

TACONY ACADEMY CHARTER SCHOOL

6201 KEYSTONE STREET
PHILADELPHIA, PA 19135

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

LOCATION:
ZOOM MEETING

DATE & TIME:
OCTOBER 15, 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 6:02 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 Board Members Absent: Reginald Howard Dr. Zakia Gates Staci Capozio	Naimah Wimberly Ashley Redfearn Kristine Magargee Scott Kramer Peter Costa Samuel Mercanti Michael Thomson 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

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R251015.01 Approval of the October 15, 2025 Agenda

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of Tacony Academy Charter School hereby approves the October 15, 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

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R251015.02 Minutes of the September 17, 2025 Meeting

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

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<i>Who</i>	<i>What</i>
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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. BUSINESS CONTROLLER

- a. *Mr. Peter Costa, Santilli & Thomson, LLC*
 - i. *Reviewed and discussed with the board the October 2025 financial reports, previously disseminated to the Board.*
 - ii. *Estimated \$403k fund balance which, under Ms. Wimberly’s leadership, is a big turn around from last year;*
 - iii. *Shared an anticipated \$800l surplus from last year;*
 - iv. *Reminded Board regarding Bond issuance;*
 - v. *Shared that this was his last meeting and introduced Mr. Samuel Mercanti.*

B. TACONY ACADEMY CHARTER SCHOOL CEO

- a. *Ms. Naimah Wimberly, CEO of TACS;*
 - i. *Reviewed and discussed with the Board the October 2025 CEO report, previously disseminated to the Board;*
 - ii. *Shared MTSI updates;*
 - iii. *Express appreciation for Mr. Costa’s role and efforts over the years.*

C. AMERICAN PARADIGM SCHOOLS CEO

- a. *Ms. Ashley Redfearn, CEO of APS*
 - i. *Reviewed and discussed with the Board the October 2025 CEO report, previously disseminated;*
 - ii. *Informed Board of efforts done by TACS for Porters Corner and how APS provided support;*
 - iii. *Shared Pupil services; and*
 - iv. *Shared Podcast literacy support team.*
- b. *Mr. Scott Kramer*
 - i. *Reviewed and discussed with the Board the October 2025 CEO report, previously disseminated; and*
 - ii. *Informed Board of importance of certification.*

D. GENERAL COUNSEL

a. *Dean Krebs, Esq.*

i. *Reviewed and discussed the Agenda.*

SECTION III: OLD BUSINESS

NONE

SECTION IV: NEW BUSINESS

A. RESOLUTIONS

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R251015.03 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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<i>Board</i>	<i>General discussion</i>

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R251015.04 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
Keith Gehman (rate change)	English Teacher (HS)	9/1/25
Lee Lewis (rate change)	English Teacher (HS)	9/22/25

TERMINATIONS / RESIGNATIONS / LOA		
NAME	TITLE	EFFECTIVE DATE
Ralph Wilcox (resignation)	Maintenance Support (ES)	10/6/25
Sumayya Naeem (termination)	IA (ES)	9/22/25

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Notes of Discussion / Advance Regulatory and Financial Comment:

Who	What
<i>N. Wimberly</i>	<i>Updated Board on efforts taken to fill these vacancies</i>

R251015.05 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;

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
Marvin's Education Services, LLC	Teacher: \$45/hr (\$315 / day) Certified Teachers: \$60/hr (\$420 /day)	Staffing services
Liberty Doors	\$48,778.00	Door replacement Publicly bid; only one (1) proposal submitted

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B. DISCUSSION AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ms. Barbara Saunders:

- *Congratulated TACS administration and Ms. Redfearn on recently received awards*

NEXT BOARD MEETING: NOVEMBER 19, 2025 AT 6:00 PM.

ADJOURNMENT AT 6:50PM

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