

THE PHILADELPHIA CHARTER SCHOOL
FOR ARTS AND SCIENCES

AT H.R. EDMUNDS

1197 Haworth St, Philadelphia, PA 19124

September 20, 2021

6:00 PM

LOCATION:

ZOOM

MINUTES

SECTION I: CALL TO ORDER AT 6:00 PM

A. Roll Call

Board Members:	By Invitation: Non-Board Members:
Javier Kuehnle – Chairman (“JK”) Kristin Kubach – Secretary (“KK”) Krista Alexander – Treasurer (“KA”) Ramona Griffiths (“RG”) Ronald Pigliacelli (“RP”) Evelt Vertil (“EV”)	Dr. Jill Parker Clark Judith Taggart Tyffany Jackson Angela Corosanite Dr. Jason Corosanite Michael Thomson Michael Danyo Daniel H. Saidel, Esq. David Annecharico, Esq. Abigail Lipow, Esq. Thayne Dibble, STS Director of Compliance Joe McBride, STS Director of Security Cameron Voss, School District of Philadelphia Tom Dreitlein, School District of Philadelphia
Board Members Absent: William Bradley Leach – Vice Chairman (“WL”)	

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

2. I'd like to state, for purposes of the Minutes of this meeting that on September 20, 2021, 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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R210920.01 Approval: September 20, 2021, Agenda

RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of The Philadelphia Charter School for Arts and Sciences at H.R. Edmunds approves of the **September 20, 2021**, Agenda of The Philadelphia Charter School for Arts and Sciences at H.R. Edmunds.

Notes of Discussion / Advance Regulatory and Financial Comment:

Who	What
Board	General Discussion

D. Approval of Minutes

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R210920.02 Approval: August 23, 2021, Minutes

RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of The Philadelphia Charter School for Arts and Sciences at H.R. Edmunds approves of The Philadelphia Charter School for Arts and Sciences at H.R. Edmunds Board of Trustees Board minutes for **August 23, 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 The Philadelphia Charter School for Arts and Sciences at H.R. Edmunds

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R210920.03 Report of The Philadelphia Charter School for Arts and Sciences at H.R. Edmunds

RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of The Philadelphia Charter School for Arts and Sciences at H.R. Edmunds accepts The Philadelphia Charter School for Arts and Sciences at H.R. Edmunds report and hereby incorporates into these minutes by reference the written reports of The Philadelphia Charter School for Arts and Sciences at H.R. Edmunds presented to the board.

Notes of Discussion / Advance Regulatory and Financial Comment:

<i>Who</i>	<i>What</i>
<i>Judy Taggart</i>	<i>Arts & Sciences' report has been previously disseminated to the Board.</i> <i>Students returned to school on September 8, with a staggered virtual and in person schedule.</i> <i>First SAC meeting of the year occurred last week.</i> <i>The School District auditors reviewed renewal files on Wednesday, September 15th.</i> <i>The annual back to school night will be held in person on September 21st. There will be a virtual presentation sent to parents who are unable to attend.</i>

C. Report of String Theory Schools

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R210920.04 Report of String Theory Schools

RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of The Philadelphia Charter School for Arts and Sciences at H.R. Edmunds 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:

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<i>Angela Corasanite</i>	<i>String Theory Schools' report has been disseminated to the Board.</i>

D. Report of General Counsel

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R210920.05 Report of General Counsel

RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of The Philadelphia Charter School for Arts and Sciences at H.R. Edmunds 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.

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<i>David Annecharico</i>	<i>SSPC worked extensively with administration to ensure the responsible use of ESSERS and related funds. Noted that Arts & Sciences paid close attention to the special education populations in the return to in person education.</i>

E. Report of Business Controller

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R210920.06 Report of Business Controller

RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of The Philadelphia Charter School for Arts and Sciences at H.R. Edmunds reviews and accepts the Financial Report of M. Thomson and hereby incorporates into these minutes by reference the financial statements and the documents presented by M. Thomson to the board.

