

LINDLEY ACADEMY CHARTER SCHOOL AT BIRNEY

900 W. LINDLEY AVENUE
PHILADELPHIA, PA 19141

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

LOCATION:
ZOOM CONFERENCE CALL

DATE & TIME:
APRIL 21, 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 6:04 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 weBarbara L. Saundersite 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 Anita Vega-Kaiser — Secretary Barbara L. Saunders — Treasurer Dr. Kathleen Taylor — Trustee 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
Board Members Absent: Sandra Farmer — Vice President Evette Alliston — Trustee	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 March 17, 2026 the Board of Trustees did meet in Executive Session to discuss confidential matters and consult with a professional advisor.

C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION:
ANITA VEGA-
KAISER

SECOND:
KATHLEEN
TAYLOR

VOTE:
☒ PASS
☐ FAIL

Resolution 260421.01 Approval of the April 21, 2026 Agenda

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of Lindley Academy Charter School at Birney hereby approves the **April 21, 2026** Agenda.

Notes of Discussion / Advance Regulatory and Financial Comment:

Who	What
Board	General Discussion

D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION:
BARBARA L.
SAUNDERS

SECOND:

ANITA VEGA-
KAISER
VOTE:
☒ PASS
☐ FAIL

Resolution 260421.02 Approval of the March 17, 2026 Board Meeting Minutes

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

Notes of Discussion / Advance Regulatory and Financial Comment:

Who	What
Board	General Discussion

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:*

- *Mission Moment: PSSA Pep Rally for students on Friday morning to prepare for PSSAs*
- *Presented opinion and survey results on potential updates to LACS student uniform*

B. AMERICAN PARADIGM SCHOOLS CEO

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

C. BUSINESS CONTROLLER

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

- *Reviewed current expenditures and revenues*

SECTION III: UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NONE

SECTION IV: NEW BUSINESS

A. RESOLUTIONS

MOTION:
ANITA VEGA-
KAISER

SECOND:
BARBARA L.
SAUNDERS

VOTE:
☒ PASS
☐ FAIL

Resolution 260421.03 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:
REGINA
FELDER

SECOND:
BARBARA L.
SAUNDERS

VOTE:
☒ PASS
☐ FAIL

Resolution 260421.04 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
Brett DiNovi & Associates PA, LLC	Clinical Associates: \$57.50/hour Behavior Consultants: \$127.50/hour	Provision of Paraprofessionals
Omega Security Systems, LLC	\$26,825	Installation of security cameras in hallway and stairwell blind spots
StellaMila LLC, d/b/a PRO Pediatric Services	Various Rates	Provision of Paraprofessionals

Notes of Discussion / Advance Regulatory and Financial Comment:

<i>Who</i>	<i>What</i>
<i>M. Covello</i>	<i>Reviewed proposed agreements with the Board.</i>

B. UPCOMING EVENTS

- NEXT BOARD MEETING: MAY 19, 2026 AT 6PM
- MAY 7TH: EXPRESSIVE ARTS NIGHT 5-6PM
- MAY 21ST: FIELD DAY 10-2PM
- JUNE 10TH: 8TH GRADE MOVE UP AT 5PM AT FIRST PHILADELPHIA PREPARATORY CHARTER SCHOOL

ADJOURNMENT AT 7:12 PM

MOTION:
REGINA FELDER

SECOND:
BARBARA L. SAUNDERS

VOTE:
☒ PASS
☐ FAIL
