

LINDLEY ACADEMY CHARTER SCHOOL AT BIRNEY

900 W. LINDLEY AVENUE
PHILADELPHIA, PA 19141

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

LOCATION:
ZOOM CONFERENCE CALL

DATE & TIME:
JUNE 16, 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 Barbara L. Saunders – Treasurer Anita Vega-Kaiser — Secretary Dr. Kathleen Taylor – Trustee Dr. Kaitlin Moran – Trustee Regina Felder – Trustee ¹	Dr. Margery Covello, CEO Nancy White, Principal Andrea Brock, Director of Operations Ashley Redfearn, Chief Executive Officer, APS Kristine Magargee, Chief Academic Officer, APS Scott Kramer, Chief Talent Officer, APS Samuel Mercanti, Santilli & Thomson, LLC Abigail Lipow, Esq.
Board Members Absent: Evette Alliston	

B. DISCLOSURE: EXECUTIVE SESSION *BY REGINALD HOWARD*

I'd like to state, for purposes of the Minutes of this meeting that Board of Trustees did not meet in Executive Session.

C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION:
SANDRA FARMER

Resolution 260616.01 Approval of the June 16, 2026 Agenda

SECOND:
ANITA VEGA-
KAISER

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of Lindley Academy Charter School at Birney hereby approves the **June 16, 2026** Agenda.

VOTE:
[X] PASS
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Notes of Discussion / Advance Regulatory and Financial Comment:

Who	What
Board	General Discussion

D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION:
KAITLIN MORAN

Resolution 260616.02 Approval of the May 19, 2026 Board Meeting Minutes

SECOND:
KATHLEEN
TAYLOR

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of Lindley Academy Charter School at Birney hereby approves the Minutes of the **May 19, 2026** meeting of the Board of Trustees of Lindley Academy Charter School at Birney.

VOTE:
[X] PASS

¹ Ms. Felder left the meeting at 6:58 PM.

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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:

Who	What
None	None

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: shared photos from end of year staff picnic*
- *Noted the first LACS staff member to complete the Point Park program and obtained SPED certification*
- *Reviewed current enrollment numbers with the Board*
 - *LACS will be opening a third K-2 autistic support classroom in 2026-2027 SY*
- *Provided overview of student academic progress for 2025-2026 SY*
- *Reviewed submitted grant applications and received grants*

B. AMERICAN PARADIGM SCHOOLS CEO

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

- *APS will donate \$1,000 worth of books to each school library in memory of Gerry Santilli*
- *Second teacher apprenticeship program now approved by PDE (K-12 Special Education program); will present the program to the State in July 2026*
 - *APS selected to present at an HR professional conference in Texas regarding the apprenticeship programs*

- *K. Magargee discussed upcoming programs and end of year growth for new teachers*
- *A. Redfearn acknowledged LACS's efforts at ensuring that all students achieve growth over the past school year*

C. BUSINESS CONTROLLER

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

- *Presented the May financial report and updated proposed budget*
- *Reviewed IRS Form 990 for year-end 2025 with the Board*

SECTION III: UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NONE

SECTION IV: NEW BUSINESS

A. RESOLUTIONS

MOTION:
REGINA FELDER

SECOND:
SANDRA FARMER

VOTE:
[X] PASS
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Resolution 260616.03 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:
KATHLEEN
TAYLOR

SECOND:

Resolution 260616.04 Trustees

RESOLVED, in accordance with Section 4 of the Lindley Academy Charter School

REGINA FELDER

VOTE:
[X] PASS
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at Birney Bylaws, the Lindley Academy Charter School at Birney hereby elects the following Trustee for the terms listed below:

- Evette Alliston: July 1, 2026 – June 30, 2029

By Roll Call:

Reginald Howard – *aye*
Sandra Farmer – *aye*
Anita Vega-Kaiser – *aye*
Barbara L. Saunders – *aye*
Regina Felder – *aye*
Evette Alliston – *absent*
Dr. Kathleen Taylor – *aye*
Dr. Kaitlin Moran – *aye*

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
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Resolution 260616.05 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
Kokua Education Inc.	Various Rates	Provision of short and long-term substitutes
US Medical Staffing Services	Various Rates	Provision of healthcare professionals
Santilli & Thomson, LLP	Annual Rate to increase yearly plus additional service rates	Renewal of Business Controller Services
Team Tutor	Various Rates	Provision of Tutoring Services

Notes of Discussion / Advance Regulatory and Financial Comment:

<i>Who</i>	<i>What</i>
<i>Dr. Covello</i>	<i>Reviewed contracts with the Board.</i>

MOTION:
BARBARA L.
SAUNDERS

SECOND:
SANDRA FARMER

VOTE:
☒ PASS
☐ FAIL

Resolution 260616.06 2026-2027 Proposed Budget

RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees of Lindley Academy Charter School at Birney hereby approves of the 2026-2027 Proposed Budget, as presented.

By Roll Call:

Reginald Howard — *aye*
Sandra Farmer — *aye*
Anita Vega-Kaiser — *aye*
Barbara L. Saunders — *aye*
Regina Felder — *absent*
Evette Alliston — *absent*
Dr. Kathleen Taylor — *aye*
Dr. Kaitlin Moran — *aye*

Notes of Discussion / Advance Regulatory and Financial Comment:

<i>Who</i>	<i>What</i>
<i>S. Mercanti</i>	<i>Reviewed proposed budget with the Board.</i>

MOTION:
SANDRA FARMER

SECOND:
BARBARA L.
SAUNDERS

VOTE:
☒ PASS
☐ FAIL

Resolution 260616.07 IRS Form 990 Year End 2025

RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees of Lindley Academy Charter School at Birney hereby approves of the IRS Form 990 Year End 2025, as presented.

