

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

1600 Vine Street, Philadelphia, PA 19102

March 21, 2022

6:00 PM

**LOCATION:**

1600 Vine Street and via ZOOM

**MINUTES**

**SECTION I: CALL TO ORDER AT 6:35 PM**

**A. Roll Call**

<b>Board Members:</b>	<b>By Invitation: Non-Board Members:</b>
Javier Kuehnle – Chairman (“JK”) Kristin Kubach – Secretary (“KK”) Ronald Pigliacelli- Treasurer (“RP”) Evelt Vertil (“EV”)	Angela Puleio Angela Ciccanti Emily Walkiewicz  Angela Corosanite
Board Members Absent:	Michael Thomson Michael Danyo
Krista Alexander (“KA”) William Bradley Leach – Vice Chairman (“WL”)	Daniel H. Saidel, Esq. David Annecharico, Esq. Abigail Lipow, Esq.  January Teti Julia Viola Keri Gleason Melissa Quarracino Adrienne Capone Dr. Noelle Luccioni  Joe McBride, STS Director of Security Matthew Wasco, STS Director of Facilities Thomas Mosca, STS Director of Teaching & Learning

**B. DISCLOSURE: EXECUTIVE SESSION BY DANIEL H. SAIDEL**

2. I'd like to state, for purposes of the Minutes of this meeting that on March 21, 2022, 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.

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**C. Approval of Agenda**

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**R220321.01 Approval: March 21, 2022 Agenda**

RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of Philadelphia Performing Arts: A String Theory Charter School approves of the **March 21, 2022**, 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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**R220321.02 Approval: February 21, 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 **February 21, 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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**R220321.03 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>Angela Ciccanti</i>	<i>Mrs. Ciccanti announced her retirement at the end of the 2021-2022 school year. Dr. Noelle Luccioni will be her replacement as Chief Academic Officer for grades 6-8. Dr. Luccioni is currently the head of the middle school STEM department. She has donated hundreds of hours to the performing arts department by making costumes and helping with shows. She is also a coach in Performing Arts' LIGHT Leadership Program.</i>

**C. Report of String Theory Schools**

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**R220321.04 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

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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 was previously disseminated to the Board.</i>

**D. Report of General Counsel**

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**R220321.05 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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<i>Daniel H. Saidel</i>	<i>Discussed rise of inflation and cost of living. Noted that the school should expect contractors to ask for increases in contract amounts, and that staff will see monetary shortages in daily lives. The school should be aware of the changing economic environment and how it will interfere with children's development, and the associated costs due to changes in contracts, vendors, and staff.</i>

**E. Report of Business Controller**

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**R220321.06 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:***

<b><i>Who</i></b>	<b><i>What</i></b>
<i>Michael Danyo</i>	<i>Santilli &amp; Thomson's financial report was previously disseminated to the Board.</i>
	<i>Enrollment has slightly decreased on a monthly basis. The overall financial picture is improving. Some capital improvement expenses in South Philadelphia were paid.</i>

**SECTION IV: NEW BUSINESS**

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**R220321.07 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
Deveruex Advanced Behavioral Health	\$325/per diem plus \$40/hour for 1:1 services if needed	Continued placement for Student T.A. after 45 day placement for remainder of school year

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

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**R220321.08 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

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**R220321.09 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>
Devante Evans	Food Service	2/24/2022
Jessica Frank	Tutoring	2/22/2022
Heather Jones	Special Education Teacher	3/2/2022
Roseanna Lord	Food Service	3/1/2022
Rochelle Rodio	Aftercare	3/14/2022
Roberto Baratta	Substitute Teacher	3/8/2022

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

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**R220321.10 Sovereign Insurance Group; Insurance Binders**

RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees of Philadelphia Performing Arts: A String Theory Charter School appoints Sovereign Insurance Group as its insurance broker;

FURTHER RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees of Philadelphia Performing Arts: A String Theory Charter School approves of the insurance binders as presented.

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

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**R220321.11 Revised Code of Conduct**

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

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

<i>Who</i>	<i>What</i>
<i>General Counsel</i>	<i>Review of proposed change to Code of Conduct with Board.</i>

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**B. DISCUSSION AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- NEXT BOARD MEETING: APRIL 18, 2022

**ADJOURNMENT AT 6:54 PM**

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