

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

1600 Vine Street, Philadelphia, PA 19102

November 15, 2021

6:00 PM

**LOCATION:**

ZOOM

**MINUTES**

**SECTION I: CALL TO ORDER AT 6:24 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”) Evelt Vertil (“EV”)	Angela Puleio Angela Ciccante Emily Walkiewicz  Angela Corosanite Dr. Jason Corosanite
Board Members Absent: Ronald Pigliacelli- Treasurer (“RP”) Krista Alexander (“KA”)	Michael Thomson Michael Danyo  Daniel H. Sidel, 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.

### C. Approval of Agenda

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#### R21115.01 Approval: November 15, 2021 Agenda

RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of Philadelphia Performing Arts: A String Theory Charter School approves of the **November 15, 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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#### R21115.02 Approval: October 18, 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 **October 18, 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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### R21115.03 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 was previously disseminated to the Board.</i>  <i>PPA can keep all campuses open, despite the rise in COVID-19 cases.</i>

## C. Report of String Theory Schools

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### R21115.04 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 Corosante</i>	<i>String Theory Schools' report was previously disseminated to the Board.</i>  <i>Noted that it is very difficult for teachers and staff to work in this environment. String Theory Schools and the school know that the past two years have been difficult, and the administration believes the bonus that the Board is asked to approve is necessary for the staff.</i>  <i>Also discussed the teacher shortage and noted that the less experienced teachers are having more difficulty with the last upheaval of the few</i>

years than the more experienced teachers.

#### D. Report of General Counsel

##### R21115.05 Report of General Counsel

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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>	<i>After thanksgiving break and winter break, schools will most likely have more breakouts of COVID-29. Staff should remain alert and prepare for outbreaks. Noted that many parents have stated they would like to see how other children react before vaccinating their own children against COVID-19.</i>  <i>Also discussed the effects of inflation on the community due to the pandemic. Noted that inflation will also affect the schools' budgets as costs increase, especially wages and benefits.</i>

#### E. Report of Business Controller

##### R21115.06 Report of Business Controller

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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>PPA met with String Theory Schools and S&amp;T to review budget variances, which should be resolved moving forward.</i>

#### SECTION IV: NEW BUSINESS

##### R21115.07 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.

Contractor	Amount	Comment: Terms and Conditions
Laredo Mechanical, LLC	\$8,784.00/quarter	Maintenance Agreement for PPA East
Saint Katherine Day School	\$24,000	Tuition for 2021-2022 SY for Student L.C.
Saint Katherine Day School	\$24,000	Tuition for 2021-2022 SY for Student J.T.
Liberty Door Systems	\$30,510.41	Fix security doors at main entrance to 1600 Vine Street

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

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**R21115.08 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
OverDrive Inc.	\$12,500.00	Software
Zoom Video Communications	\$16,00.00	Software

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

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**R21115.09 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>
Lara Appelbaum	Special Education Teacher	10/18/2021
Damon Bennett	Teacher	10/25/2021
John Coghlan	Teacher	10/18/2021
Gabriella Haggerty	Sub	10/18/2021

<b>TERMINATIONS / RESIGNATIONS</b>		
<b>NAME</b>	<b>TITLE</b>	<b>EFFECTIVE DATE</b>
Jennifer Callahan	Teacher	10/16/2021
Alyssa Chepress	Teacher	11/5/2021

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

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**R21115.10 1600 Vine Street Security Doors; 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 security doors at the 1600 Vine Street campus; and

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

FURTHER 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 security doors in accordance with 24 P.S. 7- 751(a.2).

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

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<i>David Annecharico</i>	<i>Brief explanation of the resolution and public bidding emergency declaration requirements.</i>
<i>Jason Corosanite</i>	<i>Explained that the magnetic catch at the door of 1600 Vine Street is</i>

	<i>not latching 100% of the time. The building is secured but the latch on the doors are an issue that needs to be fixed to ensure building security.</i>
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**R21115.11 String Theory Schools Corporate Incubator Fellowship**

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:

- Careers through Culinary Arts Program (CCAP)

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

<b>Who</b>	<b>What</b>
<i>Jason Corosanite</i>	<i>Careers through Culinary Arts Program –PPA has worked with them through the past year. CCAP provides mentoring and career services for students interested in the culinary fields. They will bring in chefs every month to do demonstrations for the students.</i>

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**R21115.12 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 for Full-time and \$100 for Part-time as presented.

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**R21115.13 COVID Retention Bonuses**

RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees of Philadelphia Performing Arts: A String Theory Charter School approves of the COVID Retention Bonus for Staff in the amount of \$2,000 for Full-time Employees and \$1,000 for Part-time Employees as presented.

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

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**B. DISCUSSION AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- NEXT BOARD MEETING: JANUARY 24, 2022

**ADJOURNMENT AT 6:43 PM**

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