

PHILADELPHIA PERFORMING ARTS: A STRING THEORY
CHARTER SCHOOL

1600 Vine Street, Philadelphia, PA 19102

February 21, 2022

6:00 PM

LOCATION:

ZOOM

MINUTES

SECTION I: CALL TO ORDER AT 6:25 PM

A. Roll Call

Board Members:	By Invitation: Non-Board Members:
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 Dr. Jason Corosanite Michael Danyo
Board Members Absent:	Daniel H. Saidel, Esq. David Annecharico, Esq. Abigail Lipow, Esq. January Teti Keri Gleason Melissa Quarracino Adrienne Capone Joe McBride, STS Director of Security
Krista Alexander (“KA”)	

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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R220221.01 Approval: February 21, 2022 Agenda

RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of Philadelphia Performing Arts: A String Theory Charter School approves of the **February 21, 2022** Agenda of Philadelphia Performing Arts: A String Theory Charter School, as amended.

Notes of Discussion / Advance Regulatory and Financial Comment:

<i>Who</i>	<i>What</i>
<i>David Annecharico, Esq.</i>	<i>Due to changes in HR, the agenda was amended within 24 hours of the Board Meeting.</i>

D. Approval of Minutes

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R220221.02 Approval: January 24, 2022 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 **January 24, 2022**.

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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R220221.03 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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R220221.04 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>Jason Corosanite</i>	<p><i>String Theory Schools' report has been previously disseminated to the Board.</i></p> <p><i>Advised Board members that the school has three different grants expected to come through. The use of those funds may require approval from the Pennsylvania Department of Education.</i></p> <p><i>The School is starting to build programs related to the grants; specifically, Vine Street Campus will be</i></p>

	<p><i>renovating a new pastry baking/teaching lab on the first floor, in addition to improving some food services items.</i></p> <p><i>Additionally, the School has a contract funded through a federal program relating to developing the STEM program for 11th and 12th grade students to receive innovative internship opportunities in the fields of biotech and STEM.</i></p>
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D. Report of General Counsel

R220221.05 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:

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<i>David Annecharico, Esq.</i>	<i>Reminded board members and administrators to fill out Statements of Financial Interest.</i>
<i>Daniel Saidel, Esq.</i>	<i>Discussed the continued effects of inflation and world events on the School’s budget and operations.</i>

E. Report of Business Controller

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R220221.06 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 & Thomson’s report has been previously disseminated to the Board.</i></p> <p><i>Santilli & Thomson continues to meet with the School and String Theory Schools to review the budget and expenses. The financial picture continues to improve as the year goes on.</i></p>

SECTION IV: NEW BUSINESS

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R220221.07 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
Devereux Advanced Behavioral Health	4010 Slot	Change of placement for student C. J-B.
Partnership to Prosperity	\$128,200, payable in five (5) payments and upon receipt of certain deliverables through June 2024.	STEM Program Development. See 5.6. Partnership to Prosperity. Stem Program Proposal Subject to PDE approval, payable through ESSERS / CARES / ARP Funding.

Notes of Discussion / Advance Regulatory and Financial Comment:

<i>Who</i>	<i>What</i>
<i>Jason Corosanite</i>	<i>Discussed the Partnership to Prosperity contract. This is a two-year contract which will utilize ARP funding, subject to PDE approval. The submission to PDE is complete and is in the review process. The process looks to be moving forward and the School does not anticipate any issues with PDE approval of the use of these funds.</i>

R220221.08 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

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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
Probake – (See 5.4. RFP #PPA.22.02.17.1700. Bidding Table. Probake)	\$173,510	Equipment for Pastry and Baking Teaching Lab (Culinary and Career Programs) Subject to PDE approval, payable through ESSERS / CARES / ARP Funding.
Rosito Bisani – (See 5.5. RFP #PPA.22.02.17.1700. Bidding Table. Rosito Bisani)	\$86,900	Equipment for Pastry and Baking Teaching Lab (Culinary and Career Programs) Subject to PDE approval, payable through ESSERS / CARES / ARP Funding.
Bellweather Coffee Roaster	\$77,000	Equipment for Pastry and Baking Teaching Lab (Culinary and Career Programs)
Advanced Gourmet Equipment & Design LLC	\$25,343.59	(1) Frozen Display Case Equipment for Pastry and Baking Teaching Lab (Culinary and Career Programs) Subject to PDE approval, payable through ESSERS / CARES / ARP Funding.
Bakon USA	\$58,850	(2) Patisserie Humidity Cabinets- SKHV-2W (\$25,520 Each) Equipment for Pastry and Baking Teaching Lab (Culinary and Career Programs) Subject to PDE approval, payable through ESSERS / CARES / ARP Funding.
Bakon USA	\$60,850	(2) Patisserie Freezer Cabinets - SVHD-2E (\$26,260 Each) Equipment for Pastry and Baking Teaching Lab (Culinary and Career Programs) Subject to PDE approval, payable through ESSERS / CARES / ARP Funding.

Notes of Discussion / Advance Regulatory and Financial Comment:

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<i>Jason Corosanite</i>	<i>The larger items are required to go out to public bid for building renovations. Some items did not receive bidders.</i>

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R220221.09 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	SALARY

RESIGNATIONS		
NAME	TITLE	EFFECTIVE DATE
Heather Jones	Special Education Teacher	1/28/22

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R220221.10 Updated Search and Seizure Policy

RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees of Philadelphia Performing Arts: A String Theory Charter School hereby approves of the updated Search and Seizure Policy, and its upload to Municode, as presented.

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<i>Board</i>	<i>General Discussion</i>

B. DISCUSSION AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- NEXT BOARD MEETING: MARCH 21, 2022

ADJOURNMENT AT 6:36 PM

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