

PHILADELPHIA PERFORMING ARTS: A STRING THEORY
CHARTER SCHOOL

1600 Vine Street, Philadelphia, PA 19102
September 19, 2022
6:00 PM

LOCATION:
ZOOM

MINUTES

SECTION I: CALL TO ORDER AT

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”) Krista Alexander (“KA”)	Angela Puleio Dr. Noelle Luccioni Emily Walkiewicz Angela Corosante Dr. Jason Corosante Michael Thomson Michael Danyo
Board Members Absent:	
Evelt Vertil (“EV”)	Daniel H. Sidel, Esq. David Annecharico, Esq. Abigail Lipow, Esq. January Teti Julia Viola Keri Gleason Melissa Quarracino Thayne Dibble, STS Director of Compliance Matthew Wasco, STS Director of Facilities Joseph McBride, STS Director of Security Suzanne Harris, PPA Teacher

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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R220919.01 Approval: September 19, 2022 Agenda

RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of Philadelphia Performing Arts: A String Theory Charter School approves of the **September 19, 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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R220919.02 Approval: August 15, 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 **August 15, 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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R220919.03 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' reports have been previously disseminated to the Board.</i>

C. Report of String Theory Schools

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R220919.04 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 has been previously disseminated to the Board.</i> <i>PPA opened fully enrolled with a long waiting list. The school did accept a group of Ukrainian students who came as refugees and are homeless per the standard under McKinney-Vento. The schools have full performance schedules for the year, and will be going back to the Merriam Theater and Kimmel Center for multiple concerts.</i>
<i>Jason Corosanite</i>	<i>Discussed the aviation program that began last year. There are now a few potential grants on the horizon for that program. PPA will start a</i>

few students in pilot training this year after proper insurance and releases are in place.

D. Report of General Counsel

R220919.05 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 & Sidel P.C. as presented to the board.

Notes of Discussion / Advance Regulatory and Financial Comment:

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<i>Daniel H. Sidel</i>	<i>Noted an article published in the Inquirer discussing whether the Praxis exam should be given to potential teachers during undergraduate programs. Questioned whether this is a course of conduct that schools would be interested in where the Praxis is no longer necessary. Discussion regarding the offerings of equivalent undergraduate courses that the State finds acceptable in lieu of the Praxis.</i>

E. Report of Business Controller

R220919.06 Report of Business Controller

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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.

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<i>Michael Danyo</i>	<i>Santilli & Thomson’s report has been previously disseminated to the Board. Cash is strong at 107 days. There are some variances in expenses, but no financial concerns. Full enrollment will be adjusted on revenue in October.</i>

SECTION IV: NEW BUSINESS

R220919.07 Professional Services Contracts

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RESOLVED, the Professional Services Contracts, proposals and associated reports listed below are hereby accepted and ratified;

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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
Y.AL.E. School Inc.	\$68,459.40	APS Tuition for 202-2023 SY for Student T.G.
Language to Literacy, LLC	Various rates	Small group Wilson Reading instruction
Fidelity Burglar and Alarm Co.	Various Rates	Security Services at Vine Street and West Campuses
Schoollync Transportation	Various Rates	Provision of transportation services for students
Public Consulting Group, LLC	\$6,449	Provision of add-on platform for streamlining workflows for Medical Access that work with the current programs of PCG and EasyTrac

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R220919.08 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
Lexia Learning System LLC	\$30,900.00	Instructional Software
PowerSchool Group LLC	\$26,838.36	Administrative Software
Shoreline Electric Inc	\$51,590.00	Lighting Projects
Great Minds	\$137,305.00	Books & Software
Newsela Inc	\$20,600.00	Administrative Software
Fante Flooring	\$137,450.00	Building Repairs
Nearpod Inc.	\$41,439.61	Instructional Software
Zoom Video Communications Inc.	\$16,000.00	Administrative Software
Alertus Technologies	\$57,400.00	Security Software

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R220919.09 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
Emily Antonacci	Teacher	8/29/2022
Lakeasha Brookins	Cafeteria Aide	9/6/2022
Janet Carotozzola	Cafeteria Aide	8/29/2022
Kimberly Cedrone	Cafeteria Aide	9/3/2022
Anthony Clarkson	Counselor	8/29/2022
Kathleen Daniels	Building Sub	8/26/2022
Ajaneh Hines	Cafeteria Aide	9/3/2022
Julia Rossano	Cafeteria Aide	9/2/2022
Shannon Scully	Special Education Teacher	8/29/2022
Larnett Son	Teacher	8/29/2022

RESIGNATIONS		
NAME	TITLE	EFFECTIVE DATE
Lara Appelbaum	Special Education Teacher	9/27/2022
Alilia Anderson	Special Education Teacher	8/12/2022
Charmaine Bailey	Dean of Students	8/12/2022
Michael Macri	Teacher	8/12/2022
Matthew Menscher	Dean of Students	8/12/2022
Cassandra Ogbevire	Teacher	8/12/2022
Sara Scully	Counselor	9/1/2022
Joseph Smith	Teacher	8/12/2022
Daymeia Wimberly	Teacher	8/12/2022

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R220919.10 School Mental Health and Safety Security Grant Letter of Support

RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees of Philadelphia Performing Arts: A String Theory Charter School hereby ratifies the letter of Support for the School Mental Health and Safety Security Grant, as presented.

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R220919.11 Policies

RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees of Philadelphia Performing Arts: A String Theory Charter School hereby approves of the following policies and their upload to Municode:

- Use of Handheld Detectors
- Service Animals

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B. DISCUSSION AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- NEXT BOARD MEETING: OCTOBER 17, 2022 (IN PERSON)

ADJOURNMENT AT 7:06 PM

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