

TACONY ACADEMY CHARTER SCHOOL

6201 KEYSTONE STREET
PHILADELPHIA, PA 19135

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

LOCATION:
ZOOM MEETING

DATE & TIME:
APRIL 15, 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 6:02 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. Reginald Howard Dr. Zakia Gates Staci Capozio	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:

AVK

SECOND:

LA

VOTE:

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260415.01 Approval of the April 15, 2026 Agenda

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of Tacony Academy Charter School hereby approves the April 15, 2026 Agenda.

Notes of Discussion / Advance Regulatory and Financial Comment:

Who	What
Board	Upon Motion by Reginald Howard and Second by Staci Capozio, the Board unanimously amended the Agenda to add Resolution R260415.06 below for Board governance purposes of memorializing a Trustee's resignation.

D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION:

AVK

SECOND:

LA

VOTE:

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260415.02 Minutes of the March 18, 2026 Meeting

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

Notes of Discussion / Advance Regulatory and Financial Comment:

Who	What
Board	General discussion

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

a. Ms. Naimah Wimberly, CEO of TACS

- i. Reviewed and discussed with the Board the April 2026 CEO report, previously disseminated to the Board*

B. American Paradigm Schools CEO

a. Ms. Ashley Redfearn, CEO of APS, Mr. Scott Kramer, CHRO of APS, and Ms. Kristine Magargee, CAO of APS

- i. Reviewed and discussed with the Board the April 2026 APS report, previously disseminated to the Board*

C. Business Controller

a. Mr. Samuel Mercanti, Santilli & Thomson

- i. Reviewed and discussed with the Board the March 2026 financial report, previously disseminated to the Board*

D. General Counsel

a. None

SECTION III: OLD BUSINESS

NONE

SECTION IV: NEW BUSINESS

A. RESOLUTIONS

MOTION:

AVK

R260415.03 Report of the Business Controller

SECOND:

LA

VOTE:

[X] PASS

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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>

MOTION:

AVK

SECOND:

LA

VOTE:

[X] PASS

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R260415.04 Human Resources Resolution

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of Tacony Academy Charter School ratifies 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
Elijah Martinez (resignation)	NTS	4/6/2026
Peter Andreev (termination)	Music Teacher	3/18/2026

Notes of Discussion / Advance Regulatory and Financial Comment:

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

MOTION:

RH

SECOND:

SC

VOTE:

[X] PASS

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R260415.05 Approval of 2026-27 School Calendar

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

Notes of Discussion / Advance Regulatory and Financial Comment:

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

MOTION:

AVK

SECOND:

LA

R260415.06 Resignation of Marianne Lynch

RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees of Tacony Academy Charter School hereby ratifies and accepts the resignation of Marianne Lynch, effective March 18, 2026.

Notes of Discussion / Advance Regulatory and Financial Comment:

VOTE:

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

UPON MOTION BY REGINALD HOWARD AND SECOND BY DR. ZAKIA GATES, THE BOARD ENTERED INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR PURPOSES DESCRIBED UNDER 65 P.S.708(A)(1). SPECIFICALLY, TO DISCUSS THOSE MATTERS DESCRIBED IN RESOLUTION R260415.04 DESCRIBED ABOVE.

UPON MOTION BY REGINALD HOWARD AND SECOND BY DR. ZAKIA GATES, THE BOARD ENTERED INTO OPEN SESSION

B. DISCUSSION AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

NEXT BOARD MEETING: MAY 20, 2026 AT 6:00 PM.

ADJOURNMENT AT 6:46PM

MOTION:

ZG

SECOND:

RH

VOTE:

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