

PHILADELPHIA PERFORMING ARTS: A STRING THEORY
CHARTER SCHOOL

1600 Vine Street, Philadelphia, PA 19102
February 17, 2020
6:00 PM

Location:

1600 Vine Street, Philadelphia, PA 19102

MINUTES

SECTION I: CALL TO ORDER AT 6:40 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”) Ronald Pigliacelli- Treasurer (“RP”)	Angela Puleio Aaron Gerwer Angela Ciccante Angela Corosanite Dr. Jason Corosanite
Board Members Absent:	Michael Thomson Michael Danyo
Evelt Vertil (“EV”) Krista Alexander (“KA”)	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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R200217.01 Approval: February 17, 2020 Agenda

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RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of Philadelphia Performing Arts: A String Theory Charter School approves of the **February 17, 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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R200217.02 Approval: January 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 **January 20, 2020**.

Notes of Discussion / Advance Regulatory and Financial Comment:

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

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R200217.03 Approval August 20, 2018 Minutes Amendment

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of Philadelphia Performing Arts: A String Theory Charter School hereby approves the amendment of the minutes of August 20, 2018, Resolution 180820.12 Confidential Agreement: Student AD. The amended Resolution for 180820.12 is as follows:

R180820.12 Confidential Agreement: Student AD

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of Philadelphia Performing Arts: A String Theory Charter School ratifies the Confidential Settlement Agreement and General Release and associated Trust Agreement In Re: AD as presented.

Notes of Discussion / Advance Regulatory and Financial Comment:

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

Upon MOTION by EVELT VERTIL and SECOND by

KRISTEN KUBACH, the board UNANIMOUSLY votes to enter CLOSED session for the purposes of discussion of confidential and legally privileged matters.

Upon MOTION by EVELT VERTIL and SECOND by KRISTEN KUBACH, the board UNANIMOUSLY votes to enter OPEN session.

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

Notes of Discussion / Advance Regulatory and Financial Comment:

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<i>Board</i>	<i>General Discussion</i>

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R200217.04 Approval February 18, 2019 Minutes Amendment

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of Philadelphia Performing Arts: A String Theory Charter School hereby approves the amendment of the minutes of February 18, 2019, Resolution 190218.10 Expulsion re: Student MG. The amended Resolution for 190218.10 is as follows:

R190218.10 Expulsion Re: Student MG

RESOLVED, student MG is permanently expelled from Philadelphia Performing Arts: A String Theory Charter School effective February 18, 2019;

FURTHER RESOLVED, the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law of the Board of Trustees on file with Philadelphia Performing Arts: A String Theory Charter School and the record of the February 18, 2019 formal expulsion hearing of MG (“Hearing Record”) is adopted; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, the Hearing Record is made a part of MG’s permanent record.

Notes of Discussion / Advance Regulatory and Financial Comment:

<i>Who</i>	<i>What</i>
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Upon MOTION by KRISTEN KUBACH and SECOND by EVELT VERTIL, the Board UNANIMOUSLY votes to enter CLOSED session for the purpose of discussion of confidential and legally privileged matters.

Upon MOTION by KRISTA ALEXANDER and SECOND by KRISTEN KUBACH, the Board UNANIMOUSLY votes to enter OPEN Session.

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

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

Notes of Discussion / Advance Regulatory and Financial Comment:

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R200217.05 Approval April 15, 2019 Minutes Amendment

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of Philadelphia Performing Arts: A String Theory Charter School hereby approves the amendment of the minutes of April 15, 2019, Resolution 190415.10 Confidential Settlement Agreement: Student JS. The amended Resolution for 190415.10 is as follows:

R190415.10 Confidential Agreement: Student JS

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of Philadelphia Performing Arts: A String Theory Charter School ratifies the Confidential Settlement Agreement and General Release and associated Trust Agreement In Re: JS as presented.