By Roll Call:

Reginald Howard — *aye*
Sandra Farmer — *aye*
Anita Vega-Kaiser — *aye*
Barbara L. Saunders — *aye*
Regina Felder — *absent*
Evette Alliston — *absent*
Dr. Kathleen Taylor — *aye*
Dr. Kaitlin Moran — *aye*

Notes of Discussion / Advance Regulatory and Financial Comment:

<i>Who</i>	<i>What</i>
<i>S. Mercanti</i>	<i>Reviewed IRS form 990 with the Board.</i>

MOTION:
SANDRA FARMER

SECOND:
KAITLIN MORAN

VOTE:
☒ PASS
☐ FAIL

Resolution 260616.08 2026-2027 Board Meeting Calendar

RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees of Lindley Academy Charter School at Birney hereby approves of the 2026-2027 Board Meeting Calendar, as presented.

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:
KAITLIN MORAN

VOTE:
☒ PASS
☐ FAIL

Resolution 260616.09 2026-2027 School Calendar

RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees of Lindley Academy Charter School at Birney hereby approves of the 2026-2027 School Calendar, as presented.

Notes of Discussion / Advance Regulatory and Financial Comment:

<i>Who</i>	<i>What</i>
<i>Dr. Covello</i>	<i>Reviewed proposed school calendar with the Board.</i>

MOTION:
BARBARA L.
SAUNDERS

SECOND:
SANDRA FARMER

VOTE:
☒ PASS
☐ FAIL

Resolution 260616.10 Maintenance Staff Calendar

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of Lindley Academy Charter School at Birney hereby approves the 2026-2027 maintenance staff calendar, as presented.

Notes of Discussion / Advance Regulatory and Financial Comment:

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

MOTION:
BARBARA L.
SAUNDERS

SECOND:
KATHLEEN
TAYLOR

VOTE:
☒ PASS
☐ FAIL

Resolution 260616.11 School Wellness Policy

RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees of Lindley Academy Charter School at Birney hereby approves of the School Wellness Policy, as presented.

Notes of Discussion / Advance Regulatory and Financial Comment:

<i>Who</i>	<i>What</i>
<i>A. Brock</i>	<i>Reviewed revised school wellness policy with the Board. This policy is presented to staff at the beginning of the year.</i>
<i>B. Saunders</i>	<i>Noted that she was able to attend the final wellness committee meeting of the year, and commended the staff on working so diligently on these policies</i>

MOTION:
SANDRA FARMER

SECOND:
ANITA VEGA-
KAISER

VOTE:
☒ PASS
☐ FAIL

Resolution 260616.12 Memorialization of Ongoing Management Agreement Negotiations

WHEREAS, Lindley Academy Charter School at Birney (the “School”) and American Paradigm Schools (“APS”) have been engaged in negotiations regarding the terms and conditions of a Management Agreement (the “Proposed Agreement”);

WHEREAS, the parties have not yet finalized or executed the Proposed Agreement and negotiations remain ongoing;

WHEREAS, the Board recognizes that it is in the best interests of the School to continue its ongoing relationship with APS while the parties work in good faith toward the completion of the Proposed Agreement;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board acknowledges and memorializes that negotiations concerning the Proposed Agreement are ongoing and that no final agreement shall be deemed effective unless and until it is reduced to writing and duly executed by authorized representatives of both parties;

RESOLVED FURTHER, that during the period of ongoing negotiations, LACS is authorized to continue conducting business with APS in a manner consistent with the parties’ existing course of dealing, interim understandings, or other operational arrangements, as applicable;

RESOLVED FURTHER, that the School’s officers are authorized and directed to continue negotiating the Proposed Agreement in good faith and to take such actions as they deem necessary or appropriate to maintain uninterrupted operations and business continuity during the negotiation period;

RESOLVED FURTHER, that the officers of the School are authorized to execute such interim documents, correspondence, extensions, or acknowledgments as may be necessary to evidence the parties’ ongoing negotiations and continued performance pending execution of the Proposed Agreement;

RESOLVED FURTHER, that all actions previously taken by the officers and representatives of the School consistent with the foregoing resolutions are hereby ratified, confirmed, and approved in all respects.

Notes of Discussion / Advance Regulatory and Financial Comment:

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

UPON MOTION BY BARBARA L. SAUNDERS AND SECOND BY SANDRA FARMER, THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES UNANIMOUSLY VOTED TO ENTER CLOSED SESSION.

UPON MOTION BY SANDRA FARMER AND KAITLIN MORAN THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES UNANIMOUSLY VOTED TO ENTER OPEN SESSION.

MOTION:
SANDRA FARMER

SECOND:
KAITLIN MORAN

VOTE:
☒ PASS
☐ FAIL

Resolution 260616.13 School Safety and Security Report

RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees of Lindley Academy Charter School at Birney ratifies the Executive Session on June 16, 2026, to Review the Safety and Security Report, as presented.

Notes of Discussion / Advance Regulatory and Financial Comment:

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

MOTION:
SANDRA FARMER

SECOND:
KATHLEEN
TAYLOR

VOTE:
☒ PASS
☐ FAIL

Resolution 260616.14 Resignation of Trustees

RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees of Lindley Academy Charter School at Birney hereby accepts the resignations of Trustees Anita Vega-Kaiser and Barbara L. Saunders, effective June 30, 2026.

Notes of Discussion / Advance Regulatory and Financial Comment:

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

B. UPCOMING EVENTS

- NEXT BOARD MEETING: AUGUST 18, 2026 AT 6PM

ADJOURNMENT AT 7:47 PM

MOTION:
KM
SECOND:
SF
VOTE:
☒ PASS
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