

# TACONY ACADEMY CHARTER SCHOOL

6201 KEYSTONE STREET  
PHILADELPHIA, PA 19135

## BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

LOCATION:  
ZOOM MEETING

DATE & TIME:  
JANUARY 15, 2025  
6:00 P.M.

## Minutes

### SECTION I: CALL TO ORDER

#### Opening Colloquy

This meeting of the Tacony Academy Charter School Board of Trustees is hereby called to order. The time is 6:02 p.m. My name is Barbara L. Saunders. I am the President of this Board of Trustees, and I will facilitate this meeting.

This meeting is being held via teleconference. 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:  |
|---|--|
| Barbara L. Saunders<br>Anita Vega-Kaiser<br>Marianne Lynch<br>Reginald Howard<br>Staci Capozio<br><br><b>Board Members Absent:</b><br>Dr. Zakia Gates<br>Lionel S. Archer, Jr.<br>Dr. Ronald Whitaker | Naimah Wimberly<br><br>Ashley Redfearn<br>Kristine Magargee<br>Scott Kramer<br><br>Peter Costa<br><br>Dean Krebs, Esq. |

## B. DISCLOSURE: EXECUTIVE SESSION *BY BARBARA L. SAUNDERS*

*I would 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:

MARIANNE  
LYNCH

SECOND:

RONALD  
HOWARD

VOTE:

☒ PASS

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### R250115.01 Approval of the January 15, 2025 Agenda

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of Tacony Academy Charter School hereby approves the January 15, 2025 Agenda.

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

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

## D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION:

MARIANNE  
LYNCH

SECOND:

RONALD  
HOWARD

### R250115.02 Minutes of the December 18, 2024 Meeting

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

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

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VOTE:

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

## **SECTION II: REPORTS**

### **A. COMMUNITY COMMENT**

*None*

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

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

### **A. TACONY ACADEMY CHARTER SCHOOL CEO**

- a. *Ms. Naimah Wimberly, CEO of TACS*
  - i. *Reviewed and discussed with the Board the January 2025 CEO report, previously disseminated to the Board;*
  - ii. *Reviewed and discussed School Data, including enrollment, SPED enrollment, Food Service, and Operations.*
  - iii. *Discussed Caring School Community events*

### **B. AMERICAN PARADIGM SCHOOLS CEO**

- a. *Ms. Ashley Redfearn, CEO of APS*
  - i. *Reviewed and discussed with the Board the January 2025 CEO report, previously disseminated to the Board;*
  - ii. *Discussed enrollment demographics across network;*
- b. *Mr. Scott Kramer*
  - i. *Reviewed and discussed with the Board the January 2025 CEO report, previously disseminated to the Board; and*
  - ii. *Shared updated pertaining to vacancies, Teacher Apprenticeship Program, Teacher Tuition Program, and Employee referral Program.*
- c. *Ms. Kristine Magaragee*
  - i. *Reviewed and discussed with the Board the January 2025 CEO report, previously disseminated to the Board;*
  - ii. *Updated Board on support being provided for ELA and Math activities;*
  - iii. *Updated Board on coaching team and data team activities; and*
  - iv. *Informed the Board of various Caring School Community activities.*

### **C. BUSINESS CONTROLLER**

- a. *Mr. Peter Costa, Santilli & Thomson, LLC*
  - i. *Reviewed and discussed with the Board the December 2024 financial reports; and*
  - ii. *Informed the Board that the school appeared to be in good shape regarding revenue.*

### **D. GENERAL COUNSEL**

- a. *Dean Krebs, Esq.*
  - i. *Reminded Board of SOFI obligations;*
  - ii. *Updated the Board regarding changes to Title IX*

### SECTION III: OLD BUSINESS

NONE

### SECTION IV: NEW BUSINESS

#### **A. RESOLUTIONS**

MOTION:

MARIANNE  
LYNCH

SECOND:

RONALD  
HOWARD

VOTE:

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#### **R250115.03 Report of the Business Controller**

RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees of Tacony 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:

MARIANNE  
LYNCH

SECOND:

RONALD  
HOWARD

VOTE:

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#### **R250115.04 Human Resources Resolution**

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

| <b>HIRES / RETURN TO SERVICE/ POSITION CHANGE/RATE CHANGE</b> |              |                   |
|---|--------------|-------------------|
| <b>NAME</b>   | <b>TITLE</b> | <b>START DATE</b> |
| None  | None         | None              |

| <b>TERMINATIONS / RESIGNATIONS / LOA</b> |                    |                       |
|--|--------------------|-----------------------|
| <b>NAME</b>                              | <b>TITLE</b>       | <b>EFFECTIVE DATE</b> |
| Kwanza Cogdell<br>(resignation)          | Principal HS       | 1/10/25               |
| Robyn Guenther<br>(resignation)          | HS English Teacher | 12/13/24              |

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

| <b><i>Who</i></b> | <b><i>What</i></b>   |
|-------------------|--|
| <i>N.Wimberly</i> | <i>Wished Ms.Cogdell well and shared plan while in transition to get a new Principal, noting she has taken over responsibilities in the interim.</i> |

#### **B. DISCUSSION AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

THE BOARD ACKNOWLEDGED THE PASSING OF REBECCA MITCHEL, AN ORIGINAL TRUSTEE OF TACS, EXPRESSING CONDOLENCES.

NEXT BOARD MEETING: FEBRUARY 19, 2025 AT 6:00 PM.

**ADJOURNMENT AT 7:09PM**

MOTION:

MARIANNE LYNCH

SECOND:

RONALD HOWARD

VOTE:

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