

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

1600 Vine Street, Philadelphia, PA 19102

June 15, 2020

6:00 PM

**LOCATION:**

Zoom Conference

**MINUTES**

**SECTION I: CALL TO ORDER AT 6:23 PM**

**A. Roll Call**

<b><u>Board Members:</u></b>	<b><u>By Invitation: Non-Board Members:</u></b>
Javier Kuehnle – Chairman (“JK”) Kristin Kubach – Secretary (“KK”) Ronald Pigliacelli- Treasurer (“RP”) Krista Alexander (“KA”) Evelt Vertil (“EV”)	Angela Puleio Angela Ciccante Rachel Ravior  Angela Corosanite Dr. Jason Corosanite
<b><u>Board Members Absent:</u></b> William Bradley Leach – Vice Chairman (“WL”)	Michael Thomson Michael Danyo  Daniel H. Saidel, Esq. David Annecharico, Esq. Abigail Lipow, Esq.  Keri Gleason, Vice Principal January Teti, Vice Principal Melissa Quarracino, Vice Principal Adrienne Capone, Academic Supervisor  Thayne Dibble, Director of Compliance Joseph McBride, Director of Security

**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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#### **R200615.01 Approval: June 15, 2020 Agenda**

RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of Philadelphia Performing Arts: A String Theory Charter School approves of the **June 15, 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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#### **R200615.02 Approval: May 18, 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 **May 18, 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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### R200615.03 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</i>	<i>Philadelphia Performing Arts' report has been previously disseminated to the Board.</i>

## C. Report of String Theory Schools

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### R200615.04 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's report has been previously disseminated to the Board.</i>
	<i>Both schools and STS are in the process of creating plans for the returning of students in September. The health and safety plan is how the schools will open from beginning of coming back partially virtual, to when every child will be back. Mrs. Corosanite estimates that it will be about 6 weeks before the plan is completed, and the schools have an August 1 deadline.</i>

	<i>String Theory and the schools are in the process of writing the grants for both schools.</i>
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**D. Report of General Counsel**

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**R200615.05 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 some potential liability with schools reopening with respect to students, staff, visitors, family members, emergencies, and where outside third parties could enter the building.</i>

**E. Report of Business Controller**

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**R200615.06 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:*

<i>Who</i>	<i>What</i>
<i>Michael Danyo</i>	<i>Santilli &amp; Thonson’s financial report has been previously disseminated to the Board. S&amp;T has made slight budget adjustments. PPA is projected to have a \$1.7m surplus. The School District subsidy numbers increased this year, so there are higher rates than originally estimated for special education.</i>

**SECTION IV: NEW BUSINESS**

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**R200615.07 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>
BAYADA Home Health Care, Inc.	\$50.25/hour	Provision of Nursing Services
Therapy Travelers	\$65/hour and \$97.5/hour overtime/holiday	Staffing agreement for therapist Shannon Reilly
Language to Literacy	\$200/hour (group of 4) +\$50 per student over group max	Provision of small group literacy instruction
MileStone Academy	\$35,000	Tuition for approved private school for 2020-2021 SY – Student L.Y.
Brett DiNovi & Associates, LLC	Various Rates	Provision of behavioral consultants
Delta School	\$170/per diem	ESY for Summer 2020 – Student J.T.
Clarke Schools for Hearing and Speech	\$49,568.75	Provision of 1 Mainstream Teacher of the Deaf for the 2020 -2021 ESY and academic school year
Emcor Services Fluidics	\$120,141.00	Provision of technician to oversee building operation services including: operation, replacement, repair and maintenance of building related mechanical, electrical, control systems, plumbing, air handling units, pumps, heat exchangers, expansion joints, and other building mechanical systems at 1600 Vine Street
Martin Luther School	\$5,250.00	ESY for Summer 2020 – Student B.P.
Guardian CSC	\$4,320.00	Lead testing at all three school locations
Devereaux Advanced Behavioral Health	\$268.20 per diem and 1:1 Services @ \$40.00/hour	ESY for Summer 2020 – Student R. B.-D.
Empirical Pediatric Therapy	\$1,875/week	ESY for Summer 2020 – Student T.T.

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

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**R200615.08 Purchases Contracts**

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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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**R200615.09 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	SALARY

TERMINATIONS / RESIGNATIONS		
NAME	TITLE	EFFECTIVE DATE

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**R200615.10 Board of Trustees Meeting Calendar 2020-2021 School Year**

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

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

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**R200615.11 Terms and Trustees**

RESOLVED, in accordance with Article II of the Philadelphia Performing Arts: A String Theory Charter School Bylaws, the Board of Trustees of Philadelphia Performing Arts: A String Theory School hereby re-installs the following Trustees for the terms of office listed below:

- Javier Kuehnle: 6/30/20 – 6/30/2022
- William Bradley Leach: 6/30/20 – 6/30/2022
- Kristin Kubach: 6/30/19 – 6/30/21
- Ronald Pigliacelli: 6/30/19 – 6/30/21
- Evelt Vertil: 6/30/20 – 6/30/2022
- Krista Alexander: 6/30/19 – 6/30/21

*By Roll Call:*

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

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

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**R200602.10 Board Officers**

RESOLVED, in accordance with Article III of the Philadelphia Performing Arts: A String Theory Charter School Bylaws, the Board of Trustees of Philadelphia Performing Arts: A String Theory School hereby elects the following Officers for the terms of office listed below:

- Chairperson: Javier Kuehnle: 6/30/20 – 6/30/21
- Vice Chairperson: William Bradley Leach: 6/30/20 – 6/30/21
- Treasurer: Ronald Pigliacelli: 6/30/20 – 6/30/21
- Secretary: Kristin Kubach: 6/30/20 – 6/30/21

*By Roll Call:*

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

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

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

**B. DISCUSSION AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Mrs. Corosanite noted that the Board will need to hold a special meeting to approve the health and safety report.

- NEXT BOARD MEETING: AUGUST 17, 2020

**ADJOURNMENT AT 6:30 PM**

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