

MEMPHIS STREET ACADEMY CHARTER SCHOOL

2950 MEMPHIS STREET
PHILADELPHIA, PA 19134

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

LOCATION:
ZOOM CONFERENCE CALL

DATE & TIME:
MARCH 12, 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 6:06 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:
Sandra Farmer Michelle Campellone Pablo Mateo Stacey Schellinger Miguel Diaz Board Members Absent: Barbara L. Saunders	Steven Bilski Ashley Redfearn Kristine Magargee Scott Kramer Samuel Mercanti 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:

MC

SECOND:

SS

VOTE:

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R250312.01 Approval of the March 12, 2025 Agenda

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of Memphis Street Academy Charter School hereby approves the March 12, 2025 Agenda.

Notes of Discussion / Advance Regulatory and Financial Comment:

Who	What
Board	General discussion

D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION:

MC

SECOND:

SS

VOTE:

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R250312.02 Minutes of the February 12, 2025 Meeting

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of Memphis Street Academy Charter School hereby approves the Minutes of the February 12, 2025 meeting of the Board of Trustees of Memphis Street Academy Charter School.

Notes of Discussion / Advance Regulatory and Financial Comment:

<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 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:

<i>Who</i>	<i>What</i>

B. MEMPHIS STREET ACADEMY CHARTER SCHOOL CEO

- a. *Mr. Steven Bilski, CEO of MSA*
 - i. *Reviewed and discussed with the Board the March 2025 CEO report, previously disseminated to the Board;*
 - ii. *Reviewed various enrollment and attendance metrics with the Board; and*
 - iii. *Shared STAR testing data showing that curriculum is working*

C. AMERICAN PARADIGM SCHOOLS CEO

- a. *Ms. Ashley Redfearn, CEO of APS*
 - i. *Reviewed and discussed with the Board the March 2025 APS report, previously disseminated to the Board;*
 - ii. *Reminded Board of the APS model of diversity and inclusion;*
 - iii. *Shared ongoing CEO collaboration; and*
 - iv. *Shared media relation pertaining to Change.org in support of MSA.*
- b. *Mr. Scott Kramer, CTO of APS*
 - i. *Reviewed and discussed with the Board the March 2025 APS report, previously disseminated to the Board;*
 - ii. *Informed the Board of recent Arcadia university job fair event.*

D. BUSINESS CONTROLLER

- a. *Mr. Samuel Mercanti, Santilli & Thomson*
 - i. *Reviewed the discussed with the board the January 2025 financial report, previously disseminated with the Board.*

E. GENERAL COUNSEL

- a. *Dean Krebs, Esq.*

- i. Reminded Board of SOFI obligations
- ii. Provided brief updates regarding implications of Federal action being taken by current Administration.

SECTION III: OLD BUSINESS

NONE

SECTION IV: NEW BUSINESS

A. RESOLUTIONS

MOTION:

MC

SECOND:

SS

VOTE:

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R250312.03 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:

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

UPON MOTION BY MICHELLE CAMPellone AND SECOND BY SHOSHANA SKATES, THE BOARD UNANIMOUSLY ENTERED INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR PURPOSES DESCRIBED UNDER 65 PA.C.S. § 708(A)(5) AND ATTORNEY-CLIENT PRIVILEGE. SPECIFICALLY, TO DISCUSS MATTERS PERTAINING TO STUDENT DISCIPLINE.

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

B. DISCUSSION AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

NEXT BOARD MEETING: APRIL 9, 2025 AT 6:00 P.M.

ADJOURNMENT AT 7:27P.M.

MOTION:

MD

SECOND:

PM

VOTE:

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