

PHILADELPHIA PERFORMING ARTS: A STRING THEORY
CHARTER SCHOOL

1600 Vine Street, Philadelphia, PA 19102

May 16, 2022

6:00 PM

LOCATION:

ZOOM

MINUTES

SECTION I: CALL TO ORDER AT 6:27 PM

A. Roll Call

Board Members:	By Invitation: Non-Board Members:
Javier Kuehnle – Chairman (“JK”) Kristin Kubach – Secretary (“KK”) Ronald Pigliacelli- Treasurer (“RP”) Krista Alexander (“KA”)	Angela Puleio Angela Ciccanti Emily Walkiewicz
Board Members Absent:	Angela Corosanite Dr. Jason Corosanite
William Bradley Leach – Vice Chairman (“WL”) Evelt Vertil (“EV”)	Michael Thomson Michael Danyo Daniel H. Saidel, Esq. David Annecharico, Esq. Abigail Lipow, Esq.
	January Teti Julia Viola Keri Gleason Melissa Quarracino
	Dr. Noelle Luccioni
	Thayne Dibble, STS Director of Compliance Matthew Wasco, STS Director of Facilities Joseph 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 May 16, 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.

(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:

C. Approval of Agenda

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R220516.01 Approval: May 16, 2022 Agenda

RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of Philadelphia Performing Arts: A String Theory Charter School approves of the **May 16, 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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R220516.02 Approval: April 18, 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 **April 18, 2022**.

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Notes of Discussion / Advance Regulatory and Financial Comment:

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<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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R220516.03 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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R220516.04 Report of String Theory Schools

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

D. Report of General Counsel

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R220516.05 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:

<i>Who</i>	<i>What</i>
<i>Daniel H. Saidel</i>	<i>PPA has handled special education very well, with a limited amount of special education cases as compared to larger schools.</i> <i>The Board should be appreciative of the ability of the special education team to review and move cases along. Their skills are important because it is necessary to make sure that these schools are an environment where students with special education needs can learn, and that the mission of the school is carried out by the administration and String Theory Schools.</i> <i>The school team and the String Theory Schools team should be commended for ensuring that all special education students that enter the school are given every opportunity to learn and succeed at their school.</i>

E. Report of Business Controller

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R220516.06 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

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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>Financial projections are positive. Cash has increased by \$500k. The school is waiting for ESSERS II and III funds. S&T projects that the school will break even for this year's budget.</i>

SECTION IV: NEW BUSINESS

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R220516.07 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	\$503/per diem	ESY Tuition for J.X.
Devereux Advanced Behavioral Health	\$325/per diem and 1:1 Services at \$40/hour if needed	ESY Tuition for T.A.
Valley Forge Educational Services	\$70,212.00	Tuition for 2022-23 for Student A.D.
Valley Forge Education	7,614.00	ESY for Student. A.D.
TherapyTravelers	\$65/hour + \$97.50/hour per overtime	Staffing agreement for special education teacher
GAMUT Early Intervention Service, Inc.	Various Rates	Provision of Behavior Consultant/ Supervision (BSC), Registered Behavior Technicians (RBTs), Paraprofessional/Personal Care Assistants (PCA)
HopSkipDrive	Various Rates	Provision of transportation services for PPA students
The Lincoln Center for Family & Youth	\$251,000	Provision of 1 Master's Level Mental Health Counselor and 2 Special Education

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		Counselors for 2022-2023 SY
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Notes of Discussion / Advance Regulatory and Financial Comment:

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R220516.08 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

Notes of Discussion / Advance Regulatory and Financial Comment:

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R220516.09 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

TERMINATIONS / RESIGNATIONS		
NAME	TITLE	EFFECTIVE DATE

Notes of Discussion / Advance Regulatory and Financial Comment:

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R220516.10 2022-2023 School Calendar

RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees of Philadelphia Performing Arts: A String Theory Charter School approves of the 2022-2023 school calendar, as presented.

Notes of Discussion / Advance Regulatory and Financial Comment:

<i>Who</i>	<i>What</i>
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R220516.11 2022-2023 Board of Trustees Meeting Calendar

RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees of Philadelphia Performing Arts: A String Theory Charter School approves of the 2022-2023 Board of Trustees Meeting Calendar, as presented.

Notes of Discussion / Advance Regulatory and Financial Comment:

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R220516.12 Fly Legacy Aviation Memorandum of Understanding

RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees of Philadelphia Performing Arts: A String Theory Charter School approves of the Memorandum of Understanding between it and Fly Legacy Aviation, as presented.

Notes of Discussion / Advance Regulatory and Financial Comment:

<i>Who</i>	<i>What</i>
<i>J. Corosante</i>	<i>PPA is exploring aviation as a career option for students. The country is about to experience a pilot shortage due to high retirement and low graduate rates of pilot candidates. The school has an opportunity to partner with a flight school at the Northeast Airport to have students begin the journey to become commercial pilots without obtaining a bachelor's degree. Students are doing discovery flights currently, and there will be a camp for ground school. This program will not interfere with the school day, and there is a flight simulator at 1600 Vine Street for students to experience flying.</i>

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R220516.13 Confidential Settlement Agreement and Release in re: S.R.B.

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RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees of Philadelphia Performing Arts: A String Theory Charter School approves of the Confidential Settlement Agreement and Release in re: S.R.B.

Notes of Discussion / Advance Regulatory and Financial Comment:

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R220516.14 IRS Form 990 Year Ended June 30, 2021

RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees of Philadelphia Performing Arts: A String Theory Charter School approves of the IRS Form 990 Year Ended June 30, 2021.

By Roll Call:

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

Notes of Discussion / Advance Regulatory and Financial Comment:

<i>Who</i>	<i>What</i>
<i>Michael Danyo</i>	<i>Reviewed by both S&T and the audit firm.</i>

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R220516.15 2022-2023 Budget

RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees of Philadelphia Performing Arts: A String Theory Charter School approves of the 2022-2023 Budget, as presented.

By Roll Call:

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

Notes of Discussion / Advance Regulatory and Financial Comment:

<i>Who</i>	<i>What</i>
Michael Danyo.	<p>Expecting a decrease in SDP subsidy. Full enrollment is projected. There are projected to be 2,025 regular education students and 500 special education students. The school is moving to new medical insurance with 7% decrease in costs, which will have \$7-800K of savings.</p> <p>Currently, the school is looking at a deficit but should be aided by with ESSERS funds, which will meet the debt service cover ratio. The school will also be using ESSERS to fund other needed positions and staff bonuses, and student support services. The school is projected \$14.5M in additional funds that will be spent in the budget.</p> <p>Based on this information, the school is projected to have a small surplus. There will be a small raise and \$5k bonus for all staff.</p>

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R220516.16 Rent Prepayment to DeMedici Corporation II

RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees of Philadelphia Performing Arts: A String Theory Charter School hereby approves of the prepaid rent to DeMedici Corporation II in the amount of \$2,000,000.00.

Notes of Discussion / Advance Regulatory and Financial Comment:

<i>Who</i>	<i>What</i>
Board	General Discussion

B. DISCUSSION AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- NEXT BOARD MEETING: JUNE 20, 2022 (VIRTUAL DUE TO JUNETEENTH)

ADJOURNMENT AT 6:42 PM

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