

TACONY ACADEMY CHARTER SCHOOL

6201 KEYSTONE STREET
PHILADELPHIA, PA 19135

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

LOCATION:
ZOOM MEETING

DATE & TIME:
MAY 20, 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 6:05 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. Staci Capozio Board Members Absent: Reginald Howard Dr. Zakia Gates	Naimah Wimberly Ashley Redfearn Kristine Magargee Scott Kramer 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

MOTION:

AVK

SECOND:

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VOTE:

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260520.01 Approval of the May 20, 2026 Agenda

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of Tacony Academy Charter School hereby approves the May 20, 2026 Agenda.

Notes of Discussion / Advance Regulatory and Financial Comment:

Who	What
Board	General discussion
Board	Upon motion by A. Vega-Kaiser and second by L. Archer, the Board unanimously approved of adding Resolution R260520.09 below as a matter of sound governance.

D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION:

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SECOND:

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VOTE:

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260520.02 Minutes of the April 15, 2026 Meeting

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

None

Notes of Discussion / Advance Regulatory and Financial Comment:

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

A. Tacony Academy Charter School CEO

- a. Ms. Naimah Wimberly, CEO of TACS*
 - i. Reviewed and discussed with the Board the May 2026 CEO report, previously disseminated to the Board;*
 - ii. Reviewed school compliance actions, including PIMS submission;*
 - iii. Reviewed school enrollment and operations/facility activities;*
 - iv. Shared school food project updated, noting breakfasts served for Elementary School; and*
 - v. Informed the Board up coming school events, including “Spring Basket,” Septa Career fair, Wizard of Oz, Family Heritage Day, PSSA Pep Rally, among others*

B. American Paradigm Schools CEO

- a. Mr. Scott Kramer, CHRO of APS*
 - i. Reviewed and discussed with the Board the May 2026 APS report, previously disseminated to the Board; and*
 - ii. Shared medical insurance calculations to understand impacts on premiums.*

C. Business Controller

- a. Mr. Samuel Mercanti, Santilli & Thomson, LLC*
 - i. Reviewed and discussed with the Board the April 2026 Financial report, previously disseminated to the Board; and*
 - ii. Reviewed draft 2026-27 SY budget with the Board, highlighting assumptions including:*
 - 1. 1075 Philadelphia students;*
 - 2. 215 special education students;*
 - 3. Anticipated increase subsidy amount;*
 - 4. shared PSERS rate, noting 30% staff on PSERS;*
 - 5. 8% increase in medical costs; and*
 - 6. Setting aside \$408k for extracurriculars/ club*

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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R260520.03 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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R260520.04 Draft 2026-27 SY Budget

RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees of Tacony Academy Charter School ratifies and approves of the draft 2026-27 SY budget, as presented.

ROLL CALL

Barbara L. Saunders - aye

Anita Vega-Kaiser - aye

Lionel S. Archer, Jr. - aye

Reginald Howard - absent

Dr. Zakia Gates - absent

Staci Capozio- aye

Notes of Discussion / Advance Regulatory and Financial Comment:

<i>Who</i>	<i>What</i>
<i>S. Mercanti</i>	<i>As noted above</i>
<i>Board</i>	<i>General discussion</i>

SECOND:

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VOTE:

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R260520.05 Human Resources Resolution

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of Tacony Academy Charter School : Human Resources changes, modifications, and additions, as presented.

HIRES / RETURN TO SERVICE/ POSITION CHANGE/RATE CHANGE		
NAME	TITLE	START DATE
Alyssa Gerold (new hire)	Music Teacher (ES)	8/12/2026

TERMINATIONS / RESIGNATIONS / LOA		
NAME	TITLE	EFFECTIVE DATE
Nemein Adbel Salem	Classroom Teacher (ES)	6/1/2026

MOTION:

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SECOND:

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VOTE:

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Notes of Discussion / Advance Regulatory and Financial Comment:

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

R260520.05 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
Aha Education, LLC	\$31,077.00	Drone instructors for TACS staff Drone hardware

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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VOTE:

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R260520.06 Approval of Amended 2025-26 School Calendar

RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees of Tacony Academy Charter School hereby ratifies and accepts the Amended 2025-26 School Calendar, as presented.

Notes of Discussion / Advance Regulatory and Financial Comment:

<i>Who</i>	<i>What</i>
<i>Board</i>	<i>Noting change was for school to be closed May 26, 2026.</i>

UPON MOTION BY ANITA VEGA-KAISER AND SECOND BY LIONEL ARCHER, THE BOARD ENTERED INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR PURPOSES DESCRIBED UNDER 65 PA.C.S. § 708(A)(5). SPECIFICALLY, TO DISCUSS MATTERS PERTAINING TO RESOLUTION R260520.07 AND R250620.08 BELOW, WHICH RELATES TO AN ALLEGED COMPENSATORY EDUCATION CLAIM.

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UPON MOTION BY ANITA VEGA-KAISER AND SECOND BY LIONEL ARCHER, THE BOARD ENTERED INTO OPEN SESSION.

R260520.07 Confidential Settlement and Release Agreement for Student No. 10115789

RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees of Tacony Academy Charter School hereby approves of the Confidential Settlement and Release Agreement between itself and Student No. 10115789 pending final legal review.

Notes of Discussion / Advance Regulatory and Financial Comment:

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

MOTION:

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VOTE:

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R260520.08 Confidential Settlement and Release Agreement for Student No. 10026862

RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees of Tacony Academy Charter School hereby approves of the Confidential Settlement and Release Agreement between itself and Student No. 10026862 pending final legal review.

Notes of Discussion / Advance Regulatory and Financial Comment:

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

MOTION:

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R260520.09 Approval of 2024-25 FY Form 990

RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees of Tacony Academy Charter School hereby approves of the 2024-25 FY Form 990, 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: JUNE 17, 2026 AT 6:00 PM.

ADJOURNMENT AT 7:38 PM

MOTION:

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VOTE:

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