

PHILADELPHIA PERFORMING ARTS: A STRING THEORY
CHARTER SCHOOL

1600 Vine Street, Philadelphia, PA 19102
September 20, 2021
6:00 PM

LOCATION:
ZOOM

MINUTES

SECTION I: CALL TO ORDER AT 6:17 PM

A. Roll Call

<u>Board Members:</u>	<u>By Invitation: Non-Board Members:</u>
Javier Kuehnle – Chairman (“JK”) Kristin Kubach – Secretary (“KK”) Ronald Pigliacelli- Treasurer (“RP”) Evelt Vertil (“EV”) Krista Alexander (“KA”)	Angela Puleio Angela Ciccanti Emily Walkiewicz Angela Corosanite Dr. Jason Corosanite
Board Members Absent:	Michael Thomson Michael Danyo
William Bradley Leach – Vice Chairman (“WL”)	Daniel H. Sidel, Esq. David Annecharico, Esq. Abigail Lipow, Esq. January Teti Keri Gleason Adrienne Capone Thayne Dibble, STS Director of Compliance Joe McBride, STS Director of Security Lisa Bevilacqua, PPA Parent

B. DISCLOSURE: EXECUTIVE SESSION BY DANIEL H. SAIDEL

2. I'd like to state, for purposes of the Minutes of this meeting that on September 20, 2021, the Board of Trustees met in Executive Session for the following purposes under 65 Pa.C.S.A § 708:

(X) Consultation with Professional Advisor or Attorney. To consult with its attorney or other professional advisor regarding information or strategy in connection with litigation or with issues on which identifiable complaints are expected to be filed.

(X) Discuss Confidential Matters. To review and discuss agency business which, if conducted in public, would violate a lawful privilege or lead to the disclosure of information or confidentiality protected by law, including matters related to the initiation and conduct of investigations of possible or certain violations of the law and quasi-judicial deliberations.

Additional Notes for Minutes of Meeting:

C. Approval of Agenda

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R210920.01 Approval: September 20, 2021 Agenda

RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of Philadelphia Performing Arts: A String Theory Charter School approves of the **September 20, 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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R210920.02 Approval: August 23, 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 **August 23, 2021.**

Notes of Discussion / Advance Regulatory and Financial Comment:

<i>Who</i>	<i>What</i>
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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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R210920.03 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. The new 5th grade wing has opened at West Campus. There are still a few items to be finalized, but the administration is extremely happy that everything moved forward on time and that students are in the classroom.</i>

C. Report of String Theory Schools

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R210920.04 Report of String Theory Schools

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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</i>	<i>String Theory Schools' report has been previously disseminated to the Board. Praised staff for opening with the new 5th grade wing at West Campus. Pleased that the construction finished on time due to supply and permit issues, and noted there are still some things to be finalized.</i>

D. Report of General Counsel

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R210920.05 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:

Who	What
<i>David Annecharico</i>	<i>SSPC worked extensively with administration to ensure the responsible use of ESSERS and related funds. Noted that the School paid close attention to the special education populations in the return to in person education.</i>

E. Report of Business Controller

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R210920.06 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:

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<i>Michael Danyo</i>	<i>Santilli & Thomson's financial report was previously disseminated to the Board. The school has 108 days of cash on hand. This is slightly down from</i>

	<p><i>last year due to COVID-19 related expenses. ESSERS II and III funding has not come in yet.</i></p> <p><i>The school did make a large prepayment of rent related to new construction in South Philadelphia.</i></p> <p><i>The audit began two weeks ago and is moving forward on schedule.</i></p>
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SECTION IV: NEW BUSINESS

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R210920.07 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.

Contractor	Amount	Comment: Terms and Conditions
Overbrook School for the Blind	\$95/hour	Provision of vision and/or orientation and mobility services
Language to Literacy LLC	\$160/hour	Provision of Wilson Reading System Instruction
Noble Staffing of USA	\$60/hour	Provision of Special Education professionals
Diane Johnson, M.Ed.	\$1,300/evaluation	Renewal of Independent School Psychologist contract
Amy Wine	Various Rates	Extension of Independent School Psychologist contract
Michael John Niewiecki, Ph.D., NCSP	\$1,300/evaluation	Extension of Independent School Psychologist contract
Behavior Interventions, Inc.	Various Rates	Provision of related services for student attending approved private school
US Medical Staffing Inc.	Various Rates	Amendment to agreement to add services of Registered Nurse and Certified Nursing Assistant

Notes of Discussion / Advance Regulatory and Financial Comment:

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R210920.08 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
Apple Inc.	\$63,155.00	Computers
Appliansys	\$15,222.00	Technology
CDW Government Inc.	\$36,490.78	TV's and Technology Supplies
DocuSign, Inc.	\$24,948.00	Software
Fante Flooring	\$52,200.00	Flooring
Instructure Inc.	\$28,125.25	Educational Software
Lexia Learning Systems, LLC	\$20,900.00	Educational Software
Micro Technology Group Inc.	\$30,922.94	Technology
Micro Technology Group Inc.	\$177,078.15	Data Switches
Music & Arts	\$49,344.69	Instruments
Naviance Inc.	\$15,572.46	Software
PPSco Direct Inc.	\$10,190.00	Drinking Fountains
Securly Inc.	\$12,498.75	Educational Software
Voneto Inc.	\$14,795.00	Telephones

