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Academy Board of Trustees
PHILADELPHIA ACADEMY CHARTER SCHOOL
Regular Meeting Minutes
March 20th, 2025

Time: 6:30 p.m.
Location: Philadelphia Academy Charter School
Virtual Meeting

MEETING TYPE:	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Regular	<input type="radio"/> Special
MINUTES TYPE:	<input type="radio"/> Proposed	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Approved

I. Call To Order

Steve Pawlowski called the meeting to order at 6:30 P.M.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

III. Roll Call

Board Member Attendance:

Cathy Adams	Member	Absent
Kim Burns	Vice President	Present
Jacqui Makowski	Member	Present
Elizabeth O'Connell	Member	Present
Stephen Pawlowski	President	Present
Robert Sullivan	Secretary	Present

Other Attendees: Douglas Robinson, Principal PACS; Angela Pazdunkiewicz, Principal PACHS; Jeneen Vendetti, Director of Specialized Student Services; Steve Chiara/ Joe Zampirri Facilities; Brian Beudet Security; Claire Torres Transportation

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This meeting was Virtual.

IV. Approval of Agenda

Motion: Pawlowski
Second: Sullivan

Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 Action: Passed

V. Approval of Minutes from February 20th 2024

Motion: O'Connell
Second: Makowski

Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 Action: Passed

Public Comment – None

VI. Reports

- **Board President – Stephen Pawlowski**
At this point I would like to ask for the CEO report.
- **CEO Report- Megan Simmons**

This month, our school underwent two monitoring visits from the Pennsylvania Department of Education. I'm pleased to share that both went exceptionally well.

We successfully completed our Special Education Cyclical Monitoring and the 21st Century After School Grant Monitoring. We received several accolades for our Special Education program—special thanks to Jeneen and the entire Special Education team for their outstanding work.

Our 21st Century audit also went smoothly. Thank you to Rachel Moller and Joe Egan for leading that effort so effectively.

We're currently planning several summer projects across both campuses. These include:

- New flooring for the high school cafeteria
- Classroom floor upgrades at the grade school
- Security system enhancements
- Exterior door upgrades
- Installation of volleyball poles and a net in the high school gym

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These updates are part of our ongoing commitment to maintaining and improving our facilities.

We're also excited to announce our **Spring Online Basket Raffle**. Participants can purchase tickets online for a chance to win a variety of fantastic baskets. The fundraiser begins on **April 7**, and the raffle will be held on **May 13**. We've had a tremendous response from staff and families donating to support this event. Proceeds will go toward a new math curriculum and a research database.

There are no resolutions up for a vote this evening.

Thank you.

Principal's Report – Mrs. Pazdunkiewicz

3rd Quarter interim reports were made available to families on March 12. Families are encouraged to review and discuss grades with their students. The 3rd quarter closes on April 4th.

The junior prom will be held tomorrow at the Quartet Club on Southampton Road. We are hoping that the predicted overnight rain clears out and our juniors are able to get pictures in the gazebo.

We are looking forward to Mini-Thon which will be held on April 11th. Students have been working hard to raise money for the 4 Diamonds who support children and their families in their fight against childhood cancer. The list of fundraising our team has done is extraordinary: coffee sales, change collection, t-shirt sales, hosting a movie night, not to mention the individual efforts some students have done. Last year they raised over 15 thousand dollars. I can't wait to report that they exceeded last year's number at our next board meeting.

Principal's Report – PACS – Mr. Robinson

Good Evening Everyone,

PSSA training and certification for all GS educators and proctors has been completed at this time, in preparation for testing, which will be on April 23rd.

March 3- March 7 the GS celebrated Read Across America with several events focused on reading and literacy, including my favorite in which the K-2 community dressed as their favorite

literary characters.

PACS is raising awareness for several causes over the next month. Tomorrow is World Down Syndrome Day, April is Autism Awareness month, and April 6th is Bohring-Opitz Syndrome Day.

We are holding dress down days and bake sales to raise money to donate to the causes.

In athletics, the girls' varsity basketball team have once again brought home the championship.

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defeating New Foundations 42-17. The Lightning has been undefeated in regular season and playoffs for four straight years, 2022-2025. Spring athletics are now underway with the start of

baseball and softball season. Go Lightning.

Home & School are holding a Party with My Peeps egg hunt on the GS property on April 6 th .

End of report. Thank you.

Special Education and Transition Programs – Jeneen Vendetti

PASA, the alternative state assessment, is currently in progress across both campuses.

The NextUp Transition Curriculum has been successfully implemented this year in Community Training classes - the curriculum enhances student transition success in employment, education, and independent living.

A few of our transition students interested in a college pathway are visiting Arcadia to learn more about their Real Certificate Program.

Lastly, our partnership with SEPTA and CCT transportation has been hugely successful. Our student interns are learning valuable independent skills to access their community through those services independently.

Facilities –Steve Chiara

GENERATOR FOR WALKIN FREEZER WAS NOT OPERATING AND WAS SERVICED UNIT IS NOW RUNNING.

ATLANTIC REFRIGERATION CONDUCTED ITS SEMI ANNUAL PREVENTIVE MAINTENANCE ON ALL KITCHEN REFRIGERATORS AND FREEZERS.

3 ELECTRIC HEATERS IN THE LOBBY AREA WERE REPLACED DUE TO AGE OF UNITS.

OLIVER FIRE PROTECTION REPLACED A LEAKING 10FT SPRINKLER PIPE IN THE HALLWAY BETWEEN ROOM 201 AND 205.

Security- Brian Beaudet

Traffic:

Buses continue to run on schedule and traffic appears to be flowing safely.

School Safety:

A copy of the meeting minutes are available for public inspection at the office of the CEO or on the website of Philadelphia Academy Charter School @ www.philadelphiaacademy.org within 5 business days of approval for approved minutes.

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Fencing was installed by the bus entrance to prevent students and parents from walking through the garden area.

The new speakers installed in the expansion were tested during the safety drill and teachers reported that they could clearly hear the announcements.

Monthly Drills

Since the last Board Meeting we successfully conducted 2 safety drills. Both the grade school and high school conducted a Shelter in Place Drill on 02-25-25..

Transportation- Claire Torres

Good Evening Everyone,

On March 17th the transportation department held a safety meeting discussing important information about student safety, and seasonal changes for daylight savings time and the weather.

On March 19 th transportation conducted school bus Emergency Evacuation drills. All PACS buses and vans participated in the drills. All drivers and students completed the drills successfully.

PACS has added a vehicle to our fleet. We have purchased a brand-new van. The van has been outfitted with an interior CCTV monitoring system, safety equipment, and GPS tracking. The new van has been put into rotation as our newest route/van 8.

End of report. Thank you.

- **Home & School Report** – None
- **Parent Advisory Report** - None

VII. Financial Report – Tom Taylor
See attached report.

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VIII: Old Business – None

IX: New Business - None

Motion for Adjournment.

Motion: Pawlowski
Second: Burns

Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 Action: Passed

The meeting adjourned at 6:58 pm.

Certification:

Proposed minutes respectfully submitted,

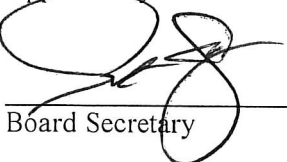


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Approval by the Board of Directors Pending



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