

PHILADELPHIA PERFORMING ARTS: A STRING THEORY
CHARTER SCHOOL

1600 Vine Street, Philadelphia, PA 19102

January 24, 2022

6:00 PM

LOCATION:

ZOOM

MINUTES

SECTION I: CALL TO ORDER AT 6:44 PM

A. Roll Call

Board Members:	By Invitation: Non-Board Members:
Javier Kuehnle – Chairman (“JK”) William Bradley Leach – Vice Chairman (“WL”) Ronald Pigliacelli- Treasurer (“RP”) Evelt Vertil (“EV”) Krista Alexander (“KA”)	Angela Puleio Angela Ciccanti Emily Walkiewicz Angela Corosanite Dr. Jason Corosanite Michael Thomson Michael Danyo
Board Members Absent: Kristin Kubach – Secretary (“KK”)	Daniel H. Sidel, Esq. David Annecharico, Esq. Abigail Lipow, Esq. January Teti Julia Viola Keri Gleason Melissa Quarracino

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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R220124.01 Approval: January 24, 2022, Agenda

RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of Philadelphia Performing Arts: A String Theory Charter School approves of the **January 24, 2022, Agenda**, as amended, 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>The Board approved late amendments made to Resolutions 7 and 14 after the Agenda was published.</i>

D. Approval of Minutes

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R220124.02 Approval: November 15, 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 **November 15, 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.

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B. Report of Philadelphia Performing Arts: A String Theory Charter School

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R220124.03 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>

C. Report of String Theory Schools

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R220124.04 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. The School was able to successfully hold performances in person this past winter with no outbreaks of COVID-19.</i>

D. Report of General Counsel

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R220124.05 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 & Sidel P.C. as presented to the board.

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Notes of Discussion / Advance Regulatory and Financial Comment:

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<i>David Annecharico</i>	<i>Advised that general counsel will send Statements of Financial Interest to board members and administration to review and approve before execution.</i>

E. Report of Business Controller

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R220124.06 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>	<i>Santilli & Thomson's report was previously disseminated to the Board. The School is dealing with under-enrollment, Santilli & Thomson is meeting with the administration to evaluate the budget and determine how to spend ESSERS funds.</i>

SECTION IV: NEW BUSINESS

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R220124.07 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
Fante for Flooring	\$11,100.00	Flooring replacement at East Campus

Laredo Mechanical LLC	\$16,840.00	Equipment inspection agreement for 1600 Vine Street
Laredo Mechanical LLC	\$31,520.00	Equipment Inspection agreement for 2600 South Broad Street
Keegan & Cunniss Plumbing and Mechanical, Inc.	\$130/hour	Plumbing services agreement
Devereux Advanced Behavioral Health	\$325.00/per diem + 1:1 services at \$40/hour	45 Day placement for student T.A.
Paul Rabinowitz Glass Co., Inc.	\$26,950.00	Exterior window replacement at 1600 Vine Street
The Vanguard School	\$34,690.36	APS Tuition for 2021-2022 SY for Student A.D.

Notes of Discussion / Advance Regulatory and Financial Comment:

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R220124.08 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
JamF Software	\$52,605.00	Software
Office Basics Inc.	\$163,280.73	Furniture

Notes of Discussion / Advance Regulatory and Financial Comment:

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R220124.09 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
Christopher Bilinsky	Psychologist	11/15/2021

Matthew Horvat	Building	11/19/2021
Julia McKennon	Special Education Teacher	1/3/2022
Tara O'Brien	Special Education Teacher	11/22/2021
Jodi Perri	Teacher	11/15/2021
Jennifer Sheeto	Psychologist	12/16/2021
Jaclyn Stephnowski	Teacher	1/3/2022
Heather Weiss-Dembek	Teacher	12/6/2021

TERMINATIONS / RESIGNATIONS		
NAME	TITLE	EFFECTIVE DATE
Rebecca Aduclasse	Teacher	11/30/2021
Anthony Davis	Long-Term Sub	11/24/2021
Sara DiSimoni	Special Education Teacher	11/19/2021
Elishua Gutierrez	Administrative Assistant	12/17/2021
Anna Ivkovich	Teacher	11/25/2021
Catherine Petrino	Teacher	11/19/2021
Rashawn Scarbo	Administrative Assistant	11/26/2021
Brittany Walker	Teacher	12/17/2021

Notes of Discussion / Advance Regulatory and Financial Comment:

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R220124.10 Revised School Calendar – 1600 Vine Street

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RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees of Philadelphia Performing Arts: A String Theory Charter School hereby approves of the revised school calendar for the 1600 Vine Street campus, as presented.

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R220124.11 Teacher Residency Program

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RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees of Philadelphia Performing Arts: A String Theory Charter School hereby approves of the Teacher Residency Program, as presented.

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<i>Jason Corosanite</i>	<p><i>The School has been part of the Temple University teacher residency program in the past, which granted funding to take individuals who had backgrounds in science and math, but not teaching, and put them through a residency program to obtain their teacher certification. Temple is helping Performing Arts set up its own teacher residency program.</i></p> <p><i>This is beneficial as all schools are struggling to hire teachers across the country, and it gives the School a chance to find innovative, passionate individuals who did not go to college to get a teaching degree but have expertise in a certain field. Having an internal own program partnered</i></p>

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	<i>with some local colleges is a huge advantage to grow internally and source teachers.</i>
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R220124.12 Revised Uniform Policy

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RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees of Philadelphia Performing Arts: A String Theory Charter School hereby approves of the Revised Uniform Policy, as presented.

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<i>Angela Corosanite</i>	<i>The uniform policy has been updated to be gender neutral in accordance with City Ordinances and the School District's policy.</i>

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R221024.13 PPA Special Education Growth Plans

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RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees of Philadelphia Performing Arts: A String Theory Charter School hereby approves of the Special Education Growth Plans, as presented.

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R220124.14 Summer Program

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

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- A mandatory summer bridge program for all 8th grade students transitioning into High School, which will take place during the last week of the 2021-2022 school year.
- A mandatory bridge program for all new 9th grade students, which will take place from August 1st to August 26th, 2022.
- A four-week academic and major introduction program offered to all new incoming students in 5th through 9th grade, which will take place from August 1st to August 26th, 2022.

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<i>Jason Corosanite</i>	<i>Performing Arts will be taking more students from the lottery who are new to the Performing Arts system than in previous years. Data has shown that students have struggled to acclimate to the school's model in the past, so the administration is developing a program to enrich new students and immerse them in the school culture and programs, and set them up for success in the future.</i>

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R220124.15 Audit Report of Financial Statements Year Ended June 30, 2021

RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees of Philadelphia Performing Arts: A String Theory Charter School accepts the independent audit report of Financial Statements Year Ended June 30, 2021.

By Roll Call:

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

Notes of Discussion / Advance Regulatory and Financial Comment:

<i>Who</i>	<i>What</i>
<i>Michael Danyo</i>	<i>Cash has increased by \$4.6M in 2021. The change in fund balance is similar to the previous year.</i> <i>The audit was clean with no internal findings, and it was submitted on time and to all bondholders.</i>

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R220124.16 Insurance Broker and Contracts

RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of Philadelphia Performing Arts: A String Theory Charter School hereby amends the Agenda and authorizes Javier Kuehnle to negotiate the terms and conditions of an agreement for insurance brokerage services and/or alternative insurance policies.

Notes of Discussion / Advance Regulatory and Financial Comment:

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B. DISCUSSION AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- NEXT BOARD MEETING: FEBRUARY 21, 2022

ADJOURNMENT AT 7:03

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