEY AVENUE
PHILADELPHIA, PA 19141

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

LOCATION:
ZOOM CONFERENCE CALL

DATE & TIME:
MARCH 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 6:05 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 Regina Felder — Trustee Evette Alliston — Trustee Dr. Kathleen Taylor – Trustee	Dr. Margery Covello, CEO Nancy White, Principal Ashley Redfearn, CEO, APS Kristine Magargee, Chief Academic Officer, APS Scott Kramer, Chief Talent Officer, APS
Board Members Absent:	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 the Board of Trustees did not meet in Executive Session.

C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION:

Resolution 260317.01 Approval of the March 17, 2026 Agenda

EVETTE ALLISTON

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of Lindley Academy Charter School at Birney hereby approves the **March 17, 2026** Agenda.

SECOND:

SANDRA FARMER

Notes of Discussion / Advance Regulatory and Financial Comment:

VOTE:
 PASS
 FAIL

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

D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION:

Resolution 260317.02 Approval of the February 17, 2026 Board Meeting Minutes

ANITA VEGA-KAISER

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of Lindley Academy Charter School at Birney hereby approves the Minutes of the **February 17, 2026** meeting of the Board of Trustees of Lindley Academy Charter School at Birney.

SECOND:

EVETTE ALLISTON

Notes of Discussion / Advance Regulatory and Financial Comment:

VOTE:
 PASS
 FAIL

<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, copy of which is incorporated by reference herein, highlighting the following:*

- *February Black History month presentation sold over 300 tickets*
- *Reviewed enrollment numbers with the Board*
 - o *Likely to go over 200 SPED students this school year*
- *McKinney Vento Audit happening March 24, 2026 – done once every three years by Commonwealth*
- *Reviewed upcoming events with the Board*
 - o *3/27 Mini City Hall at LACS at 1 PM*
- *Reviewed School Wide Plan with Board*
- *Grants*
 - o *Did not make next round with William Penn Foundation Grant, but will meet with them to discuss how to make next year’s application stronger*
 - o *Diverse Teacher’s Pipeline Grant due 3/27*
 - o *LACS will be submitting a Disney! The Musical residency grant at the Walnut Street Theater*
- *Discussed outreach updates with university partners*

B. AMERICAN PARADIGM SCHOOLS CEO

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

- *S. Kramer reviewed employment updates*
 - o *Upcoming School Year:*
 - *Intent to return forms to be sent on 3/23*

- *Renewal letters will go out in May*
- *Engagement survey will go out 5/11*
- *Open Enrollment will be late April/early May*
- *Discussed teacher certification overview for APS network*
- *Reviewed status of APS Teacher Apprenticeship Program*
- *K. Magargee reviewed Academic Data with the Board*
 - *Reviewed supports for ELA and Math curriculum to increase reading comprehension*

C. BUSINESS CONTROLLER

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

- *Reviewed February's financial report with the Board*

SECTION III: UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NONE

SECTION IV: NEW BUSINESS

A. RESOLUTIONS

MOTION:

EVETTE ALLISTON

SECOND:

BARBARA L. SAUNDERS

VOTE:

PASS

FAIL

Resolution 260317.03 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

Resolution 260317.04 Schoolwide Title I Comprehensive Plan

SECOND:

BARBARA L.
SAUNDERS

VOTE:

PASS

FAIL

RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees of Lindley Academy Charter School at Birney hereby approves the Schoolwide Title I Comprehensive Plan, as presented, and directs that the Plan be finalized and submitted to the Pennsylvania Department of Education, as required.

Notes of Discussion / Advance Regulatory and Financial Comment:

<i>Who</i>	<i>What</i>
<i>M. Covello</i>	<i>Reviewed Schoolwide Title I plan with the Board</i>

B. UPCOMING EVENTS

- NEXT BOARD MEETING: APRIL 21, 2026 AT 6PM
- STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL INTEREST **PRIORITY DEADLINE:** MARCH 18, 2026

ADJOURNMENT AT 7:08 PM

MOTION:

AVK

SECOND:

SF

VOTE:

PASS

FAIL
