

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

1600 Vine Street, Philadelphia, PA 19102

August 15, 2022

6:00 PM

**LOCATION:**

ZOOM

**MINUTES**

**SECTION I: CALL TO ORDER AT 6:15 PM**

**A. Roll Call**

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

**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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**R220815.01 Approval: August 15, 2022 Agenda**

RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of Philadelphia Performing Arts: A String Theory Charter School approves of the **August 15, 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>Board</i>	<i>General Discussion</i>

**D. Approval of Minutes**

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**R220815.02 Approval: June 20, 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 **June 20, 2022**.

*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 Philadelphia Performing Arts: A String Theory Charter School**

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**R220815.03 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>The staff are very excited about the new school year. Performing Arts is still in the process of hiring for the upcoming year.</i>

**C. Report of String Theory Schools**

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**R220815.04 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 Corosanite</i>	<i>String Theory Schools' report was previously disseminated to the Board.</i>  <i>Renovations happened over the summer in all buildings. Performing Arts is hosting approximately 60 Ukrainian families seeking enrollment for their students under the McKinney Vento Act.</i>  <i>The Summer Bridge Program at Vine Street is currently ongoing.</i>

**D. Report of General Counsel**

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**R220815.05 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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**E. Report of Business Controller**

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**R220815.06 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>The books are currently being closed for June. The new subsidy rates came out: a 13 percent decrease in regular education, which is about what was budgeted. The Special Education rate did stay the same, which was better than budgeted. There are no budgetary concerns for this year.</i>

**SECTION IV: NEW BUSINESS**

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**R220815.07 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.

<b>Contractor</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Comment: Terms and Conditions</b>
Y.A.L.E. School, Inc.	\$380.33 per diem	Tuition for 2022-2023 SY for Student A.D.
Y.A.L.E. School, Inc.	\$380.33 per diem	Tuition for 2022-2023 SY for Student N.D.
Y.A.L.E. School, Inc.	\$380.33 per diem	Tuition for 2022-2023 SY for Student M.P.
Diane Johnson, M.Ed.	\$1,500/evaluation	Provision of psychological evaluations

PHMC Integrated d\b\A Fairwold Academy	\$5,244.00	Tuition for ESY 2022 for student J.G.
Devereux Advanced Behavioral Health	\$503 per diem	Tuition for ESY 2022 for Student J.X.
Devereux Advanced Behavioral Health	\$325 per diem + \$40/hour for 1:1 services	Tuition for ESY 2022 for Student T.A.
Kingsway Learning Center	\$324.98 per diem + \$180 per diem for extraordinary services	Tuition for 2022-2023 SY and ESY for Student C.S.
St. Katherine Day School	\$28,667.00	Tuition for 2022-2023 for student J.T.
St. Katherine Day School	\$28,667.00	Tuition for 2022-2023 for student L.C.
Team Tutor	Various Rates	Provision of tutoring services
Joyful Readers, Inc.	\$80,000	Provision of 4 AmeriCorps Reading Tutors

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

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**R220815.08 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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**R220815.09 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

Crystal Abel	Teacher	8/8/2022
Madison Bonavita	Special Education Teacher	8/8/2022
Colleen Costigan	Teacher	8/8/2022
Jasmine Council	Dean of Students	8/8/2022
Giavonna DiCicco	Special Education Teacher	8/8/2022
Donna DiPrinzio	Special Education Supervisor	8/8/2022
Jessica Leatherman	Sub	8/8/2022
Johanna Lester	Counselor	8/8/2022
Jonathan Markowich	Teacher	8/8/2022
Jessica Mellon	Teacher	8/8/2022
Mohga Mohamed	Teacher	8/8/2022
Jameson O'Donnell	Teacher	8/8/2022
Samantha Piermatteo	Special Education Teacher	8/8/2022
Kelsey Rice	Counselor	8/8/2022
Timothy Stopper	Teacher	8/8/2022
Sara Walker	Psychologist	8/8/2022
Matthew Wendelken	Teacher	8/8/2022

<b>RESIGNATIONS</b>		
<b>NAME</b>	<b>TITLE</b>	<b>EFFECTIVE DATE</b>
Miranda Anderson	Special Education Teacher	8/12/2022
Matthew Barbato	Teacher	8/12/2022
Alanna Benedetto	Special Education Teacher	8/12/2022
Kara Brown	Teacher	8/12/2022
Maria Cassidy	Teacher	8/12/2022
Bryan Daniels	Community Liaison	8/12/2022
James Fitzpatrick	Teacher	8/12/2022
Brooke Lapinski	Teacher	8/12/2022
Jaclyn Litzinger	Special Education Teacher	8/12/2022
Noelle Sand	Teacher	8/12/2022
Wendy Serrano	Special Education Teacher	8/12/2022

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**R220815.10 Safe Schools Memorandum of Understanding**

RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees of Philadelphia Performing Arts: A String Theory Charter School approves of the Safe Schools Memorandum of Understanding between it and the Philadelphia Police Department, as presented.

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### **R220815.11 Head Start Memorandum of Understanding**

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

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### **R220815.12 Employee Handbook**

RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees of Philadelphia Performing Arts: A String Theory Charter School approves of the Employee Handbook, as presented.

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### **R220815.13 Student Handbook**

RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees of Philadelphia Performing Arts: A String Theory Charter School approves of the Student Handbook, as presented.

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### **R220815.14 String Theory Schools Corporate Incubator**

RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees of Philadelphia Performing Arts: A String Theory Charter School ratifies the award of a String Theory Corporate Incubator Fellowship to:

- 15M Media
- BSD Coding
- Minkee Blue
- Kindling
- Lisa Jane Russell
- EJ Hendley
- Get-Kinetic

- C-Cap

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**R220815.15 Lease Subsidy Reimbursement**

RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees of Philadelphia Performing Arts: A String Theory Charter School hereby approves the application for reimbursement of a charter school lease for 2022-23, as presented.

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

<i>Who</i>	<i>What</i>
<i>Michael Danyo</i>	<i>Explained the subsidy reimbursement rates for secondary and elementary school students. Explained the benefit for the school in relation to the debt service ratio.</i>

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**R220815.16 2022-2025 Schoolwide Title I Comprehensive Plan**

RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees of Philadelphia Performing Arts: A String Theory Charter School hereby approves the 2022-2025 Schoolwide Title I Comprehensive Plan, as presented, and directs that the Plan be finalized and submitted to the Pennsylvania Department of Education, as required.

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

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**B. DISCUSSION AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- NEXT BOARD MEETING: SEPTEMBER 19, 2022

**ADJOURNMENT AT 6:25 PM**

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