Notes of Discussion / Advance Regulatory and Financial Comment:

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

Upon MOTION by RON PIGLIACELLI and SECOND by WILLIAM BRADLEY LEACH, the Board UNANIMOUSLY voted to enter closed session for the purpose of discussion of confidential and legally privileged matters.

Upon MOTION by WILLIAM BRADLEY LEACH, and SECOND by RON PIGLIACELLI, the Board UNANIMOUSLY votes to enter OPEN session.

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

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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R200217.06 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

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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:

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<i>Angela Puleio Angela Ciccante</i>	<i>Philadelphia Performing Arts' report was previously disseminated to the Board of Trustees.</i>

C. Report of String Theory Schools

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R200217.07 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>Mrs. Corosanite discussed Philadelphia Performing Arts' SPR score. The high school showed growth and the lower grades remained steady.</i>

D. Report of General Counsel

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R200217.08 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>Demedici Corporation and Demedici Corporation II will refinance their bonds, and there will be savings through the reduction in interest rate.</i> <i>Demedici Corporation is looking to purchase another building in South Philadelphia.</i>

E. Report of Business Controller

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R200217.09 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:

<i>Who</i>	<i>What</i>
<i>Michael Danyo</i>	<i>Santilli & Thomson's report has been previously disseminated to the Board. Philadelphia Performing Arts is slightly over budget, but is still projecting a surplus.</i>

SECTION IV: NEW BUSINESS

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R200217.10 Amendment of May 20, 2019 Minutes

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of Philadelphia Performing Arts: A String Theory Charter School hereby approves the amendment of the minutes of May 20 2019, Resolution 190520.07 Proposed Budget. The amended Resolution for 190520.07 Proposed Budget is as follows:

R190520.07 2019-2020 Proposed Budget

RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees of The Philadelphia Performing Arts: A String Theory Charter School ratifies the 2019-2020 Proposed Budget as presented:

By Roll Call Vote:

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

Javier Kuehnle – aye
William Bradley Leach – aye
Kristin Kubach – aye

Ronald Pigliacelli – *aye*
 Evelt Vertil – *absent*
 Krista Alexander – *absent*

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R200217.11 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
Paul Rabinowitz Glass	\$6,600	Replace exterior window
J. Destefano Plumbing & Heating	\$6,500	Replace water heaters at PPA East
CMG Flooring	\$3,538	Refinish theater floor at 1600 Vine Street
Laredo Mechanical, LLC	\$4,612	Replace “Heat Exchanger” (HVAC Unit) at PPA East
Synertech, Inc.	\$6,780	Investigation for presence of Asbestos at all three buildings
The Devereaux Foundation	4010 Funding (\$287 per diem if no longer available); 1:1 assistance at \$40/hour	Tuition for Student R.B-D. for 2019-2020 SY PPACS is not the least restrictive environment for this student, and is unable to provide FAPE

Notes of Discussion / Advance Regulatory and Financial Comment:

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R200217.12 Purchase Contracts

RESOLVED, the Purchase 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
NONE	N/A	N/A

Notes of Discussion / Advance Regulatory and Financial Comment:

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R200217.13 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	SALARY
Allegra George	Substitute Teacher	2/6/2020
Simone Roberts	Teacher	1/27/2020
Erin Smith	SPED Teacher	1/21/2020
Corey Stewart	Teacher	1/27/2020

TERMINATIONS / RESIGNATIONS		
NAME	TITLE	EFFECTIVE DATE
Xavier Jackson	Pathway Assistant	1/24/2020
Eileen Black	Counselor	2/7/2020
Dominique DeSilva	Teacher	1/30/2020
Joanna Sinclair	Teacher	1/31/2020
Liza Raspa	Teacher	1/31/2020

Notes of Discussion / Advance Regulatory and Financial Comment:

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B. DISCUSSION AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- NEXT BOARD MEETING: MARCH 16, 2020

ADJOURNMENT AT 6:55 PM

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