

**PHILADELPHIA PERFORMING ARTS: A STRING THEORY**  
**CHARTER SCHOOL**

1600 Vine Street, Philadelphia, PA 19102

May 18, 2020

6:00 PM

**LOCATION:**  
**Zoom Conference**

**MINUTES**

**SECTION I: CALL TO ORDER AT 6:31 PM**

**A. Roll Call**

<b>Board Members:</b>	<b>By Invitation: Non-Board Members:</b>
Javier Kuehnle – Chairman (“JK”) William Bradley Leach – Vice Chairman (“WL”) Kristin Kubach – Secretary (“KK”) Ronald Pigliacelli- Treasurer (“RP”) Evelt Vertil (“EV”) Krista Alexander (“KA”)	Angela Puleio Aaron Gerwer Angela Ciccante Keri Gleason January Teti Julia Viola Melissa Quarracino Dr. Adrienne Capone
Board Members Absent:	Angela Corosanite Dr. Jason Corosanite  Michael Thomson Michael Danyo  Daniel H. Saidel, Esq. David Annecharico, Esq. Abigail Lipow, Esq.  Ken Detweiler Tyffany Jackson Dr. Jill Parker Clark Thayne Dibble Joseph McBride

**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.*

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**C. Approval of Agenda**

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**R200518.01 Approval: May 18, 2020 Agenda**

RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of Philadelphia Performing Arts: A String Theory Charter School approves of the **May 18, 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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**R200518.02 Approval: April 20, 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 **April 20, 2020**.

*Notes of Discussion / Advance Regulatory and Financial Comment:*

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**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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### R200518.03 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 was previously disseminated to the Board.</i>

## C. Report of String Theory Schools

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### R200518.04 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</i>	<i>String Theory's report was previously disseminated to the Board. Mrs. Corosanite also discussed the stimulus grant that could be awarded to PPA, which is approximately \$1.7M. Mrs. Corosanite explained that the grant will most</i>

	<i>likely be presented to the Board at the next Board meeting.</i>
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**D. Report of General Counsel**

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**R200518.05 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:*

<i>Who</i>	<i>What</i>
<i>Daniel H. Saidel</i>	<i>Mr. Saidel will be sending the fully executed agreement of sale for 2632 S. Broad Street between Philadelphia Suburban Development Corporation and Demedici Corporation to the Board. PPA currently leases approximately 10k square feet of that property.</i>

**E. Report of Business Controller**

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**R200518.06 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. Danyo and hereby incorporates into these minutes by reference the financial statements and the documents presented by M. Danyo to the board.

*Notes of Discussion / Advance Regulatory and Financial Comment:*

<i>Who</i>	<i>What</i>
<i>Michael Danyo</i>	<i>Santilli &amp; Thomson’s report was previously disseminated to the Board.</i>  <i>Performing Arts is exceeding budgetary expectations, and items will be purchased early this year to take pressure off next year’s budget.</i>

**SECTION IV: NEW BUSINESS**

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**R200518.07 Professional Services Contracts**

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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.

<b>Contractor</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Comment: Terms and Conditions</b>
Aim Academy	Tuition - \$39,924 OT 2x/Week – \$4,995	2020-2021 Tuition and OT for Student – L.G.
Fairwold Academy	\$7,344 plus various rates for related services	ESY 2019-2020 for Students R.G. and J.G.
Chris Krystopa Painting and General Contracting	\$3,050.00	Cleaning areas of PPA East that contained lead paint
Amy Wine	Various Rates	Independent Psychologist
Diane Johnson	\$1,300/evaluation	Independent Psychologist
Michael John Niewiecki	\$1,300/evaluation	Independent Psychologist
Long Valley Therapy	\$350/initial evaluation and \$75/hour thereafter	Provision of occupational therapy for 2020-21 SY
Deaf Hearing Communication Centre	Various Rates	Provision of interpreting services
Kids and Family, Inc.	Various Rates	Provision of Personal Care Assistant - Applied Behavior Analyst
Kaleidoscope Education Solutions	Various Rates	Provision of therapy services
Blazerworks	Various Rates	Provision of service personnel
Abington Speech Pathology Services	Various Rates	Provision of speech pathology services
Staffing Plus Inc.	Various Rates	Provision of service personnel
YALE	\$72,059.40	APS for SY 2020-21– Student N.B.
YALE	\$72,059.40	APS for SY 2020-21 – Student T.G.
Wyncote Academy	\$5,875	ESY 2020 – Student M.M.
The Delta School	\$200/per diem	ESY 2020 – Students K.S. and J.T.
Wyncote Academy	\$37,437.50	APS 2020-21 SY – Student M.M.
Wyncote Academy	\$11,260	ESY 2020 – Student A.D.
Wyncote Academy	\$71,250	APS 2020-21 SY – Student A.D.
YALE	\$72,059.40	APS 2020-21 SY – Student A.D.
New Hope Academy	\$5,246.64	ESY 2020 SY – Student B. N-C.
AIM Academy	\$39,924	APS 2020-21 – Student S. D.B.
Devereux Advanced Behavioral Health	\$489/per diem	ESY 2020 – Student J.X.

YALE	\$72,059.40	APS 2020-21 SY - Student M.P.
YALE	\$72,059.40	APS 2020-21 SY – Student N.D.
YALE	\$50,310.00	APS 2020-21 SY – Student J.I.
YALE	\$8,385.00	ESY 2020-21 SY – Student J.I.
YALE	\$50,310.00	APS 2020-21 SY – Student R.S.
YALE	\$50,310.00	APS 2020-21 SY – Student S.R.
YALE	\$8,385.00	ESY 2020-21 SY – Student S.R.

**Notes of Discussion / Advance Regulatory and Financial Comment:**

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**R200518.08 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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**R200518.09 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:

<b>HIRES</b>		
NAME	TITLE	Start Date
Dr. Kate Altman	School Psychologist	5/4/20
Dr. Sara Walker	School Psychologist	5/19/20

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TERMINATIONS / RESIGNATIONS		
NAME	TITLE	EFFECTIVE DATE

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**R200518.10 2020-2021 School Calendar**

RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees of Philadelphia Performing Arts: A String Theory Charter School hereby approves and ratifies the Philadelphia Performing Arts: A String Theory Charter School 2020- 2021 School Calendar, as presented.

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**R200518.11 2020-2021 Proposed Budget**

RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees of Philadelphia Performing Arts: A String Theory Charter School hereby approves and ratifies the 2020-2021 Proposed Budget, as presented.

By Roll Call:

- Javier Kuehnle – *aye*
- William Bradley Leach – *aye*
- Kristin Kubach – *aye*
- Ronald Pigliacelli – *aye*
- Evelt Vertil – *aye*
- Krista Alexander – *aye*

*Notes of Discussion / Advance Regulatory and Financial Comment:*

<i>Who</i>	<i>What</i>
<i>Michael Danyo</i>	<i>Mr. Danyo gave a brief explanation of the proposed budget for the upcoming school year.</i>

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**R200518.12 Transgender and Gender-Nonconforming Students Policy**

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RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees of Philadelphia Performing Arts: A String Theory Charter School hereby approves of the Transgender and Gender-Nonconforming Students Policy, as presented.

*Notes of Discussion / Advance Regulatory and Financial Comment:*

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B. DISCUSSION AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- NEXT BOARD MEETING: JUNE 15, 2020

**ADJOURNMENT AT 6:59 PM**

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