

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

1600 Vine Street, Philadelphia, PA 19102

May 17, 2021

6:00 PM

**LOCATION:**

Zoom Conference

**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>
Javier Kuehnle – Chairman (“JK”) William Bradley Leach – Vice Chairman (“WL”) Kristin Kubach – Secretary (“KK”) Ronald Pigliacelli- Treasurer (“RP”)	Angela Puleio Angela Ciccante Emily Walkiewicz  Angela Corosanite Dr. Jason Corosanite
<b>Board Members Absent:</b> Evelt Vertil (“EV”) Krista Alexander (“KA”)	Michael Thomson Michael Danyo  Daniel H. Saidel, Esq. David Annecharico, Esq. Abigail Lipow, Esq.  January Teti Julia Viola Keri Gleason Melissa Quarracino  Thayne Dibble, STS Director of Compliance Joe 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.

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### C. Approval of Agenda

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#### **R210517.01 Approval: May 17, 2021 Agenda**

RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of Philadelphia Performing Arts: A String Theory Charter School approves of the **May 17, 2021** 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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#### **R210517.02 Approval: April 19, 2021 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 **April 19, 2021**.

*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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### R210517.03 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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### R210517.04 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</i>	<i>String Theory Schools' report has been previously disseminated to the Board.</i>

## D. Report of General Counsel

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**R210517.05 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:*

<i>Who</i>	<i>What</i>
<i>Daniel H. Saidel</i>	<p><i>Advised that when the proposed budgets are prepared, they should reflect wage and product inflation that is currently in the economy. The cash infusion into the marketplace has created a high drive for goods which will affect the school’s budget.</i></p> <p><i>Noted that special education lawsuits and associated costs will increase due to any perceived lack of progress or alleged failure to provide education assumed against the school during the pandemic.</i></p>

**E. Report of Business Controller**

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**R210517.06 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 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>	<p><i>Santilli &amp; Thomson’s report has been previously disseminated to the Board.</i></p> <p><i>Revenue is projecting close to the numbers provided to the Board in March. Performing Arts is \$344K under budget, and expenditures are projected at \$3M surplus for this year.</i></p>

**SECTION IV: NEW BUSINESS**

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**R210517.07 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>
Wyncote Academy	\$11,350.00	2021 ESY Tuition Agreement for Student A.D.
Wyncote Academy	\$74,125.00	2021-2022 APS SY Tuition Agreement for Student A.D.
Wyncote Academy	\$5,875.00	2021 ESY Tuition Agreement for Student M.M.
MileStone Academy	\$2,500.00	2021 ESY Tuition Agreement for Student L.Y.
MileStone Academy	\$35,000.00	2021-2022 APS SY Tuition Agreement for Student L.Y.
New Hope Academy	\$5,246.64	2021 ESY Tuition Agreement for Student B.N-C.
New Hope Academy	\$38,400.00	2021-2022 APS SY Tuition Agreement for Student B.N-C.
The Lincoln Center	\$158,000.00	Provision of Mental Health Counseling Services
The Lincoln Center	\$84,500.00	Provision of one Board Certified Behavior Analyst
Waste Management of Pennsylvania, Inc.	\$209.29/Month	Waste Management Services for 1600 Vine Street
Abington Speech Pathology	Various Rates	Provision of Special Education Professionals for K-12
Kids and Family, Inc.	Various Rates	Provision of Personal Care Assistant for student
Brett DiNovi & Associates, LLC	Various Rates	Provision of Clinical Associates and Behavioral Consultants
Kaleidoscope Education Solutions, Inc.	Various Rates	Updated rates for special education professionals for 2021-2022 SY
TherapyTravelers LLC, d/b/a TherapyTravelers	Various Rates	Provision of Special Education Professionals
Long Valley Therapy	Various Rates	Provision of Occupational Therapists

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

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**R210517.08 Purchases Contracts**

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

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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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**R210517.09 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
Michael Valania	Security	4/19/2021
Michael Macri	Long-term Sub	5/10/2021

TERMINATIONS / RESIGNATIONS		
NAME	TITLE	EFFECTIVE DATE

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

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**R210517.10 2021-2022 Board Meeting Calendar**

RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees of Philadelphia Performing Arts: A String Theory Charter School hereby approves of the 2021-2022 Board Meeting Calendar, as presented.

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

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### **R210517.11 Title I Family Engagement Policy**

RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees of Philadelphia Performing Arts: A String Theory Charter School hereby approves of the Title I Family Engagement Policy, as presented.

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

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### **R210517.12 Garage Door Repair; Declaration of Emergency**

RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees of Philadelphia Performing Arts: A String Theory Charter School hereby acknowledges the urgent and dire need to repair the garage door at the 1600 Vine Street campus; and

RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees hereby declares that the failure of the garage door renders necessary components of the facility unusable and creates potential security hazards for building occupants and invitees; and

RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees hereby authorizes the facilities manager to take all necessary steps, in consultation with the CEO, general counsel and review and approval of business controller of any contract, to repair the garage door in accordance with 24 P.S. 7-751(a.2).

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

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### **R210517.13 Approval of IRS Form 990**

RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of Philadelphia Performing Arts: A String Theory Charter School hereby reviews and accepts the 2020 Form 990 tax filing for Philadelphia Performing Arts: A String Theory Charter School, as presented.

*By Roll Call:*

Javier Kuehnle – *aye*

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

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

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**R210517.14 2021-2022 Proposed Budget**

RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees of Philadelphia Performing Arts: A String Theory Charter School hereby approves and ratifies the 2021-2022 Proposed Budget, as presented.

*By Roll Call:*

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:**

<i>Who</i>	<i>What</i>
<i>Michael Danyo</i>	<p><i>Reviewed the proposed budget with the Board:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Revenue is projected increase by \$700K</i></li> <li>• <i>The School District increase is in between 3-4%. Santilli &amp; Thomson reduced the amount to be conservative, and dropped enrollment by 25 students, which reduces revenue by \$366k</i></li> <li>• <i>The proposed budget includes a raise for staff of approximately \$600K in fringe benefits and salary</i></li> <li>• <i>Reviewed all employee salaries</i></li> <li>• <i>There is a flat increase in the medical rate; 5% was added into the budget to protect the school against rising medical costs</i></li> <li>• <i>Performing Arts' should experience \$900k of savings due to the restructured bond issue</i></li> <li>• <i>Lots of equipment will be paid for with ESSERs grants rather</i></li> <li>• <i>Minimum wage offered has increased to close to \$15/hour, in order to attract food service and classroom aides.</i></li> <li>• <i>There is a \$2.2M difference from this year's projection to the following year.</i></li> </ul>



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>\$1.9M has been added into the SPED budget for next year related to teachers; \$500k has been added for potential litigation; and approximately \$200k has been added for the school's own legal defense above current year spending.</i></li></ul>
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**B. DISCUSSION AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- **NEXT BOARD MEETING: JUNE 21, 2021**

**ADJOURNMENT AT 6:21 PM**

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