

PHILADELPHIA PERFORMING ARTS: A STRING THEORY
CHARTER SCHOOL

1600 Vine Street, Philadelphia, PA 19102

March 16, 2020

6:00 PM

Location:

Zoom Conference

MINUTES

SECTION I: CALL TO ORDER AT 6:51 PM

A. Roll Call

Board Members:	By Invitation: Non-Board Members:
Javier Kuehnle – Chairman (“JK”) William Bradley Leach – Vice Chairman (“WL”) Kristin Kubach – Secretary (“KK”) Evelt Vertil (“EV”) Krista Alexander (“KA”)	Angela Puleio Aaron Gerwer Angela Ciccante Kerri Gleason Melissa Quarrancino
Board Members Absent: Ronald Pigliacelli- Treasurer (“RP”)	Angela Corosanite Tom Corosanite Jason Corosanite Michael Danyo Daniel H. Saidel, Esq. David Annecharico, Esq. Abigail Lipow, Esq.

B. DISCLOSURE: EXECUTIVE SESSION BY DANIEL H. SAIDEL

1. I'd 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

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R200316.01 Approval: March 16, 2020 Agenda

RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of Philadelphia Performing Arts: A String Theory Charter School approves of the **March 16, 2020** Agenda of Philadelphia Performing Arts: A String Theory Charter School.

Notes of Discussion / Advance Regulatory and Financial Comment:

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

D. Approval of Minutes

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R200316.02 Approval: February 17, 2020 Minutes

RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of Philadelphia Performing Arts: A String Theory Charter School approves of Philadelphia Performing Arts: A String Theory Charter School Board of Trustees Board minutes for **February 17, 2020**.

Notes of Discussion / Advance Regulatory and Financial Comment:

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

SECTION II: REPORTS

A. COMMUNITY COMMENT

Community Comment Colloquy (General Counsel)

Good Evening, my name is David Annecharico. I serve as General Counsel to the 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 that you might supplement your comment with 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.

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

B. Report of Philadelphia Performing Arts: A String Theory Charter School

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R200316.03 Report of Philadelphia Performing Arts: A String Theory Charter School

RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of Philadelphia Performing Arts: A String Theory Charter School accepts Philadelphia Performing Arts: A String Theory Charter School report and hereby incorporates into these minutes by reference the written reports of Philadelphia Performing Arts: A String Theory Charter School presented to the board.

Notes of Discussion / Advance Regulatory and Financial Comment:

<i>Who</i>	<i>What</i>
<i>Angela Puleio Angela Ciccante</i>	<i>Philadelphia Performing Arts’ report has been previously disseminated to the Board.</i>

C. Report of String Theory Schools

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R200316.04 Report of String Theory Schools

RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of Philadelphia Performing Arts: A String Theory Charter School accepts the String Theory Schools report and hereby incorporates into these minutes by reference the written reports of String Theory Schools presented to the board.

Notes of Discussion / Advance Regulatory and Financial Comment:

<i>Who</i>	<i>What</i>
<i>Angela Corosanite Jason Corosanite</i>	<i>String Theory Schools’ report has been previously disseminated to the Board.</i> <i>String Theory Schools also reports that three STS locations are open to students and serving food during the shutdown of schools due to Covid-19. Mrs. Corosanite discussed the positive feedback from parents regarding support from the schools, and String Theory Schools’ ability to bring technology into the home while students are out of school.</i> <i>Mr. Corosanite briefly discussed the requirements from the Pennsylvania Department of Education on distance learning for special education students.</i>
<i>Tom</i>	<i>All school buildings were disinfected on March 16th – the</i>

<i>Corosanite</i>	<i>team will continue to work in the buildings to address ongoing building concerns. When school is set to resume, the team will disinfect each building a few days before.</i> <i>Mr. Corosanite questioned whether the rest of each building needs to be closed to construction while school is out of session.</i>
<i>Daniel H. Saidel</i>	<i>Mr. Saidel discussed guidance from Philadelphia city government on non-essential closures and maintenance of building while schools are closed to students.</i>

D. Report of General Counsel

R200316.05 Report of General Counsel

RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of Philadelphia Performing Arts: A String Theory Charter School accepts the General Counsel's report and hereby incorporates into these minutes by reference the written reports of Sand & Saidel P.C. as presented to the board.

