

TACONY ACADEMY CHARTER SCHOOL

6201 KEYSTONE STREET
PHILADELPHIA, PA 19135

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

LOCATION:
ZOOM MEETING

DATE & TIME:
SEPTEMBER 16, 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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R260916.01 Approval of the September 16, 2026 Agenda

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of Tacony Academy Charter School hereby approves the September 16, 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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R260916.02 Minutes of the August 19, 2026 Meeting

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of Tacony Academy Charter School hereby approves the Minutes of the August 19, 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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R260916.03 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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SECOND:

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VOTE:

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R260916.04 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
Colleen Crouse (new hire)	SPED Teacher (ES)	9/14/26
Gregg Tyndall, Jr. (new hire)	Maintenance Support (ES)	8/24/26
Michele Miller (position change)	Building Sub	8/17/26
Alexis Peters (position change)	Building Sub	8/17/26
Ashley Fann (rate change)	IA - Autistic Support	9/7/26

TERMINATIONS / RESIGNATIONS / LOA		
NAME	TITLE	EFFECTIVE DATE
Griffin Bailey (resignation)	History Teacher (HS)	9/30/26
Najat Facoiti (termination)	SPED Teacher (ES)	8/20/26

MOTION:

SECOND:

VOTE:

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R260916.04 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
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The Pathway School	\$79,500 / Year / Student	Private Placement One (1) Student
Spectrum Staffing Solutions	Substitute teacher 300.00 per day Special education teacher 375.00 per day PCA one student 29.00 per hour PCA multiple students 31.00 per hour Custodian 29.00 per hour Teacher Aide 255.00 per day	Staffing services

Notes of Discussion / Advance Regulatory and Financial Comment:

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

MOTION:

SECOND:

VOTE:

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R260916.05 Gerald Santilli Founder's Day

WHEREAS, Mr. Gerald Santilli was the founder of American Paradigm Schools and played an instrumental role in establishing, developing, and advancing the mission, values, and educational vision of the organization; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Santilli's leadership, commitment to children and families, and dedication to providing high-quality educational opportunities have had a lasting impact on Tacony Academy Charter School ("TACS"), including its students, families, employees, and surrounding community; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of TACS (the "Board") believes that formally recognizing Mr. Santilli's contributions will preserve an important part of TACS's history and provide an annual opportunity for its community to reflect upon the values associated with his service; and

WHEREAS, TACS presently observes the Wednesday immediately preceding Thanksgiving Day as a day on which the school and administrative offices are closed; and

WHEREAS, the Board desires to formally designate that existing day as “Gerald Santilli Founder’s Day” as an annual day of remembrance, gratitude, reflection, and recognition of the values and vision upon which American Paradigm Schools was founded;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board hereby designates the Wednesday immediately preceding Thanksgiving Day each year as “Gerald Santilli Founder’s Day,” beginning with the 2026–2027 school year; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Gerald Santilli Founder’s Day shall replace the existing designation for the Wednesday preceding Thanksgiving and shall not constitute the creation of an additional holiday, paid day off, or additional school closure beyond that already provided in the approved school and organizational calendars.

Notes of Discussion / Advance Regulatory and Financial Comment:

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

B. DISCUSSION AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

ADJOURNMENT AT _____ PM

MOTION:

SECOND:

VOTE:

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