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R210920.09 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	START DATE
Rebecca Aduclasse	Sub	8/9/2021
Charmaine Bailey	Dean	8/9/2021
Skylar Barton	Teacher	8/9/2021
Jacqueline Batcha	Teacher	8/9/2021

Alyssa Chepress	Teacher	8/9/2021
Alanna Benedetto	Special Education Teacher	8/9/2021
Sarah Coleman	Special Education Teacher	8/30/2021
Justin Corona	Teacher	8/9/2021
Scott Cumpstone	Teacher	8/9/2021
Lindsay Curtius	Special Education Teacher	8/9/2021
Caleigh Dougherty	Teacher	8/9/2021
Ahmad Fargali	Teacher	8/9/2021
Elizabeth Griffiths	RTI Teacher	8/9/2021
Julia Haines	Teacher	8/9/2021
Micaela Hickey	Teacher	8/9/2021
Ana Hughes-Perez	Teacher	8/9/2021
Rebekah Jacobson	Guidance Counselor	8/9/2021
Allison Kelly	RTI Teacher	8/9/2021
Shannon Kelly	Special Education Teacher	8/9/2021
Mark Leeper	Teacher	8/9/2021
Hanna Lippert	Special Education Teacher	8/9/2021
Brett Lynch	Guidance Counselor	8/9/2021
Simona Mammi	Guidance Counselor	8/9/2021
Matthew Menschner	Dean of Students	8/18/2021
Anthony Miller	Dean of Culture	8/9/2021
Erin Moeser	Psychologist	8/9/2021
Brittany Nelli	Teacher	8/9/2021
Joseph Nemezc	Teacher	8/9/2021
Catherine Petrino	Teacher	8/9/2021
Lauren Pignaloso	Administrative Assistant	8/23/2021
Frank Pluviose	Teacher	8/9/2021
Emanuel Pope	Maintenance	8/11/2021
Mary Santilli	Special Education Support Specialist	8/18/2021
Gina Small	Special Education Teacher	8/30/2021
Joseph Smith	Teacher	8/9/2021
Stephanie Suraci	RTI Teacher	8/9/2021

RESIGNATIONS		
NAME	TITLE	EFFECTIVE DATE
Regina Albater	Administrative Assistant	6/30/2021
Anissa Alexander	Teacher	6/30/2021
Teri Allen	Teacher	6/30/2021
Victoria Bagosy	Teacher	6/30/2021
Natalie Bermudez	Teacher	6/30/2021
Marena Bondi	Special Education Teacher	8/27/2021
Grace D'Entremont	Teacher	6/30/2021
Jessica Dopsovic	Special Education Teacher	6/30/2021
Laurie Doran	Teacher	6/30/2021
Peter Garcia	Teacher	6/30/2021
Yuliya Goncharova-McKenna	Special Education Teacher	7/31/2021
Robert Goodman	Teacher	6/30/2021
Christopher Kucewicz	Teacher	8/13/2021
Logan Leeds-Ezell	Guidance Counselor	6/30/2021
Michael Lindsey	Teacher	6/30/2021

Tara Marsden	Teacher	6/30/2021
Rachel Neitzke	Sub	6/30/2021
Martin Power	Teacher	6/30/2021
Andrew Remeniski	Teacher	6/30/2021
Nethzabellie Rendon	Administrative Assistance	8/28/2021
Simone Roberts	Teacher	6/30/2021
Andres Rodriguez	Teacher	6/30/2021
Melissa Schiff	Guidance Counselor	8/13/2021
Jazmyne Sierra	Climate and Culture Assistant	6/30/2021
Frank Smyrl	Teacher	6/30/2021
Jonathan Tomaro	Teacher	6/30/2021
Kristin Trimble	Guidance Counselor	6/30/2021
Chelsey Venuto	Teacher	8/13/2021
Sara Walker	Psychologist	8/20/2021
Ali Willingham	Teacher	8/13/2021

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R210920.10 Policies and Municode

RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees of Philadelphia Performing Arts: A String Theory Charter School hereby approves of the following policies and their upload to Municode, as presented:

- Mandatory Employee COVID-19 Testing
- Section 504 Grievance Policy

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R210920.11 Project GO Memorandum of Understanding and Truancy Court Citation Form

RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees of Philadelphia Performing Arts: A String Theory Charter School hereby approves of the Project GO Memorandum of Understanding between it and the Philadelphia District Attorney's Office and Truancy Court Citation Form.

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B. DISCUSSION AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- NEXT BOARD MEETING: OCTOBER 18, 2021

ADJOURNMENT AT 6:27 PM

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