

TACONY ACADEMY CHARTER SCHOOL

6201 KEYSTONE STREET
PHILADELPHIA, PA 19135

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

LOCATION:
ZOOM MEETING

DATE & TIME:
APRIL 16, 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 6:05 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 Anita Vega-Kaiser Lionel S. Archer, Jr. Reginald Howard Board Members Absent: Marianne Lynch Dr. Zakia Gates Staci Capozio	Naimah Wimberly Kristine Magargee Scott Kramer Peter Costa Dean Krebs, Esq. Eric Strauss

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:

REGINALD HOWARD

SECOND:

ANITA VEGA-KAISER

VOTE:

PASS

FAIL

R250416.01 Approval of the April 16, 2025 Agenda

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of Tacony Academy Charter School hereby approves the April 16, 2025 Agenda.

Notes of Discussion / Advance Regulatory and Financial Comment:

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

D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION:

LIONEL ARCHER

SECOND:

REGINALD HOWARD

VOTE:

R250416.02 Minutes of the March 19, 2025 Meeting

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

Notes of Discussion / Advance Regulatory and Financial Comment:

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

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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 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:

Who	What

A. TACONY ACADEMY CHARTER SCHOOL CEO

- a. *Ms. Naimah Wimberly, CEO of TACS*
 - i. *Reviewed and discussed with the Board the April 2025 CEO report, previously disseminated; and*
 - ii. *Shared annual spring basket rally*

B. AMERICAN PARADIGM SCHOOLS CEO

- a. *Mr. Scott Kramer, CTO of APS, and Ms. Kristine Magargee, CAO of APS*
 - i. *Reviewed and discussed with the Board the April 2025 APS Report, previously disseminated to the Board;*
 - ii. *Provided feedback regarding insurance costs pertaining to Resolution R250409.08 below; and*
 - iii. *Shared that coaching has helped morale and gives teacher someone to speak with.*

C. BUSINESS CONTROLLER

- a. *Peter Costa, Santilli & Thomson, LLC*
 - i. *Reviewed and discussed with the Board the April 2025 financial reports, previously disseminated to the Board.*
- b. *Mr. Eric Strauss*
 - i. *Reviewed and discussed with the Board the draft 990s, noting bulk of information comes from annual audit.*

D. GENERAL COUNSEL

- a. *Dean Krebs, Esq.*
 - i. *Reviewed and discussed with the Board the resolutions on the Agenda.*

SECTION III: OLD BUSINESS

NONE

SECTION IV: NEW BUSINESS

A. RESOLUTIONS

MOTION:

R250416.03 Report of the Business Controller

LIONEL
ARCHER

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:

REGINALD
HOWARD

Notes of Discussion / Advance Regulatory and Financial Comment:

VOTE:

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

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MOTION:

R250416.04 Approval of 2023-24 FY Form 990

LIONEL
ARCHER

RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees of Tacony Academy Charter School accepts the draft Form 990 for the 2023-24 Fiscal Year as presented.

SECOND:

REGINALD
HOWARD

Notes of Discussion / Advance Regulatory and Financial Comment:

VOTE:

<i>Who</i>	<i>What</i>
<i>E.Strauss</i>	<i>As above.</i>

PASS

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MOTION:

R250416.05 Professional Services Contract/s Resolution

LIONEL
ARCHER

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

SECOND:

REGINALD
HOWARD

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

VOTE:

PASS

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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

<p>Aspire</p>	<p>Psycho-Educational Evaluations (Initial): (cognitive, achievement, case record review, rating scales within 45/60 days)</p> <p>Psycho-Educational Re-evaluations (Re-evaluation): (cognitive, achievement, case record review, rating scales within 45/60 days)</p> <p>\$1,550.00</p> <p>Bilingual Psycho-Educational Evaluations/Re-Evaluation: \$4,000.00</p> <p>Independent educational evaluation (IEE) comprehensive evaluations: \$5,000.00</p> <p>Risk Assessment: \$750.00 Classroom Observation / Case Consultation / IEP Meetings / Hourly Rate (No Call/No Show): \$200.00 per hour</p> <p>Court Proceedings: \$400.00 per hour</p> <p>Functional Behavior Assessment (FBA) & Positive Behavior Support Plans (PBSP) (Performed by school psychologist, BCBA, BC, or LBS - includes staff interviews, observations, and completion of FBA/PBSP with</p>	<p>Psychological services</p> <p>Additional fees for expedited services</p> <p>2025-26 SY</p>
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	<p>recommendations within 45/60 days): \$1,550.00</p> <p>Case Consultation / IEP Meetings by a BCBA, BC, or LBS: \$150.00 per hour</p> <p>Behavioral Health Technician (BHT): \$55.00 per hour</p> <p>Court Proceedings: \$400.00 per hour</p> <p>SPECIALISTS</p> <p>Speech Pathologist (in person): \$125.00 per hour</p> <p>Speech Pathologist (virtual): \$110.00 per hour</p> <p>Occupational Therapist: \$110.00 per hour</p> <p>Physical Therapist: \$110.00 per hour</p> <p>Instructional Assistant \$45.00 per hour</p>	
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Notes of Discussion / Advance Regulatory and Financial Comment:

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

R250409.06 Approval of Flexible Instruction Days Plan

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of Tacony Academy Charter School hereby approves the Flexible Instruction Days plan, as presented.

Notes of Discussion / Advance Regulatory and Financial Comment:

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

MOTION:

LIONEL ARCHER

SECOND:

REGINALD HOWARD

VOTE:

[X] PASS

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MOTION:

R250409.07 Approval of 2025-26 Board Calendar

LIONEL
ARCHER

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of Tacony Academy Charter School School hereby approves the 2025-26 Board Calendar, as presented.

SECOND:

REGINALD
HOWARD

Notes of Discussion / Advance Regulatory and Financial Comment:

VOTE:

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

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MOTION:

R250409.08 Approval of the Blue Cross Blue Shield Philadelphia Health Insurance Plan

LIONEL
ARCHER

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of Tacony Academy Charter School School hereby ratifies and approves of the Blue Cross Blue Shield Philadelphia Health Insurance Plan.

SECOND:

REGINALD
HOWARD

Notes of Discussion / Advance Regulatory and Financial Comment:

VOTE:

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

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B. DISCUSSION AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

NEXT BOARD MEETING: MAY 21, 2025 AT 6:00 PM.

ADJOURNMENT AT 7:25 PM

LIONEL ARCHER

SECOND:

REGINALD HOWARD

VOTE:

PASS

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