

TACONY ACADEMY CHARTER SCHOOL

6201 KEYSTONE STREET
PHILADELPHIA, PA 19135

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

LOCATION:
ZOOM MEETING

DATE & TIME:
JUNE 18, 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

Board Members Present:	By Invitation: Non-Board Members:
Barbara L. Saunders Anita Vega-Kaiser Lionel S. Archer, Jr. Marianne Lynch Reginald Howard Dr. Zakia Gates Staci Capozio	Naimah Wimberly Ashley Redfearn Kristine Magargee Scott Kramer Peter Costa
Board Members Absent:	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: **R250618.01 Approval of the June 18, 2025 Agenda**

LIONEL ARCHER
SECOND: RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of Tacony Academy Charter School hereby approves the June 18, 2025 Agenda.

MARIANNE LYNCH
Notes of Discussion / Advance Regulatory and Financial Comment:

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

VOTE:
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D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: **R250618.02 Minutes of the May 21, 2025 Meeting**

LIONEL ARCHER
SECOND: RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of Tacony Academy Charter School hereby approves the Minutes of the May 21, 2025 meeting of the Board of Trustees of Tacony Academy Charter School.

MARIANNE LYNCH
Notes of Discussion / Advance Regulatory and Financial Comment:

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

VOTE:
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SECTION II: REPORTS

A. COMMUNITY COMMENT

None

Notes of Discussion / Advance Regulatory and Financial Comment:

Who	What
None	None

A. TACONY ACADEMY CHARTER SCHOOL CEO

a. MS. NAIMAH WIMBERLY, CEO OF TACS

- i. Reviewed and discussed with the Board the June 2025 CEO report, previously disseminated to the Board.*

B. AMERICAN PARADIGM SCHOOLS CEO

a. Ms. Ashley Redfearn, CEO of APS; Scott Kramer, CTO of APS; and Kristine Magargee, CAO of APS

- i. Reviewed and discussed with the Board the APS report*
- ii. Reviewed engagement survey results with the Board*
- iii. Shared HR updates, including handbook changes collaboration, staffing plan, and shared ongoing apprenticeship program under review by PDE, including that PD for certification has been approved.*

C. BUSINESS CONTROLLER

a. Peter Costa, Santilli & Thomson, LLC

- i. Reviewed and discussed with the Board the May 2025 financial reports, previously disseminated to the Board.*

D. GENERAL COUNSEL

a. Dean Krebs, Esq.

- i. Reviewed and discussed with the Board matters on the Agenda and reminded Board of need to enter into executive session for purposes of R250618.11.*

SECTION III: OLD BUSINESS

NONE

SECTION IV: NEW BUSINESS

A. RESOLUTIONS

MOTION:

LIONEL ARCHER

SECOND:

MARIANNE LYNCH

VOTE:

R250618.03 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:

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Who	What
Board	General discussion

MOTION:

R250618.04 Approval Fund Balance

LIONEL ARCHER

RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees of Tacony Academy Charter School designates estimated fund balance for the year ending June 30, 2025, as follows:

SECOND:

MARIANNE LYNCH

Designated for Working Capital/School Performance	\$250,000
Available for Appropriation	\$3,00,000
Designated for Non-Liquid Asse	\$250,000
<u>Total Fund Balance</u>	<u>\$3,500,000</u>

VOTE:

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Notes of Discussion / Advance Regulatory and Financial Comment:

Who	What
Board	General discussion

MOTION:

R250618.05 Human Resources Resolution

LIONEL ARCHER

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

SECOND:

MARIANNE LYNCH

VOTE:

[X] PASS

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HIRES / RETURN TO SERVICE/ POSITION CHANGE/RATE CHANGE		
NAME	TITLE	START DATE
None	None	None

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

Notes of Discussion / Advance Regulatory and Financial Comment:

Who	What
Board	General discussion

MOTION:

R250618.06 Professional Services Contract/s Resolution

LIONEL ARCHER

SECOND:

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VOTE:

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

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

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
Brett DiNovi & Associates PA, LLC	Clinical associates: \$57.50/hr Behavior Consultant: \$127.50/hr (FBA x 15 hours)	Staffing services 2025-26 SY
R&A Personal Touch Cleaning Services, Inc.	\$41,200/month	Facility cleaning services 2025-26 SY

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MOTION:

R250618.07 Approval of 2025-26 School Calendar

LIONEL
ARCHER

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

SECOND:

MARIANNE
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Notes of Discussion / Advance Regulatory and Financial Comment:

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VOTE:

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MOTION:

R250618.08 Approval of Board Terms

LIONEL
ARCHER

RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees of Tacony Academy Charter School ratifies and approves of the current Board terms, as presented below:

SECOND:

MARIANNE
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Cohort I

VOTE:

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Anita Vega-Kaiser: July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2027
Reginald Howard: September 19, 2024 – June 30, 2027

