

# TACONY ACADEMY CHARTER SCHOOL

6201 KEYSTONE STREET  
PHILADELPHIA, PA 19135

## **BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING**

LOCATION:  
ZOOM MEETING

DATE & TIME:  
MARCH 19, 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 6:06 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**

<p><b>Board Members Present:</b></p> <p>Barbara L. Saunders Anita Vega-Kaiser Lionel S. Archer, Jr. Marianne Lynch</p> <p><b>Board Members Absent:</b></p> <p>Reginald Howard Dr. Zakia Gates Staci Capozio</p>	<p><b>By Invitation: Non-Board Members:</b></p> <p><b>Naimah Wimberly</b></p> <p>Ashley Redfearn Kristine Magargee Scott Kramer</p> <p>Dean Krebs, Esq.</p>
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**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:  
ANITA VEGA-KAISER  
SECOND:  
LIONEL ARCHER  
VOTE:  
 PASS  
 FAIL

**R250319.01 Approval of the March 19, 2025 Agenda**

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of Tacony Academy Charter School hereby approves the March 19, 2025 Agenda.

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

<b>Who</b>	<b>What</b>
<i>M.Lynch/L. Archer</i>	<i>Approved amending the agenda to add R250319.06 pertaining to the resignation of Trustee Dr. Ronald Whitaker.</i>

**D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

MOTION:  
ANITA VEGA-KAISER  
SECOND:  
LIONEL ARCHER  
VOTE:  
 PASS

**R250319.02 Minutes of the February 19, 2025 Meeting**

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of Tacony Academy Charter School hereby approves the Minutes of the February 19, 2025 meeting of the Board of Trustees of Tacony Academy Charter School.

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

<b>Who</b>	<b>What</b>

**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 Tacony 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>

**A. TACONY ACADEMY CHARTER SCHOOL CEO**

- a. *Ms. Naimah Wimberly, CEO of Tacony Academy Charter School*
  - i. *Reviewed and discussed with the Board the March 2025 CEO report, previously disseminated to the Board*
  - ii. *Informed the Board regarding PIMS and shared there was a recent ESSER monitoring completed;*
  - iii. *Shared ongoing efforts to fill vacancies with APS support;*
  - iv. *Shared photos of completed school projects; and*

**DR. ZAKIA GATES JOINED THE MEETING AT 6:20PM**

- v. *Shared Caring community events, including City Wide Bee which TACS student won, Points for Porter game, and Family science night, PI Day; and*
- vi. *Shared STAR Data*

**A. AMERICAN PARADIGM SCHOOLS CEO**

- a. *Ms. Ashley Redfearn, CEO of American Paradigm Schools*
  - i. *Reviewed and discussed with the Board the March 2025 APS report, previously disseminated to the Board;*
  - ii. *Highlighted CEO collaborations, various partnerships, and media communications.*
  - iii. *Reviewed school wide data with the Board pertaining to enrollment and other metrics;*
- b. *Mr. Scott Kramer, CTO of American Paradigm Schools*

- i. Reviewed and discussed with the Board the March 2025 APS report, previously disseminated to the Board;
- c. Ms. Kristine Magargee, CAO of American Paradigm Schools
  - i. Reviewed and discussed with the Board the March 2025 APS report, previously disseminated to the Board;

**B. BUSINESS CONTROLLER**

- a. The Board acknowledged receipt of the February 2025 financials which were previously disseminated to the Board.

**C. GENERAL COUNSEL**

- a. None

**SECTION III: OLD BUSINESS**

NONE

**SECTION IV: NEW BUSINESS**

**A. RESOLUTIONS**

MOTION:

**R250319.03 Report of the Business Controller**

ANITA  
VEGA-  
KAISER

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.

SECOND:

LIONEL  
ARCHER

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

VOTE:

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

[X] PASS

[ X] FAIL  
[ ] FAIL

MOTION:

**R250319.04 Human Resources Resolution**

ANITA  
VEGA-  
KAISER

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

SECOND:

LIONEL  
ARCHER

<b>HIRES / RETURN TO SERVICE/ POSITION CHANGE/RATE CHANGE</b>		
<b>NAME</b>	<b>TITLE</b>	<b>START DATE</b>
Shanna Dancy (new hire)	Building Sub (ES)	3/4/25
Khalif Holliday (new hire)	Physical Education Teacher (HS)	3/24/25
Sarah Gudas (position and rate change)	Instructional Assistant (ES) - 2nd Grade	3/3/25

VOTE:

[X] PASS

[ X] FAIL  
[ ] FAIL

Regina Lowry (rate change)	Instructional Assistant (ES) - 4th Grade	3/11/25
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<b>TERMINATIONS / RESIGNATIONS / LOA</b>		
<b>NAME</b>	<b>TITLE</b>	<b>EFFECTIVE DATE</b>
Sarah Macholdt (resignation)	Instructional Assistant (ES) - 3rd Grade	3/5/25
Stephanie Felder (resignation)	History Teacher & DEI Coordinator (HS)	4/11/25

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

<b>Who</b>	<b>What</b>
<i>N. Wimberly</i>	<i>Congratulated S. Felder on recent doctorate and future endeavors</i>

MOTION:

**R250319.05 Professional Services Contract/s Resolution**

ANITA  
VEGA-  
KAISER

RESOLVED, the Professional Services Contract/s and associated report/s listed below are hereby accepted and ratified;

SECOND:

FURTHER RESOLVED, the CEO, Business Controller, and General Counsel are hereby authorized and directed to negotiate contract/s for the professional services described below;

LIONEL  
ARCHER

VOTE:

PASS

FURTHER RESOLVED, the President is authorized to execute any document or delegate any task necessary to effectuate this resolution.

FAIL  
 FAIL

<b>Contractor</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Comment: Terms and Conditions</b>
Realty Landscaping	1330 Rhawn St.: \$12,280 6201 Keystone St.: \$12,560	Annual landscaping services

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

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

MOTION:

**R250319.06 Resignation Acceptance of Dr. Ronald Whitaker**

ANITA  
VEGA-  
KAISER

SECOND:

LIONEL  
ARCHER

VOTE:

PASS

FAIL

FAIL

RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees of Tacony Academy Charter School ratifies and approves of the resignation of Dr. Ronald Whitaker, effective February 17, 2025.

***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>

**B. DISCUSSION AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

NEXT BOARD MEETING: APRIL 16, 2025 AT 6:00 PM.

**ADJOURNMENT AT 7:02PM**

MOTION:  
ANITA VEGA-KAISER

SECOND:

MARIANNE LYNCH

VOTE:

PASS

FAIL