

TACONY ACADEMY CHARTER SCHOOL

6201 KEYSTONE STREET
PHILADELPHIA, PA 19135

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

LOCATION:
ZOOM MEETING

DATE & TIME:
DECEMBER 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 6:01 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 Staci Capozio	Naimah Wimberly Ashley Redfearn Kristine Magargee Scott Kramer
Board Members Absent: Reginald Howard Dr. Zakia Gates	Samuel Mercanti Michael Thomson Dean Krebs, Esq. Eric Strauss

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:
[X] PASS
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R251217.01 Approval of the December 17, 2025 Agenda

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

MOTION:
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VOTE:
[X] PASS

R251217.02 Minutes of the November 19, 2025 Meeting

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of Tacony Academy Charter School hereby approves the Minutes of the November 19, 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. Board accepted the December 2025 CEO Report as submitted
- B. American Paradigm Schools CEO
 - a. Board accepted the December 2025 APS Report as submitted
- C. Business Controller
 - a. Board accepted the November 2025 Financial Report as submitted
 - b. Mr. Eric Strauss, Withum
 - i. Reviewed and discussed with the Board the 2024-25 draft audit;
 - ii. Discussed communication letter pertaining to the audit ;
 - iii. Shared management versus auditor responsibilities, including testing controls;
 - iv. Shared Clean audit and noted cyber security importance;
 - v. Discussed impact of federal ESSER funds no longer being present; and
 - vi. noted expensive exceeded revenues, though when factoring depreciation it would be positive.

D. GENERAL COUNSEL

- a. None

SECTION III: OLD BUSINESS

NONE

SECTION IV: NEW BUSINESS

A. RESOLUTIONS

MOTION:

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SECOND:

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VOTE:

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R251217.03 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:

Who	What
Board	General discussion

B. DISCUSSION AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

NEXT BOARD MEETING: JANUARY 21, 2026 AT 6:00 PM.

ADJOURNMENT AT 6:25PM

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