Notes of Discussion / Advance Regulatory and Financial Comment:

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<i>Daniel H. Saidel</i>	<i>Mr. Saidel discussed the possibility that schools throughout the city will not open by the end of the school year, and that it is likely that Covid-19 will be present until August 2020.</i> <i>Mr. Saidel directed that schools must prepare as if this closure will last longer than two weeks, indicating that the closure will last at least until the end of spring break, but perhaps longer.</i> <i>Mr. Saidel and SSPC will continue to keep an eye on the Commonwealth's requirements for delivering direct instruction to students while schools are closed.</i>

E. Report of Business Controller

R200316.06 Report of Business Controller

RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of Philadelphia Performing Arts: A String Theory Charter School reviews and accepts the Financial Report of M. Thomson and hereby incorporates into these minutes by reference the financial statements and the documents presented by M. Thomson to the board.

Notes of Discussion / Advance Regulatory and Financial Comment:

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<i>Michael Danyo</i>	<i>Santilli & Thomson's financial report was previously disseminated to the Board. Mr. Danyo stated that Philadelphia Performing Arts is showing a strong financial performance this year. Mr. Danyo noted that PPA is slightly under Santilli & Thomson's projected surplus due to increased special education costs, but otherwise has no financial concerns.</i>

SECTION IV: NEW BUSINESS

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R200316.07 Professional Services Contracts

RESOLVED, the Professional Services Contracts, proposals and associated reports listed below are hereby accepted and ratified;

FURTHER RESOLVED, the CEO, in consultation with the general counsel and business controller are hereby authorized and directed to negotiate the terms and conditions of any agreement between Philadelphia Performing Arts: A String Theory Charter School and the Contractors listed below for the enumerated professional services; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, any officer of this Board is directed and authorized to execute any document necessary to effect this resolution.

Contractor	Amount	Comment: Terms and Conditions
Giampietro & Sons Construction, LLC	\$2,650	Improvements to gym at Vine Street Campus

Notes of Discussion / Advance Regulatory and Financial Comment:

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R200316.08 Purchases Contracts

RESOLVED, the Purchases Contracts and associated reports listed below are hereby accepted and ratified;

FURTHER RESOLVED, the CEO, in consultation with the general counsel and business controller are hereby authorized and directed to negotiate the terms and conditions of any agreement between Philadelphia Performing Arts: A String Theory Charter School and

the Contractors listed below for the enumerated purchase services;
and

FURTHER RESOLVED, any officer of this Board is directed and authorized to execute any document necessary to effect this resolution.

Contractor	Amount	Comment: Terms and Conditions

Notes of Discussion / Advance Regulatory and Financial Comment:

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R200316.09 Human Resources

RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees of Philadelphia Performing Arts: A String Theory Charter School accepts the human resources changes, modifications and additions as presented below:

HIRES		
NAME	TITLE	EFFECTIVE DATE
Gwendolyn Bruce	Counselor	2/13/2020
John Cafasso	Teacher	2/20/2020
Josef McGregory	Food Service Aide	3/2/2020

TERMINATIONS / RESIGNATIONS		
NAME	TITLE	EFFECTIVE DATE
Christine Sweeney – Resignation	SPED Teacher	3/6/2020
Michelle Morgan - Resignation	SPED Teacher	2/28/2020

Notes of Discussion / Advance Regulatory and Financial Comment:

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R200316.10 Confidential Settlement In re: A.J.

RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees of Philadelphia Performing Arts: A String Theory Charter School approves and ratifies the confidential settlement agreement In re: A.J., as presented.

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UPON MOTION BY KRISTIN KUBACH AND SECOND BY WILLIAM BRADLEY LEACH, THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES UNANIMOUSLY MOVED TO ENTER CLOSED SESSION TO FOR THE PURPOSE OF DISCUSSING CONFIDENTIAL AND LEGALLY PRIVILEGED MATTERS.

UPON MOTION BY KRISTIN KUBACH AND SECOND BY WILLIAM BRADLEY LEACH THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES UNANIMOUSLY MOVED TO ENTER OPEN SESSION.

Notes of Discussion / Advance Regulatory and Financial Comment:

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R200316.11 McKinney Vento Policy

RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees of Philadelphia Performing Arts: A String Theory Charter School approves and ratifies the McKinney Vento Policy, as presented.

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B. DISCUSSION AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mrs. Corosanite made a final note to the Board that all arts and majors teachers are doing direct instruction as well as teachers in core subjects, and that an update from the ballet teacher indicated that 99% of students are online and did their work today on the first day of closure.

- NEXT BOARD MEETING: APRIL 20, 2020

ADJOURNMENT AT 7:08 PM

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