

TACONY ACADEMY CHARTER SCHOOL

6201 KEYSTONE STREET
PHILADELPHIA, PA 19135

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

LOCATION:
ZOOM MEETING

DATE & TIME:
MAY 21, 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 6:04 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 Dr. Zakia Gates Board Members Absent: Marianne Lynch Staci Capozio	Naimah Wimberly Ashley Redfearn Kristine Magargee Scott Kramer Peter Costa 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:

ANITA VEGA-KAISER

SECOND:

LIONEL ARCHER

VOTE:

PASS

FAIL

R250521.01 Approval of the May 21, 2025 Agenda

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of Tacony Academy Charter School hereby approves the May 21, 2025 Agenda.

Notes of Discussion / Advance Regulatory and Financial Comment:

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

D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION:

ANITA VEGA-KAISER

SECOND:

LIONEL ARCHER

VOTE:

R250521.02 Minutes of the April 16, 2025 Meeting

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

Notes of Discussion / Advance Regulatory and Financial Comment:

[X] PASS

[] FAIL

Who	What

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. Board acknowledge receipt and acceptance of the May 2025 CEO report, previously disseminated to the Board.

B. AMERICAN PARADIGM SCHOOLS CEO

- a. Board acknowledge receipt and acceptance of the May 2025 APS report, previously disseminated to the Board.

C. BUSINESS CONTROLLER

- a. Mr. Peter Costa, Santilli & Thomson, LLC
 - i. Reviewed and discussed with the Board the April 2025 financial reports, previously disseminated to the Board;
 1. Informed the Board that the school was expected to meet bond covenants
 2. Shared 48 days of cash
 3. Shared disbursements of \$1.4M;
 4. Shared that school was \$900,000 under budget
 - ii. Reviewed and discussed with the Board the draft 2025-26 FY budget, previously disseminated to the Board
 1. Shared an expected \$800k surplus for next year;
 2. Shared that the subsidy increase would be 8%

D. GENERAL COUNSEL

- a. None

SECTION III: OLD BUSINESS

NONE

SECTION IV: NEW BUSINESS

A. RESOLUTIONS

MOTION:

ANITA
VEGA-
KAISER

SECOND:

LIONEL
ARCHER

VOTE:

PASS

FAIL

R250521.03 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:

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

MOTION:

ANITA
VEGA-
KAISER

SECOND:

LIONEL
ARCHER

VOTE:

PASS

FAIL

R250521.04 Human Resources Resolution

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

HIRES / RETURN TO SERVICE/ POSITION CHANGE/RATE CHANGE		
NAME	TITLE	START DATE
Amera Ali	Instructional Assistant	4/23/2025
Sumayya Naeem	Instructional Assistant	5/5/2025
Agnieshka Diaz-Feliciano	NTA	5/12/2025

TERMINATIONS / RESIGNATIONS / LOA		
NAME	TITLE	EFFECTIVE DATE
None	None	None

Notes of Discussion / Advance Regulatory and Financial Comment:

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

MOTION:

LIONEL
ARCHER

SECOND:

R250521.05 Approval of 2025-26 FY Draft Budget

RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees of Tacony Academy Charter School ratifies and approves of the 2025-26 FY Draft Budget, as presented.

ZAKIA
GATES

ROLL CALL

VOTE:

Barbara L. Saunders - aye

[X] PASS

Anita Vega-Kaiser - aye

[] FAIL

Lionel S. Archer, Jr. - aye

Marianne Lynch - absent

Reginald Howard - absent

Dr. Zakia Gates - aye

Staci Capozio - absent

Notes of Discussion / Advance Regulatory and Financial Comment:

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

MOTION:

R250521.06 Approval of Medical and Technical Skills Institute

ZAKIA
GATES

WHEREAS, Tacony Academy Charter School (“TACS”) seeks to implement an initiative to offer medical and technical certification programs at TACS to empower scholars to graduate not only with a diploma, but also with industry-recognized credentials that open doors to high-demand careers, reduce barriers to higher education, and inspire a lifelong passion for learning, which shall be called the “Medical and Technical Skills Institute” (“MTSI”);

SECOND:

LIONEL
ARCHER

VOTE:

RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees hereby authorizes and directs the Chief Executive Officer (“CEO”) to take all action determined by the CEO reasonably necessary in order to effectuate the research, development, grant funding, and implementation of MTSI;

[X] PASS

[] FAIL

RESOLVED, the CEO shall periodically update the Board of Trustees in the research, development, grant funding, and implementation of the MTSI; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, in furtherance of the MTSI, the Board of Trustees hereby authorizes and approves of the Phlebotomy Training Program Agreement, as presented.

Notes of Discussion / Advance Regulatory and Financial Comment:

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

UPON MOTION BY LIONEL ARCHER AND SECOND BY ANITA VEGA-KAISER, THE BOARD UNANIMOUSLY VOTED TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR PURPOSES DESCRIBED UNDER 65 PA.C.S. § 708(A)(5). SPECIFICALLY, TO DISCUSS RESOLUTION R250521.07 BELOW WHICH PERTAINS TO AN ALLEGED COMPENSATORY EDUCATION CLAIMS.

MOTION:

R250521.07 Confidential Settlement and Release Agreement for Student No. 10139567

LIONEL ARCHER

SECOND:

RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees of Tacony Academy Charter School hereby approves of the Confidential Settlement and Release Agreement between itself and Student No. 10139567, pending final legal review.

ZAKIA GATES

VOTE:

Notes of Discussion / Advance Regulatory and Financial Comment:

PASS

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

FAIL

B. DISCUSSION AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

NEXT BOARD MEETING: JUNE 18, 2025 AT 6:00 PM.

ADJOURNMENT AT 7:36PM

MOTION:

LIONEL ARCHER

SECOND:

ZAKIA GATES

VOTE:

PASS

FAIL