

TACONY ACADEMY CHARTER SCHOOL

6201 KEYSTONE STREET
PHILADELPHIA, PA 19135

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

LOCATION:
ZOOM MEETING

DATE & TIME:
JANUARY 21, 2026
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. Marianne Lynch Dr. Zakia Gates Board Members Absent: Reginald Howard Staci Capozio	Naimah Wimberly Ashley Redfearn Kristine Magargee Scott Kramer Samuel Mercanti 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: **260121.01 Approval of the January 21, 2026 Agenda**

LA

SECOND:

AVK

VOTE:

[X] PASS

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RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of Tacony Academy Charter School hereby approves the January 21, 2026 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: **260121.02 Minutes of the December 17, 2025 Meeting**

LA

SECOND:

ML

VOTE:

[X] PASS

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of Tacony Academy Charter School hereby approves the Minutes of the December 17, 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

None

Notes of Discussion / Advance Regulatory and Financial Comment:

Who	What
None	None

A. TACONY ACADEMY CHARTER SCHOOL CEO

- a. Ms. Naimah Wimberly, TACS
 - i. Reviewed and discussed with the Board the January 2026 CEO report, previously disseminated to the Board
 - ii. Informed Board of compliance efforts, including with Enrollment data, Performance Profiles, ACE Reply, and S&P Global Rating info, as well as PIMS and Grant funding
 - iii. Informed the Board of school data pertaining to school lunches;
 - iv. Shared caring school community events, including food pantry and Pajama Drive, among others;
 - v. Updated the Board on Curriculum and Instruction events in ELA and Math, including noting 3.6% increase in ELA growth metrics since last year, 3.6% increase in Math proficiency since 2023-24; and 2% in ELA since 2023-24.
 - vi. Shared attendance data with the Board; and
 - vii. Shared College and Career benchmark data

MS. STACI CAPOZIO JOINED THE MEETING AT 6:25PM.

B. AMERICAN PARADIGM SCHOOLS CEO

- a. Ms. Ashley Redfearn, CEO of APS; Scott Kramer, CTO of APS; and Kristine Magaragee, CAO of APS
 - i. Reviewed and discussed the APS report, previously disseminated to the Board

C. BUSINESS CONTROLLER

- a. Mr. Samuel Mercanti, Santilli & Thomson, LLC
 - i. Reviewed and discussed with the Board the December 2025 financials, previously disseminated to the Board

D. GENERAL COUNSEL

- a. Dean Krebs, Esq.
 - i. Reminded Board of SOFI forms

SECTION III: OLD BUSINESS

NONE

SECTION IV: NEW BUSINESS

A. RESOLUTIONS

MOTION:

R260121.03 Report of the Business Controller

ML

SECOND:

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.

SC

VOTE:

PASS

Notes of Discussion / Advance Regulatory and Financial Comment:

FAIL

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MOTION:

R260121.04 2024-25 Draft Audit Financial Statements

ML

SECOND:

RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees of Tacony Academy Charter School hereby approves the 2024-25 Draft Audit Financial statements, as presented, for Tacony Academy Charter School.

SC

VOTE:

PASS

Notes of Discussion / Advance Regulatory and Financial Comment:

FAIL

<i>Who</i>	<i>What</i>
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ROLL CALL

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

MOTION:

R260121.05 Professional Services Contract/s Resolution

ML

SECOND:

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

SC

VOTE:

PASS

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

FAIL

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
Realty Landscaping	<u>Annual Fee:</u> 1330 Rhawn St: \$12,644 6201 Keystone St: \$12,934.24	Landscaping services. Amount reflects aggregate annual cost of monthly installments from March to December.

Notes of Discussion / Advance Regulatory and Financial Comment:

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

B. DISCUSSION AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

NEXT BOARD MEETING: FEBRUARY 18, 2026 AT 6:00 PM.

ADJOURNMENT AT 6:50PM

MOTION:

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SECOND:

SC

VOTE:

[X] PASS

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