

TACONY ACADEMY CHARTER SCHOOL

6201 KEYSTONE STREET
PHILADELPHIA, PA 19135

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

LOCATION:
ZOOM MEETING

DATE & TIME:
MARCH 18, 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 6:08 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. Dr. Zakia Gates Staci Capozio Board Members Absent: Marianne Lynch Reginald Howard	Naimah Wimberly Kristine Magargee Scott Kramer Samuel Mercanti Michael Thomson Dean Krebs, Esq. <u>Absent:</u> Ashley Redfearn

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:
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 SECOND:
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 VOTE:
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260318.01 Approval of the March 18, 2026 Agenda

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of Tacony Academy Charter School hereby approves the March 18, 2026 Agenda.

Notes of Discussion / Advance Regulatory and Financial Comment:

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

D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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260318.02 Minutes of the February 18, 2026 Meeting

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of Tacony Academy Charter School hereby approves the Minutes of the February 18, 2026 meeting of the Board of Trustees of Tacony Academy Charter School.

VOTE:

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Notes of Discussion / Advance Regulatory and Financial Comment:

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Board	General discussion

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 March 2026 CEO report, previously disseminated to the Board;
 - ii. Provided MTSI update, noting \$8,500 donations;
 - iii. Shared Caring School Community events at Drexel University Franklin Institute and Family Science Night

B. AMERICAN PARADIGM SCHOOLS CEO

- a. Mr. Scott Kramer, CHRO of APS
 - i. Reviewed and discussed with the Board the March 2026 APS report, previously disseminated to the Board;
 - ii. Shared engagement surveys and open enrollment, and
 - iii. Shared changes in certification throughout network, noting initiatives being implemented to promote certification.
 - iv. shared emergency Permit increases in Philadelphia by subject.
- b. Ms. Kristine Magargee, CAO of APS
 - i. Reviewed and discussed with the Board the March 2026 APS report, previously disseminated to the Board;
 - ii. Shared challenges being experienced by students academically.

C. BUSINESS CONTROLLER

- a. Mr. Samuel Mercanti, Santilli & Thomson, LLC
 - i. Reviewed and discussed with the Board the February 2026 financial report

D. GENERAL COUNSEL

- a. None

SECTION III: OLD BUSINESS

NONE

SECTION IV: NEW BUSINESS

A. RESOLUTIONS

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R260318.03 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.

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R260318.04 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
Sabrina King (rate change)	Classroom Teacher (ES) - 4th Grade	3/4/26

TERMINATIONS / RESIGNATIONS / LOA		
NAME	TITLE	EFFECTIVE DATE
Sandra Troiani (LOA)	Classroom Teacher	3/4/2026 – 6/3/2026
Pat Brown (LOA)	Classroom Teacher	3/16/2026 – 3/27/2026
Sabrina King (LOA)	Classroom Teacher	4/13/2026 – 6/1/2026

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R260318.05 Professional Services Contract/s Resolution

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;

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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
Bridging the Gap Educational Staffing Solutions, LLC	Certified Special Education Teacher — \$58.00/hour Certified General Education Teacher — \$50.00/hour Non-Certified Teacher (Bachelor's Required) — \$48.00/hour Long-Term / Building Substitute — \$40.00/hour Instructional Assistant / Paraprofessional — \$37.00/hour Psycho-Educational Evaluation (Initial) — \$1,450.00 Psycho-Educational Re-Evaluation — \$1,450.00 Bilingual Evaluation/Re-Evaluation — \$3,500.00 Independent Educational Evaluation (IEE) — \$4,000.00 Expedited Evaluation (5–15 School Days) — +\$250.00 Risk Assessment — \$600.00 Classroom Observation / IEP Meeting / Consultation — \$175.00/hour Court Proceedings / Testimony — \$400.00/hour Functional Behavior Assessment (FBA) & PBSP — \$1,250.00 BCBA / Behavior Consultant (IEP/Consultation) — \$130.00/hour	Staffing services

	Behavioral Health Technician (BHT) — \$48.00/hour	
	Speech Pathologist — \$70.00–\$110.00/hour	
	Occupational Therapist — \$75.00–\$100.00/hour	
	Physical Therapist — \$85.00–\$100.00/hour	
	School Nurse — \$65.00/hour	
	School Counselor / Mental Health Counselor — \$68.00/hour	
	IEP Writing — \$350 per IEP	
	Classroom Management Training — \$100/hour	
	Compliance Auditing Service — \$10,000–\$100,000 (based on district size)	

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B. DISCUSSION AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

NEXT BOARD MEETING: APRIL 15, 2026 AT 6:00 PM.

ADJOURNMENT AT 7:14PM

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