

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

1600 Vine Street, Philadelphia, PA 19102  
October 17, 2022  
6:00 PM

**LOCATION:**

1600 Vine Street, Philadelphia, PA 19102 and via ZOOM

**MINUTES**

**SECTION I: CALL TO ORDER AT**

**A. Roll Call**

<b>Board Members:</b>	<b>By Invitation: Non-Board Members:</b>
Javier Kuehnle – Chairman (“JK”) William Bradley Leach – Vice Chairman (“WL”) Kristin Kubach – Secretary (“KK”) Ronald Pigliacelli- Treasurer (“RP”) Evelt Vertil (“EV”) Krista Alexander (“KA”)	Angela Puleio Dr. Noelle Luccioni Emily Walkiewicz  Angela Corosante Dr. Jason Corosante  Michael Danyo
Board Members Absent:	Daniel H. Sidel, Esq. Abigail Lipow, Esq.  January Teti Julia Viola Keri Gleason Adrienne Capone  Joseph McBride, STS Director of Security Matthew Wasco, STS Director of Facilities 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.*

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### C. Approval of Agenda

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#### **R221017.01 Approval: October 17, 2022 Agenda**

RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of Philadelphia Performing Arts: A String Theory Charter School approves of the **October 17, 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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#### **R221017.02 Approval: September 19, 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 **September 19, 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.

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**B. Report of Philadelphia Performing Arts: A String Theory Charter School**

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**R221017.03 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 has been previously disseminated to the Board.</i>

**C. Report of String Theory Schools**

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**R221017.04 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:*

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<i>Angela Corosanite</i>	<i>String Theory Schools report has been previously disseminated to the Board.</i>  <i>Philadelphia Performing Arts will receive a commendation (a "Citation") from City Council in regard to the efforts it has made to support Ukrainian students. This has attracted interest from Sequoia Capital, who is interested in donating to the School. The Inquirer recently published an article on a fundraiser held by the Ukrainian families and hosted at the School to fund buses for the students.</i>

**D. Report of General Counsel**

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**R221017.05 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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**R221017.06 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:*

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<i>Michael Danyo</i>	<i>Performing Arts is \$100K better than budgeted. Cash did drop slightly, but the school will be receiving funds related to ESSERS 2 and 3, as well as reconciliation from the School District and the lease subsidy reimbursement.</i>

**SECTION IV: NEW BUSINESS**

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**R221017.07 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>
A Step Up Academy	\$74,275.00	2022-2023 Tuition and related services for student T.T.
Devereux Advanced Behavioral Health	\$325/per diem + \$40/hour 1:1 services +	2022-2023 Tuition and related services for student T.A.

	various rates for additional services	
Germentown Cab Co.	Various Rates	Provision of transportation services
PHMC Integrated d\b\A Fairwold Academy	4010 Slot + related services	2022-2023 Tuition and related services for students A.B., J.G., J.R.
Cintas Fire Protection	Various Rates	Fire protection services for Vine Campus, East Campus, West Campus

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

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**R221017.08 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.

<b>Contractor</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Comment: Terms and Conditions</b>

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

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**R221017.09 Human Resources**

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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:

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<b>HIRES</b>		
<b>NAME</b>	<b>TITLE</b>	<b>START DATE</b>
Seane Baylor	Cafeteria Aide	10/3/2022
Amber Cialone	Teacher	10/12/2022
Domenique DeSanto	Sub	10/10/2022
Devante Evans	Cafeteria Aide	9/21/2022
Sayde Machek	Teacher	10/11/2022
Angela Maugeri	Aftercare	9/26/2022

Sheryle Meccariello	Aftercare	9/26/2022
Robert Summer	Climate Officer	9/26/2022
Bianca Menoud	Aftercare	9/26/2022

RESIGNATIONS		
NAME	TITLE	EFFECTIVE DATE
Lara Appelbaum	Special Education Teacher	9/27/2022
Johanna Lester	Counselor	9/23/2022
Mohga Mohamed	Teacher	10/7/2022
Jaclyn Stepnowski	Teacher	9/21/2022

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**R221017.10 Termination of Food Service Management Company (FSMC) Contract – Red Rabbit Hospitality, LLC**

RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees of Philadelphia Performing Arts: A String Theory Charter School hereby terminates the FSMC contract under paragraph 23.A. of the “Food Service Management Company (FSMC) Request for Proposal (RFP) and COST REIMBURSABLE Contract, Philadelphia Performing Arts Charter School, 126-51-340-0, July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023” (“Food Services Agreement”);

FURTHER RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees authorizes and directs the administration and business controller to identify a new Food Service Management Company in accordance with Pennsylvania law; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees authorizes and directs the CEO to enter into a contract with the lowest responsible bidder for food services.

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

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Jason Corosanite	Red Rabbit is unable to meet the school’s nutritional needs, so they will end the agreement at the end of 2022 and advertise for a new nutritional company.

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**R221017.11 School Threat Assessment Plan**

RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees of Philadelphia Performing Arts: A String Theory Charter School hereby approves of the Threat Assessment Plan, as presented; and

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FURTHER RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees directs and authorizes the CEO to collaborate with the School Safety and Security Coordinator regarding improvements and updates to the plan, as necessary.

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

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<i>Joseph McBride</i>	<i>Brief overview of the threat assessment plan and proposed trainings.</i>

B. DISCUSSION AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- NEXT BOARD MEETING: NOVEMBER 21, 2022

**ADJOURNMENT AT 6:30 PM**

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