

TACONY ACADEMY CHARTER SCHOOL

6201 KEYSTONE STREET
PHILADELPHIA, PA 19135

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

LOCATION:
ZOOM MEETING

DATE & TIME:
AUGUST 19, 2026
6:00 P.M.

Agenda

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 _____ 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 Lionel S. Archer, Jr. Dr. Zakia Gates Staci Capozio Dr. Richard Levy Michelle Campellone	Naimah Wimberly Ashley Redfearn Kristine Magargee Scott Kramer Samuel Mercanti Michael Thomson Dean Krebs, Esq.
Board Members Absent:	

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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R260819.01 Approval of the August 19, 2026 Agenda

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of Tacony Academy Charter School hereby approves the August 19, 2026 Agenda.

Notes of Discussion / Advance Regulatory and Financial Comment:

Who	What

D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION:

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SECOND:

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VOTE:

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R260819.02 Minutes of the June 17, 2026 Meeting

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of Tacony Academy Charter School hereby approves the Minutes of the June 17, 2026 meeting of the Board of Trustees of Tacony Academy Charter School.

Notes of Discussion / Advance Regulatory and Financial Comment:

Who	What

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:

<i>Who</i>	<i>What</i>

- A. TACONY ACADEMY CHARTER SCHOOL CEO**
- B. AMERICAN PARADIGM SCHOOLS CEO**
- C. BUSINESS CONTROLLER**
- D. GENERAL COUNSEL**

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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R260819.03 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>

MOTION:

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R260819.04 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
Tiffany Brown (new hire)	Director of MTSI	7/1/26
Kimberly Christidhis (new hire)	Classroom Teacher (HS) - Physics	8/18/26
Mirta Delgado (new hire)	Bilingual Family & Exec. Engagement Coordinator	7/1/26
Karima Foutia- Benyammi (new hire)	Classroom Teacher (HS) - Algebra	8/12/26
Alyssa Gerold (new hire)	Classroom Teacher (ES) - Music	8/12/26
Melinda Kellogg (new hire)	Classroom Teacher (ES) - 8th Grade ELA	8/17/26
Abigail Tobin (new hire)	Special Education Teacher (ES) - Autistic Support	8/12/26
Michael Connor (position Change)	Special Education Teacher (HS)	8/17/26
Sarah Gudas (rate change)	Apprentice Teacher (ES)	8/17/26
Regina Lowry (position/rate change)	Instructional Assistant - Autistic Support	8/17/26

TERMINATIONS / RESIGNATIONS / LOA		
NAME	TITLE	EFFECTIVE DATE
Olive Anderson (resignation)	Special Education Teacher (ES)	6/30/26
Iris Rodriguez (resignation)	Special Education Teacher (ES)	7/23/26

MOTION:

SECOND:

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R260819.05 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
M. Schnoll & Sons (Exterior Painting)	\$78,000 (Exterior Painting)	Exterior Painting Project
Palmer Masonry (Exterior Masonry)	\$28,975.00 (Exterior Masonry)	
BSI Construction, LLC (Construction Manager)	\$14,486.26 (Construction Manager)	
	<u>Total Project Cost:</u> 121,461.26	
DiDonato Construction (Demolition)	\$6,994 (Demolition)	Restroom Construction Project
Blasz Construction (Carpentry/Drywall, ACT, Door)	\$26,715 (Carpentry/Drywall, ACT, Door)	
Mew & Associates (Tiling)	\$12,600 (Tiling)	
M. Schnoll & Sons (Painting)	\$2,400 (Painting)	
Tracorp (Toilet Accessories)	\$3,240 (Toilet Accessories)	
	\$2,950 (Sprinklers)	

Oliver Fire Protection (Sprinklers)		
	\$47,700 (Plumbing)	
Tandem Associates (Plumbing)		
	\$28,705 (HVAC)	
Lor-Mar Mechanical (HVAC)		
	\$23,731 (Electrical)	
Goldsmith Electronic (Electrical)		
	\$78,717 (Construction Manager)	
BSI Construction (Construction Manager)		
	<u>Total Project Cost:</u>	
	\$241,011 (inclusive with other insurance/taxes/permit costs)	

Notes of Discussion / Advance Regulatory and Financial Comment:

<i>Who</i>	<i>What</i>

MOTION:

R260819.06 Approval of 2026-27 Board Meeting Calendar

SECOND:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of Tacony Academy Charter School hereby ratifies and approves the 2026-27 Board Meeting Calendar, as presented.

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Notes of Discussion / Advance Regulatory and Financial Comment:

<i>Who</i>	<i>What</i>

MOTION:

R260819.07 Approval of 2026-27 Employee Handbook

SECOND:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of Tacony Academy Charter School hereby ratifies and approves the 2026-27 Employee Handbook, as presented.

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Notes of Discussion / Advance Regulatory and Financial Comment:

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R260819.08 Approval of 2026-27 Student Code of Conduct

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of Tacony Academy Charter School hereby ratifies and approves the 2026-27 Code of Conduct, as presented.

Notes of Discussion / Advance Regulatory and Financial Comment:

<i>Who</i>	<i>What</i>

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R260819.09 Title I Comprehensive Plan 2026-29

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of Tacony Academy Charter School hereby ratifies and approves the Title I Comprehensive Plan 2026-29, as presented.

Notes of Discussion / Advance Regulatory and Financial Comment:

<i>Who</i>	<i>What</i>

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R260819.10. Approval of Board Secretary

RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees of Tacony Academy Charter School approves of the following Board officer for the term of August 20, 2026 to June 30, 2027:

<i>OFFICER</i>	<i>NAME</i>
SECRETARY	Michelle Campellone

ROLL CALL:

Barbara L. Saunders
Lionel S. Archer, Jr.
Dr. Zakia Gates
Staci Capozio
Dr. Richard Levy
Michelle Campellone

B. DISCUSSION AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

NEXT BOARD MEETING: SEPTEMBER 16, 2026 AT 6:00 PM.

ADJOURNMENT AT _____ PM

MOTION:

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