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Science School in University City Wins Backing at Board Hearing

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Others in favor of the school were Hugh Moon, president of the West Philadelphia Chamber; Gordon Callaghan, treasurer of the Lea Home and School Association; Dr. James E. Nixon, of the Spruce Hill Community Association; Mrs. Earle Oakes, chairman of the West Philadelphia Schools Committee, and Jacob Nachmias, of the Garden Court Community Association.

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