

# MEMPHIS STREET ACADEMY CHARTER SCHOOL

2950 MEMPHIS STREET  
PHILADELPHIA, PA 19134

## BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

LOCATION:  
ZOOM CONFERENCE CALL

DATE & TIME:  
JANUARY 8, 2025  
6:00 P.M.

## Minutes

### SECTION I: CALL TO ORDER

#### Opening Colloquy

This meeting of the Memphis Street Academy Charter School Board of Trustees is hereby called to order. The time is 6:07 p.m. My name is Sandra Farmer. I am the President of this Board of Trustees, and I will facilitate this meeting.

This is a public meeting that was properly noticed in the Philadelphia Daily News and pursuant to the Pennsylvania Sunshine Act. The public notice included instructions for how the public could participate in tonight's meeting.

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:  |
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| Sandra Farmer<br>Michelle Campellone<br>Barbara L. Saunders<br>Pablo Mateo<br>Miguel Diaz<br>Stacey Schellinger<br><br><b>Board Members Absent:</b> | Steven Bilski<br><br>Ashley Redfearn<br>Kristine Magargee<br>Scott Kramer<br><br>Samuel Mercanti<br><br>Dean Krebs, Esq. |

## B. DISCLOSURE: EXECUTIVE SESSION *BY SANDRA FARMER*

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

## C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION:

MICHELLE  
CAMPELLONE

SECOND:

BARBARA L.  
SAUNDERS

VOTE:

☒ PASS

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### R250108.01 Approval of the January 8, 2025 Agenda

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of Memphis Street Academy Charter School hereby approves the January 8, 2025 Agenda.

#### *Notes of Discussion / Advance Regulatory and Financial Comment:*

| Who   | What               |
|-------|--------------------|
| Board | General discussion |

## D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION:

BARBARA L.  
SAUNDERS

SECOND:

PABLO MATEO

VOTE:

☒ PASS

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### R250108.02 Minutes of the December 18, 2024 Meeting

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of Memphis Street Academy Charter School hereby approves the Minutes of the December 18, 2024 meeting of the Board of Trustees of Memphis Street Academy Charter School.

#### *Notes of Discussion / Advance Regulatory and Financial Comment:*

| Who | What |
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| Board | General discussion |
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## **SECTION II: REPORTS**

### **A. COMMUNITY COMMENT**

#### *Community Comment Colloquy (General Counsel)*

Good evening. My name is Dean Krebs, and I am with Sand & Saidel, P.C., General Counsel to the Memphis Street Academy Charter School 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:***

| <b><i>Who</i></b> | <b><i>What</i></b> |
|-------------------|--------------------|
| <i>None</i>       | <i>None</i>        |

### **B. MEMPHIS STREET ACADEMY CHARTER SCHOOL CEO**

- a. *Mr. Steven Bilski, CEO of MSA*
  - i. *Reviewed and discussed with the Board the January 2025 CEO report, previously disseminated to the Board.*
  - ii. *Informed the Board that Star Reading score had increased showing progress via interventions are working;*
  - iii. *Discussed that meetings with APS coaches on weekly basis are paying off.*

### **C. AMERICAN PARADIGM SCHOOLS CEO**

- a. *Ms. Ashley Redfearn, CEO of APS*
  - i. *Reviewed and discussed with the Board the January 2025 APS report, previously disseminated to the Board, including discussing ongoing CEO collaboration, facility measures, enrollment demographics across, and HR updates.*
  - ii. *Shared with the Board the Vote Philly initiative;*
- b. *Ms. Kristine Magargee, CAO of APS*
  - i. *Reviewed and discussed with the Board the January 2025 APS report, previously disseminated to the Board*
  - ii. *Informed the Board of ELA PDs undertaken and facilitation of small-group instruction;*
  - iii. *Shared various Math interventions occurring, including Math coaching and “learning walks.”;*
  - iv. *Informed the Board of Data Team updates ranging of reporting/ compliance to utilization of various platforms such as FOCUS and EdInsight;*
  - v. *Informed the Board of Caring School Community events occurring throughout the network*

**D. BUSINESS CONTROLLER**

- a. *Mr. Samuel Mercanti, Santilli & Thomson, LLC*
- i. *Reviewed and discussed with the Board the November 2024 financial reports, previously disseminated with the Board.*
  - ii. *Informed the Board of current enrollment and cash on hand;*
  - iii. *Informed the Board of disbursements.*

**E. GENERAL COUNSEL**

- a. *None*

**SECTION III: OLD BUSINESS**

NONE

**SECTION IV: NEW BUSINESS**

**A. RESOLUTIONS**

MOTION:

BARBARA L.  
SAUNDERS

SECOND:

PABLO MATEO

VOTE:

☒ PASS

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**R250108.03 Report of the Business Controller**

RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees of Memphis Street Academy Charter School accepts the Financial Report of the Business Controller and all documents submitted thereby, which shall be incorporated into the record of this meeting.

***Notes of Discussion / Advance Regulatory and Financial Comment:***

| <b><i>Who</i></b> | <b><i>What</i></b>        |
|-------------------|---------------------------|
| <i>Board</i>      | <i>General discussion</i> |

MOTION:

BARBARA L.  
SAUNDERS

SECOND:

PABLO MATEO

VOTE:

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**R250108.04 Human Resources Resolution**

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of Memphis Street Academy Charter School accepts the Human Resources changes, modifications, and additions, as presented.

| <b>NEW HIRE / RATE CHANGE/ POSITION CHANGE / RETURN LOA</b> |                 |                   |
|---|-----------------|-------------------|
| <b>NAME</b>   | <b>POSITION</b> | <b>START DATE</b> |
| None  | None            | None              |

| <b>RESIGNATION / TERMINATION / LOA</b> |                                       |                       |
|--|---------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| <b>NAME</b>                            | <b>POSITION</b>                       | <b>EFFECTIVE DATE</b> |
| Taysha Torres-Veloz<br>(resignation)   | 7 <sup>th</sup> Grade Science Teacher | 1/17/2025             |

***Notes of Discussion / Advance Regulatory and Financial Comment:***

| <b><i>Who</i></b> | <b><i>What</i></b>        |
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| <i>Board</i>      | <i>General discussion</i> |

**B. DISCUSSION AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

UPON MOTION BY MICHELLE CAMPELLONE AND SECOND BY PABLO MATEO, THE BOARD UNANIMOUSLY ENTERED INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR PURPOSES DESCRIBED UNDER 65 PA.C.S. 708(A)(4) AND OTHER CONFIDENTIAL MATTERS. SPECIFICALLY, TO DISCUSS MEMPHIS ST. ACAD. CHARTER SCH. AT J.P. JONES V. SCH. DIST. OF PHILADELPHIA, NO. CV 22-02760, IN THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA WHICH RELATES TO CERTAIN DISCRIMINATION AND DECLARATORY ACTION CLAIMS.

UPON MOTION BY MICHELLE CAMPELLONE AND SECOND BY PABLO MATEO, THE BOARD UNANIMOUSLY ENTERED INTO OPEN SESSION.

NEXT BOARD MEETING: FEBRUARY 12, 2025 AT 6:00 P.M.

**ADJOURNMENT AT 7:09P.M.**

MOTION:

MIGUEL DIAZ

SECOND:

BARBARA L. SAUNDERS

VOTE:

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