Notes of Discussion / Advance Regulatory and Financial Comment:

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<i>Michael Danyo</i>	<i>Santilli & Thomson's financial report was previously disseminated to the board.</i> <i>Arts & Sciences has 106 days of cash on hand.</i>

	<p><i>Currently waiting for some ESSERS II and III funds to come in, and they were submitted to the State for review. ESSERS II funding will most likely begin next month.</i></p> <p><i>Arts & Sciences' audit is approximately 75% complete with fieldwork.</i></p>
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SECTION IV: NEW BUSINESS

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R210920.07 Professional Services

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 The Philadelphia Charter School for Arts and Sciences at H.R. Edmunds 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

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R210920.08 Purchase Services

RESOLVED, the Purchase Services 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 The Philadelphia Charter School for Arts and Sciences at H.R. Edmunds 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
Instructure	\$10,764.00	Educational Software
Voneto LLC	\$71,452.00	Paging System
CDW Government	\$56,100.00	Charging Carts and Protective Cases
Micro Technology Group	\$98,471.73	Data Switches Upgrade
NWEA	\$12,812.50	Administrative Software
Great Minds	\$45,850.80	Math Curriculum
Houghton-Mifflin Harcourt Publishing	\$41,887.31	Science Curriculum

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R210920.09 Human Resources

RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees of The Philadelphia Charter School for Arts and Sciences at H.R. Edmunds accepts the human resources changes, modifications and additions as presented below:

HIRES		
NAME	TITLE	START DATE
Justin Bullock	Guidance Counselor	8/30/2021
Elisabeth Castano	Special Education Teacher	9/1/2021
Marie Charles	Food Service	9/1/2021
Cidmaria Cotto	Food Service	9/1/2021
Tony Early Jr.	Security	8/9/2021
Nicole Gagliardi	Teacher	8/9/2021
Citlanie Graciano	Food Service	9/1/2021
Kayla Hill	Special Education Office Assistant	8/9/2021
Jessica Huff	Classroom Aides	8/9/2021
Quinton Jones	Youth Coordinator	9/1/2021
Carolyn Joniak	Special Education Teacher	8/9/2021
Robyn Keating	Teacher	8/9/2021
Nicholas LaPenta	Special Education Teacher	8/9/2021
Emily Lent	Special Education Teacher	8//2021
Christopher Mano	Teacher	8/9/2021
Christine McKeever	Teacher	8/9/2021
Sophia Monteiro	Teacher	8/30/2021
Jason Pharo	Food Service	9/1/2021
Lavier Pounds	Teacher	8/9/2021
Carmel Rendell	Food Service	8/9/2021
Nethzabellie Rendon	Attendance Coordinator	8/9/2021
Caeli Rice	ESOL Teacher	8/9/2021
Kenneth Robinson	Maintenance	8/16/2021
Allison Scott	Special Education Teacher	8/9/2021

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Anthony Tien	Assistant System Administrator	8/9/2021
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RESIGNATIONS		
NAME	TITLE	EFFECTIVE DATE
Alyssa Ball	Teacher	6/30/2021
Coryell Berke	ESOL Teacher	8/13/2021
Caitlin Brittingham	Special Education Teacher	8/13/2021
Nicole Dooley	Teacher	8/31/2021
Chartel Findlater	Teacher	8/31/2021
Noemi Gonzalez-Arvizu	Teacher	6/30/2021
Allison Goodman	Teacher	8/13/2021
Dennis Harmon	Maintenance	6/30/2021
Katherine Hayburn	Teacher	8/13/2021
Brittany Horan	Teacher	8/13/2021
Marquis Nelson	Youth Coordinator	6/30/2021
Callan Pirog	Psychologist	8/13/2021
Ishmandy Ramos-Lizardi	Teacher	6/30/2021
Jeffrey Richmond	Technology Coach	6/30/2021
Jennifer Scapellati	RTI Teacher	8/13/2021
Jamie Smith	Building Sub	8/13/2021
Rachel Snyder	Guidance Counselors	8/13/2021
Tashawn Twiggs	Maintenance	6/30/2021

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R210920.10 Policies and Municode

RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees of The Philadelphia Charter School for Arts and Sciences at H.R. Edmunds hereby approves of the following policies and their upload to Municode, as presented:

- Mandatory Employee COVID-19 Testing
- Section 504 Grievance Policy

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R210920.11 Project GO Memorandum of Understanding and Truancy Court Citation Form

RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees of The Philadelphia Charter School for Arts and Sciences at H.R. Edmunds hereby approves of

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the Project GO Memorandum of Understanding between it and the Philadelphia District Attorney's Office and Truancy Court Citation Form.

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B. DISCUSSION AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- NEXT BOARD MEETING: OCTOBER 18, 2020

ADJOURNMENT AT 6:16 PM

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