Cohort II

Barbara L. Saunders: July 1, 2025 – June 30, 2028
Zakia Gates: July 1, 2025 – June 30, 2028
Staci Capozio: July 1, 2025 – June 30, 2028

Cohort III

Lionel Archer: July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2026
Marianne Lynch: July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2026

ROLL CALL:

Barbara L. Saunders - aye
Anita Vega-Kaiser - aye
Lionel S. Archer, Jr. - aye
Marianne Lynch - aye
Reginald Howard - aye
Dr. Zakia Gates - aye
Staci Capozio - aye

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MOTION:

LIONEL
ARCHER

SECOND:

MARIANNE
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VOTE:

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R240918.09 Approval of Board Officers

RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees ratifies and approves of the Board officers for the term of July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026, as presented:

<i>OFFICER</i>	<i>NAME</i>
PRESIDENT	<i>Barbara L. Saunders</i>
VICE-PRESIDENT	<i>Anita Vega-Kaiser</i>
TREASURER	<i>Lionel Archer</i>
SECRETARY	<i>Marianne Lynch</i>

ROLL CALL:

Barbara L. Saunders - aye
Anita Vega-Kaiser - aye
Lionel S. Archer, Jr. - aye
Marianne Lynch - aye
Reginald Howard - aye
Dr. Zakia Gates - aye

Staci Capozio - aye

Notes of Discussion / Advance Regulatory and Financial Comment:

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MOTION:

R250618.10 Approval of Committee Members

LIONEL
ARCHER

RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees ratifies and approves of the assigned Committee Members, as presented:

SECOND:

MARIANNE
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<i>Academic Data and Curriculum Committee</i>	
Vice-President	Anita Vega-Kaiser
Chief Executive Officer	Naimah Wimberly
Appointee #1	Dr. Zakia Gates
Appointee #2	Kristine Magargee
<i>Personnel Committee</i>	
Secretary	Marianne Lynch
Chief Executive Officer	Naimah Wimberly
Appointee #1	APS Delegated Representative
Appointee #2	Reginald Howard

VOTE:

PASS

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<i>Administrative Services Committee</i>	
Vice-President	Anita Vega-Kaiser
Appointee #1	Dr. Zakia Gates
Appointee #2	APS Delegated Representative

<i>Fiscal Committee</i>	
Treasurer	Lionel Archer
Business Controller	Business Controller Delegated Representative
Appointee #1	Barbara L. Saunders
Appointee #2	APS Delegated Representative

<i>Audit Committee</i>	
Appointee #1	Lionel Archer
Appointee #2	Business Controller Delegated Representative
Appointee #3	Barbara L. Saunders

<i>Nominating Committee</i>	
Appointee #1	Barbara L. Saunders
Appointee #2	Anita Vega-Kaiser
Appointee #3	Marianne Lynch
Appointee #4	APS Delegated Representative

<i>Discipline Committee</i>	
Appointee #1	Anita Vega-Kaiser
Appointee #2	Barbara L. Saunders
Appointee #3	Lionel Archer
Appointee #4	Staci Capazio
Appointee #5	Dr. Zakia Gates
Appointee #6	Marianne Lynch

ROLL CALL:

Barbara L. Saunders - aye
 Anita Vega-Kaiser - aye
 Lionel S. Archer, Jr. - aye
 Marianne Lynch - aye
 Reginald Howard - aye
 Dr. Zakia Gates - aye
 Staci Capozio - aye

Notes of Discussion / Advance Regulatory and Financial Comment:

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UPON MOTION BY ANITA VEGA-KAISER AND SECOND BY LIONEL ARCHER, THE BOARD UNANIMOUSLY VOTED TO ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR PURPOSES DESCRIBED UNDER 65 PA.C.S. § 708(A)(7) AND OTHER CONFIDENTIAL MATTERS. SPECIFICALLY, REGARDING RESOLUTION R250618.11 WHICH PERTAINS TO THOSE REPORTS DESCRIBED UNDER 24 P.S. § 13-1302-E(a)(2)(v) AND 13-1309-B(c)(5).

UPON MOTION BY ANITA VEGA-KAISER AND SECOND BY LIONEL ARCHER, THE BOARD UNANIMOUSLY ENTERED INTO OPEN SESSION.

R250618.11 Approval of Safety & Security Report

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of Tacony Academy Charter School hereby approves the Safety & Security Report, as presented.

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<i>Board</i>	<i>General discussion</i>

MOTION:

LIONEL ARCHER

SECOND:

MARIANNE LYNCH

VOTE: |
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B. DISCUSSION AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

NEXT BOARD MEETING: AUGUST 20, 2025 AT 6:00 PM.

ADJOURNMENT AT 7:42PM

MOTION:

LIONEL ARCHER

SECOND:

MARIANNE LYNCH

VOTE:

PASS

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