

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

1600 Vine Street, Philadelphia, PA 19102  
October 19, 2020  
6:00 PM

**LOCATION:**  
Zoom Conference

**MINUTES**

**SECTION I: CALL TO ORDER AT 6:14 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”)	Angela Puleio Angela Ciccante Rachel Ravior  Angela Corosanite Dr. Jason Corosanite  Michael Thomson Michael Danyo
Board Members Absent:	
Krista Alexander (“KA”)	Daniel H. Saidel, Esq. David Annecharico, Esq. Abigail Lipow, Esq. Jessica Bassett  January Teti Julia Viola Keri Gleason Melissa Quarracino  Thayne Dibble STS Director of Compliance Joseph McBride, STS 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.

---

**C. Approval of Agenda**

MOTION  
KK  
SECOND  
RP  
VOTE:  
X PASS  
[ ] FAIL

**R201019.01 Approval: October 19, 2020 Agenda**

RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of Philadelphia Performing Arts: A String Theory Charter School approves of the **October 19, 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**

MOTION  
RP  
SECOND  
JK  
VOTE:  
X PASS  
[ ] FAIL

**R201019.02 Approval: September 21, 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 **September 21, 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**

MOTION  
 KK  
 SECOND  
 RP  
 VOTE:  
 X PASS  
 [ ] FAIL

**R201019.03 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>	<p><i>Philadelphia Performing Arts’ reports have been previously disseminated to the Board.</i></p> <p><i>East/West Campuses are continuing the virtual learning plan. All campuses continue to have a high participation rate and are receiving robust instruction. The PPA administrative team has begun planning for hybrid learning, and is diligently covering all bases for the physical return of students.</i></p> <p><i>East/West Campuses have planned a pumpkin patch event for the end of October for grades K-4. There are also virtual plans for celebrating Halloween with students on October 30.</i></p>

**C. Report of String Theory Schools**

MOTION  
 RP  
 SECOND  
 KK  
 VOTE:

**R201019.04 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.

X PASS

[ ] FAIL

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

<b>Who</b>	<b>What</b>
Angela Corosanite	<p><i>String Theory Schools' report has been previously disseminated to the Board.</i></p> <p><i>PPA has a piece of property on Ritner Street that has not been utilized – PPA will turn it into a garden for the students. Artificial grass will be installed this weekend, and PPA will use the property daily once children are back in schools. It will be first used at PPA's pumpkin patch.</i></p> <p><i>Tom Corosanite has met with multiple companies to discuss not only the air quality in the buildings, but also upgrades to the air systems in order to prepare for the return of students. He will also be meeting with contractors to decide if there are any additional COVID-19 precautions that can be taken. The schools have every possible protection for staff and students, but continue to try and go above and beyond to protect the community.</i></p>

**D. Report of General Counsel**

**R201019.05 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:**

<b>Who</b>	<b>What</b>
Daniel H. Saidel	<p><i>The bond issue and purchase of 2632 S. Broad Street are both moving forward in timely manner.</i></p> <p><i>The School District intends to open physically in December 2020. Charter schools will have to decide how they want to move forward with either virtual or hybrid learning. Noted that PPA has policies and procedures in place, and both the PPA and STS are prepared for bringing students physically back to school.</i></p>

**E. Report of Business Controller**

**R201019.06 Report of Business Controller**

RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of Philadelphia Performing Arts: A String Theory Charter School reviews and accepts the

MOTION

KK

SECOND

RP

VOTE:

X PASS

[ ] FAIL

MOTION

RP

SECOND

JK  
VOTE:  
X PASS  
[ ] FAIL

Financial Report of Santilli & Thomson and hereby incorporates into these minutes by reference the financial statements and the documents presented by Santilli & 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; Thomson's report has been previously disseminated to the Board.</i>
	<i>PPA is doing well financially. It is currently overenrolled and meeting all targets for revenue.</i>

**SECTION IV: NEW BUSINESS**

MOTION  
KK  
SECOND  
RP  
VOTE:  
X PASS  
[ ] FAIL

**R201019.07 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>
Laredo Mechanical, LLC	\$16,840	Provision of maintenance inspections of equipment
Access Security Corp.	\$3,755.00	Addition of elevator doors to AMAG access control system
Laredo Mechanical, LLC	\$38,719	HVAC repairs at 1600 Vine Street

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

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

MOTION  
RP  
SECOND  
KK

**R201019.08 Purchases Contracts**

RESOLVED, the Purchases Contracts and associated reports listed below are hereby accepted and ratified;

VOTE:

X PASS

[ ] FAIL

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
CDW Government Inc.	\$15,400.00	Computers
Instructure	\$24,031.23	Administrative Software
Triumph Learning	\$14,487.55	General Supplies
Naviance Inc.	\$15,119.44	Software
Apple Inc.	\$75,945.00	Computers – ESSER
Houghton Mifflin Harcourt Publishing Co.	\$31,421.56	Books
DocuSign Inc.	\$23,350.00	Software - ESSER

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

Who	What
Board	General Discussion

MOTION

KK

SECOND

RP

VOTE:

X PASS

[ ] FAIL

**R201019.09 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	HIRE DATE
Corie Lyman	RTI Teacher	9/22/2020

TERMINATIONS / RESIGNATIONS		
NAME	TITLE	EFFECTIVE DATE
Clayton Graves	Climate Officer	9/18/2020

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

Who	What
Board	General Discussion

**B. DISCUSSION AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- NEXT BOARD MEETING: NOVEMBER 16, 2020

**ADJOURNMENT AT 6:27 PM**

MOTION

KK

SECOND

RP

VOTE:

X PASS

[ ] FAIL