

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

1600 Vine Street, Philadelphia, PA 19102

**MEETING LOCATION:**

1600 Vine Street, Philadelphia, PA 19102

September 16, 2019

6:00 PM

**AGENDA**

**SECTION I: CALL TO ORDER AT**

**A. Roll Call**

<b><u>Board Members:</u></b>	<b><u>By Invitation: Non-Board Members:</u></b>
William Bradley Leach – Vice Chairman (“WL”) Kristin Kubach – Secretary (“KK”) Ronald Pigliacelli- Treasurer (“RP”) Evelt Vertil (“EV”)	Aaron Gerwer Angela Ciccante  Angela Corosanite Dr. Jason Corosanite  Michael Thomson Michael Danyo
<b><u>Board Members Absent:</u></b> Krista Alexander (“KA”) Javier Kuehnle – Chairman (“JK”)	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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**R190916.01 Approval: September 16, 2019 Agenda**

RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of Philadelphia Performing Arts: A String Theory Charter School approves of the **September 16, 2019** Agenda of Philadelphia Performing Arts: A String Theory Charter School.

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

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**D. Approval of Minutes**

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**R190916.02 Approval: August 19, 2019 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 **August 19, 2019**.

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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.

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<i>None</i>	

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

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**R190916.03 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 Ciccante</i>	<i>Performing Arts' report has been previously disseminated to the Board.</i>

**C. Report of String Theory Schools**

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**R190916.04 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:*

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<i>Angela Corosanite Jason Corosanite</i>	<i>String Theory's report has been previously disseminated to the Board</i>
<i>Jason Corosanite</i>	<i>Jason Corosanite described the new gelato recipes that the food lab has developed out of sweet potatoes that were grown in a community garden, including a gelato that was accepted to a Washington D.C. competition which won the popular vote. A new fat free, dairy free cardamom peach sorbetto recipe was developed named "Cardi P"</i>

**D. Report of General Counsel**

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**R190916.05 Report of General Counsel**

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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 & Sidel P.C. as presented to the board.

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<i>Who</i>	<i>What</i>
<i>Daniel H. Sidel</i>	<i>Nothing to report currently</i>

**E. Report of Business Controller**

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**R190916.06 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.

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<i>Michael Danyo</i>	<i>Santilli &amp; Thomson's report has been previously disseminated to the Board.</i>

**SECTION IV: NEW BUSINESS**

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**R190916.07 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.

<b>Contractor</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Comment: Terms and Conditions</b>
Stepnowski Brothers	\$2,686.00	Replace toilet partitions at PPA: East
Guardian CSC	\$1,818.00	Treatment of closed hot water loop system at PPA: East
YALE School, Inc.	\$47,907.00	School Year 2019-2020 for Student J.I. (pursuant to NOREP and approved settlement agreement)
YALE School, Inc.	\$55,891.50	ESY 2019 and School Year 2019-2020 for Student S.R. (pursuant to NOREP and approved settlement agreement)
YALE School, Inc.	\$55,891.50	ESY 2019 and School Year 2019-2020 for Student R.S. (pursuant to NOREP and past asserted claim)
Wyncote Academy	\$33,000.00	School Year 2019-2020 for Student M.M. (pursuant to NOREP and approved settlement agreement)
AIM Academy	\$40,845.00	School Year 2019-2020 for Student L.G. (pursuant to NOREP)
Language to Literacy, LLC	\$120/hour for 4 students plus \$30/hour for students 5-6	Small group Wilson Reading instruction for 5 days a week from 9/17/19 – 6/12/20
Sarah Lorraine	\$1500/evaluation plus \$150 for MDT/IEP meetings	School Psychologist

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**R190916.08 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 purchases; 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>
Apple Inc	\$383,725.00	iPad's & Computers
CDW Government Inc.	\$68,981.20	iPad's, TV's, and other Equipment
Lexia Learning Systems, LLC.	\$36,900.00	Educational Software
Northwest Evaluation Association	\$38,162.50	MAP Software
Power School Group LLC	\$47,931.43	Administrative Software

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**R190916.09 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>		
<b>NAME</b>	<b>TITLE</b>	<b>START DATE</b>
Alilia Anderson	SPED Teacher	8/17/2019
Matthew Barbato	Teacher	8/17/2019
Lucy Bates-Campbell	Teacher	8/17/2019
Natalie Bermudez	Teacher	8/17/2019
Eileen Black	Guidance Counselor	9/9/2019
Andrew Blasenak	Sub	9/6/2019
Duncan Busser	SPED Teacher	9/3/2019
Anthony Cacciavillano	Teacher	8/17/2019
Dyana Cannon	Teacher	8/17/2019
Debra Cardillo	Food Service Aide	9/3/2019
Treacy Nicole Cirone	Teacher	8/17/2019
Laura Anne DeCarlo	SPED Teacher	8/17/2019
Christina Devlin	Teacher	8/17/2019
Andrew DiSario	Teacher	8/17/2019
Sara DiSimoni	SPED Teacher	8/17/2019
Sloane Gandler	SPED Teacher	8/17/2019
Brooke Lapinski	Teacher	8/17/2019
Janine Massi	Student Activities	8/17/2019
Alyssa McGarrigle	Teacher	8/17/2019
Thomas Mosca	Instructional Coach	8/1/2019
Cassandra Ogbeviere	Teacher	8/17/2019
Charles Parker	Maintenance	8/1/2019
Carol Pietrzyk	SPED Teacher	8/17/2019
Martin Power	Teacher	9/5/2019
Andrew Remeniski	Teacher	8/17/2019
Meghan Schaefer	SPED Teacher	8/17/2019
Rachel Sculli	SPED Teacher	8/17/2019
Wendy Serrano	SPED Teacher	8/17/2019
Leah Shelley	Teacher	8/17/2019
Frank Smyrl	Sub	8/17/2019
Nicole Stuebben	Guidance Counselor	8/17/2019
Barbara Triolo	Food Service Aide	8/17/2019
Belinda Wilson	SPED Supervisor	7/1/2019
Elizabeth Zebrowski	Teacher	8/17/2019

<b>TERMINATIONS / RESIGNATIONS</b>		
<b>NAME</b>	<b>TITLE</b>	<b>EFFECTIVE</b>

		<b>DATE</b>
Tiffani Cooper	SPED Teacher	8/16/2019
Rachel Hunter	Teacher	8/16/2019
Alexander Keene	Teacher	8/16/2019
Makaine Lozandieu	Guidance Counselor	8/16/2019
Laura Munich	Teacher	8/16/2019
Anthony Parenti	Teacher	8/16/2019
Erica Praga	Teacher	8/16/2019
John Protopapa-Henkel	Teacher	8/16/2019
Salvatore Scaramuzzino	Teacher	8/16/2019
Carolyn Sich	Teacher	8/16/2019
Eder Silva	Teacher	8/16/2019
Eric Soble	Instructional Coach	8/16/2019

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**R190916.10 Lease Reimbursement**

RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees of Philadelphia Performing Arts: A String Theory Charter School approves the application for reimbursement of a charter school lease for the 2018-2019 school year.

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**R190916.11 Family Engagement Policy**

RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees of Philadelphia Performing Arts: A String Theory Charter School approves the 2019-2020 Family Engagement Policy, as presented.

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**B. DISCUSSION AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- NEXT BOARD MEETING: OCTOBER 21, 2019

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