

# TACONY ACADEMY CHARTER SCHOOL

6201 KEYSTONE STREET  
PHILADELPHIA, PA 19135

## **BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING**

LOCATION:  
ZOOM MEETING

DATE & TIME:  
SEPTEMBER 17, 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**

<b>Board Members Present:</b>	<b>By Invitation: Non-Board Members:</b>
Barbara L. Saunders Anita Vega-Kaiser Lionel S. Archer, Jr. Dr. Zakia Gates Staci Capozio  <b>Board Members Absent:</b> Marianne Lynch Reginald Howard	Naimah Wimberly Ryan Strasko Briana Kates  Ashley Redfearn Kristine Magargee Scott Kramer  Peter Costa 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:  
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 VOTE:  
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**R250917.01 Approval of the September 17, 2025 Agenda**

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of Tacony Academy Charter School hereby approves the September 17, 2025 Agenda.

***Notes of Discussion / Advance Regulatory and Financial Comment:***

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

**D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

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**R250917.02 Minutes of the August 20, 2025 Meeting**

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of Tacony Academy Charter School hereby approves the Minutes of the August 20, 2025 meeting of the Board of Trustees of Tacony Academy Charter School.

***Notes of Discussion / Advance Regulatory and Financial Comment:***

<b><i>Who</i></b>	<b><i>What</i></b>
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**SECTION II: REPORTS**

**A. COMMUNITY COMMENT**

<i>None</i>
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***Notes of Discussion / Advance Regulatory and Financial Comment:***

<b><i>Who</i></b>	<b><i>What</i></b>
<i>None</i>	<i>None</i>

**A. TACONY ACADEMY CHARTER SCHOOL CEO**

- a. Ms. Naimah Wimberly, CEO of TACS introduced Principals Briana Kates and Ryan Strasko to present the September 2025 CEO report;
- b. Mr. Ryan Strasko, Principal at TACS
  - i. Reviewed and discussed with the Board the 2025 CEO report, previously disseminated to the Board;
  - ii. Shared attendance goals for current school year.
- c. Ms. Brianna Kates, Principal at TACS
  - i. Reviewed and discussed with the Board the September 2025 CEO report, previously disseminated to the Board;
  - ii. Shared elementary school curriculum and program updates; and
  - iii. Shared the Mane Council.

**B. BUSINESS CONTROLLER**

- a. Peter Costa, Santilli & Thomson, LLC
  - i. Reviewed and discussed with the Board the August 2025 financial report, previously disseminated to the Board; and
  - ii. Informed the Board that the annual audit had started

**C. AMERICAN PARADIGM SCHOOLS CEO**

- a. Mr. Scott Kramer, CTO of APS
  - i. Reviewed and discussed with the Board the September 2025 APS report, previously disseminated to the Board; and
  - ii. Discussed efforts made to effectuate certification process;
    - 1. Board discussed methods to ensure emergency certificates are converted to actual certification; and
  - iii. Answered Board questions that there is only two emergency certifications allowed.

**D. GENERAL COUNSEL**

- a. Dean Krebs, Esq.
  - i. Commented on academic findings shared within the September 2025 CEO report and its implications for the Charter Evaluation Framework.
  - ii. Discussed resolutions on Agenda

**SECTION III: OLD BUSINESS**

NONE

**SECTION IV: NEW BUSINESS**

**A. RESOLUTIONS**

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**R250917.03 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>
<i>Board</i>	<i>General discussion</i>

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**R250917.04 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;

FURTHER RESOLVED, the President is authorized to execute any document or delegate any task necessary to effectuate this resolution.

<b>Contractor</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Comment: Terms and Conditions</b>
Sparkle in Excellence, LLC	\$65/hr  Daily/Long-Term Substitutes: \$400/day	Staffing services

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**R250917.05 Uniform Purchases Resolution**

RESOLVED, the Purchase Services, Proposal(s) and associated reports listed below are hereby accepted and ratified;

FURTHER RESOLVED, the CEO, business controller and general counsel are hereby authorized and directed to negotiate the terms and conditions of those contract(s) based upon these Purchase Services and Proposal(s);

FURTHER RESOLVED, the President is authorized to execute any document or delegate any task necessary to effect this resolution.

Contractor	Amount	Comment: Terms and Conditions
CDW-G	\$63,598.52	Sound system purchase

***Notes of Discussion / Advance Regulatory and Financial Comment:***

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**R250917.06 Approval of TSI Title I School Plan, 2025-26**

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of Tacony Academy Charter School hereby approves of 2025-26 TSI Title I School Plan, as presented.

***Notes of Discussion / Advance Regulatory and Financial Comment:***

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

**B. DISCUSSION AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

NEXT BOARD MEETING: OCTOBER 15, 2025 AT 6:00 PM.

**ADJOURNMENT AT 7:08PM**

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