

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

1600 Vine Street, Philadelphia, PA 19102

**MEETING LOCATION:**

1600 Vine Street, Philadelphia, PA 19102

November 25, 2019

6:00 PM

**MINUTES**

**SECTION I: CALL TO ORDER AT 6:07**

**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  Angela Corosanite Dr. Jason Corosanite  Michael Thomson Michael Danyo
Board Members Absent:	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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**R191125.01 Approval: November 25, 2019 Agenda**

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RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of Philadelphia Performing

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Arts: A String Theory Charter School approves of the **November 25, 2019** 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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#### **R191125.02 Approval: October 21, 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 **October 21, 2019**.

*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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#### **R191125.03 Report of Philadelphia Performing Arts: A String Theory Charter School**

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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:***

<b><i>Who</i></b>	<b><i>What</i></b>
<i>Angela Ciccante</i>	<i>Performing Arts' report was previously disseminated to the Board.  Ms. Ciccante also brought to the attention of the Board a student who has been habitually truant. Ms. Ciccante brings this to the Board's attention as the next step of Performing Arts' truancy policy.</i>
<i>Ms. Fusco</i>	<i>The parent of the aforementioned student did not register for community comment, but was allowed to speak during the report of Philadelphia Performing Arts. Ms. Fusco requests advice from the Board on solving her student's habitual truancy. Parent suggests seeking relief from the Court system.</i>

**C. Report of String Theory Schools**

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**R191125.04 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:***

<b><i>Who</i></b>	<b><i>What</i></b>
<i>Angela Corosanite</i>	<i>String Theory's report has been previously disseminated to the Board.</i>

**D. Report of General Counsel**

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**R191125.05 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.

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

<b>Who</b>	<b>What</b>
Daniel H. Saidel	Mr. Saidel advised the Board that only two charter applications put in for this cycle, including Joan Myers Brown Academy.  Mr. Saidel also discussed Governor Wolf's push to make the state-wide charter system more compliant, similar to how Philadelphia operates.

**E. Report of Business Controller**

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**R191125.06 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:**

<b>Who</b>	<b>What</b>
Michael Danyo	The report of the business controller was previously disseminated to the Board. Mr. Danyo advised the Board that Performing Arts is enrolled up to its cap.

**SECTION IV: NEW BUSINESS**

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**R191125.07 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>
Mark Cement Contractors	Various Rates	Snow Removal – PPA East and West
MileStone Academy	\$26,444.44	Placement for Student, L.Y., for 19-20 SY in order to receive FAPE, and as part of a resolution of a due process complaint
Pediatric Therapeutic Services, Inc.	Various Rates	Provision of PT and OT services for 19-20 SY
Wyncote Academy	\$69,307.50	Placement during the regular 2019-2020 school year for Student A.D. in order to receive FAPE

UPON MOTION BY RON PIGLIACELLI, AND SECOND BY KRISTA ALEXANDER, THE BOARD UNANIMOUSLY VOTED TO ENTER CLOSED SESSION FOR THE PURPOSE OF DISCUSSING CONFIDENTIAL AND LEGAL PRIVILEGED MATTERS.

UPON MOTION BY RONALD PIGLIACELLI AND SECOND BY KRISTA ALEXANDER, THE BOARD UNANIMOUSLY VOTED TO ENTER OPEN SESSION.

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

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**R191125.08 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.

<b>Contractor</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Comment: Terms and Conditions</b>

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

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**R191125.09 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>EFFECTIVE DATE</b>
Brian Davis	Teacher	10.18.19
Peter Garcia	Teacher	10.16.19
Elaine Facenda	Cafeteria Aide	10.21.19
Michael Lindsey	Teacher	10.28.19
Daymeia Wimberly	Teacher	11.04.19

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

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

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**R191125.10 Confidential Settlement Agreement In re: L.Y.**

RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees of Philadelphia Performing Arts: A String Theory Charter School approves of the Confidential Settlement Agreement In re: L.Y., as presented.

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**R191125.11 Holiday Bonuses**

RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees of Philadelphia Performing Arts: A String Theory Charter School approves of the Holiday Bonuses for Staff in the amount of \$200 as presented.

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

B. DISCUSSION AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- NEXT BOARD MEETING: JANUARY 20, 2020

**ADJOURNMENT AT 6:35 PM**

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