

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

1600 Vine Street, Philadelphia, PA 19102

October 18, 2021

6:00 PM

**LOCATION:**

ZOOM

**MINUTES**

**SECTION I: CALL TO ORDER AT 7:00 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 Ciccanti Emily Walkiewicz  Angela Corosanite  Michael Danyo
Board Members Absent:	Daniel H. Sidel, Esq. David Annecharico, Esq. Abigail Lipow, Esq.
Krista Alexander (“KA”)	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**

*2. I'd like to state, for purposes of the Minutes of this meeting that on October 18, 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:

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### C. Approval of Agenda

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#### **R211018.01 Approval: October 18, 2021, Agenda**

RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of Philadelphia Performing Arts: A String Theory Charter School approves of the **October 18, 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>
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### D. Approval of Minutes

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#### **R211018.02 Approval: September 20, 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 **September 20, 2021**.

*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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**R211018.03 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:*

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<i>Angela Puleio</i>	<i>Philadelphia Performing Arts' report was previously disseminated to the Board.</i>

**C. Report of String Theory Schools**

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**R211018.04 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:*

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<i>Angela Corasanite</i>	<i>String Theory Schools' report was previously disseminated to the Board.</i>

#### D. Report of General Counsel

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##### R211018.05 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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#### E. Report of Business Controller

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##### R211018.06 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 &amp; Thomson's report was previously disseminated to the Board.</i>
	<i>Expenses increased due to summer renovations for security and a large investment into technology infrastructure. The school is working to increase enrollment and review the budget.</i>

#### SECTION IV: NEW BUSINESS

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##### R211018.07 Professional Services Contracts

RESOLVED, the Professional Services Contracts, proposals 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 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
Neurodevelopmental Assessment and Consulting, LLC	\$2,500 + various rates for additional services	Independent Neuropsychological Evaluation for student A.S.
Laredo Mechanical, LLC	\$25,138.00	Installation of Ionization Devices at West Campus
Martin Luther School	\$53,619.00 + various rates for additional services	2021-2022 Tuition for Students I.W. and B.P.
The Lincoln Center for Family & Youth	\$88,000	Revised BCBA Contract – start date and compensation
The Lincoln Center for Family & Youth	\$92,000	Revised SPED Coordination Contract – start date and compensation
Neurodevelopmental Assessment and Consulting, LLC	\$2,500/evaluation + various rates for additional services	Provision of 5 psychoeducational evaluations
Devereux Advanced Behavioral Health	\$503.00/per diem	ESY 2021 Contract for student J.X.

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**R211018.08 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.

Contractor	Amount	Comment: Terms and Conditions
Art Turchi	\$72,000.00	Security Equipment
ISTE	\$11,931.00	Professional Development

Laredo Mechanical LLC	\$30,501.89	HVAC Upgrades
McGraw Hill Education	\$44,453.57	Books
Teachers' Curriculum Institute	\$35,124.00	Educational Software
Educators Publishing Service	\$24,251.00	Administrative Software

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**R211018.09 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>START DATE</b>
Kevin Burke	Maintenance	10/5/2021
Jieying Chen	ESOL Teacher	10/1/2021
Kathleen Chesbro	Special Education Teacher	10/8/2021
Tracy Daniels	Substitute	9/20/2021
Anthony Davis	Substitute	9/27/2021
Rebecca DiGiacomo	Food Service	10/11/2021
Anna Ivkovich	Teacher	10/7/2021
David Ladignon	Substitute	10/6/2021
Colleen Martin	Food Service	10/8/2021
Michael Natale	Food Service	9/27/2021
Sara Sculley	Counselor	9/21/2021
Jeanie Wise	Security Officer	9/27/2021
Nina Wise	Security Officer	10/11/2021

<b>RESIGNATIONS</b>		
<b>NAME</b>	<b>TITLE</b>	<b>EFFECTIVE DATE</b>
Jacqueline Batcha	Teacher	9/24/2021
Michael Natale	Food Service	9/27/2021
Cory O'Neill	Teacher	9/17/2021
Nina Quarels	Security Officer	10/13/2021

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**R211018.10 PHLConnectED Charter MOU Renewal and Consent and Joinder**

RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees of Philadelphia Performing Arts: A String Theory Charter School hereby approves of the

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PHLConnectED Charter MOU Renewal and Consent and Joinder, as presented.

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**R211018.11 Policies and Municode**

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

- Extended Sick Leave Policy

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**R211018.12 2021-2022 Emergency Instructional Time Template**

RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees of Philadelphia Performing Arts: A String Theory Charter School hereby approves the Emergency Instructional Time Template for the 2021-2022 School Year, as presented.

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**R211018.13 String Theory Schools Corporate Incubator**

RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees of Philadelphia Performing Arts: A String Theory Charter School ratifies the award of a String Theory Corporate Incubator Fellowship to:

- 15M Media
- BSD Coding
- Minkee Blue
- Kindling
- Lisa Jane Russell
- EJ Hendley

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B. DISCUSSION AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- NEXT BOARD MEETING: NOVEMBER 15, 2021

**ADJOURNMENT AT 7:09 PM**

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