

THE PHILADELPHIA CHARTER SCHOOL
FOR ARTS AND SCIENCES

AT H.R. EDMUNDS

1197 Haworth St, Philadelphia, PA 19124

September 19, 2022

6:00 PM

LOCATION:

ZOOM

MINUTES

SECTION I: CALL TO ORDER AT 6:35 PM

A. Roll Call

Board Members:	By Invitation: Non-Board Members:
Javier Kuehnle – Chairman (“JK”) William Bradley Leach – Vice Chairman (“WL”) Kristin Kubach – Secretary (“KK”) Krista Alexander – Treasurer (“KA”) Ronald Pigliacelli (“RP”)	Judith Taggart Belinda Wilson Matthew Menschner Angela Corosanite Dr. Jason Corosanite Michael Thomson Michael Danyo Daniel H. Saidel, Esq. David Annecharico, Esq. Abigail Lipow, Esq. Thomas Mosca, STS Director of Teaching and Learning Thayne Dibble, STS Director of Compliance Matthew Wasco, STS Director of Facilities Joseph McBride, STS Director of Security
Board Members Absent: Ramona Griffiths (“RG”) Evelt Vertil (“EV”)	

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 19, 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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R220919.01 Approval: September 19, 2022 Agenda

RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of The Philadelphia Charter School for Arts and Sciences at H.R. Edmunds approves of the **September 19, 2022** Agenda of The Philadelphia Charter School for Arts and Sciences at H.R. Edmunds, as amended.

Notes of Discussion / Advance Regulatory and Financial Comment:

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D. Approval of Minutes

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R220919.02 Approval: August 15, 2022 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 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.

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<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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R220919.03 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>Judith Taggart</i>	<i>Arts & Sciences' report was previously disseminated to the Board.</i> <i>School for most students began September 6; Kindergarten started September 12.</i> <i>Back to school night occurred on September 14 in person and was well attended. A&S began benchmark testing this week.</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 The Philadelphia Charter School for Arts and Sciences at H.R. Edmunds accepts the String

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Theory Schools report and hereby incorporates into these minutes by reference the written reports of String Theory Schools presented to the board.

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Angela Corosanite	String Theory Schools' report was previously disseminated to the Board.

D. Report of General Counsel

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R220919.05 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.

Notes of Discussion / Advance Regulatory and Financial Comment:

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Daniel H. Saidel	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.
Jason Corosanite	Advised that the highest Praxis hurdle is math, which is generally not an issue with teachers, but can be an issue with teachers who need to be certified in other areas.

E. Report of Business Controller

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R220919.06 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 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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Michael Danyo	Santilli & Thomson's report was previously disseminated to the Board. Cash remains strong at 260 days. PPA is doing \$200k better than budgeted. There are no financial concerns.

SECTION IV: NEW BUSINESS

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R220919.07 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
Long Valley Therapy	\$75 per hour and \$350/evaluation	Provision of occupational therapy services
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 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.

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Contractor	Amount	Comment: Terms and Conditions
PowerSchool Group LLC	\$60,697.11	Administrative Software
Instructure	\$11,128.80	Instructional Software
Apple Inc	\$348,746.40	Computers
Teachers' Curriculum Institute	\$32,494.15	Instructional Software
Nearpod	\$18,560.83	Instructional Software
CDW	\$65,135.17	Instructional Tech Supplies
GreatMinds	\$51,156.00	Books
Houghton Mifflin Harcourt	\$26,859.05	Books
McGraw Hill Education	\$52,239.94	Books

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R220919.9 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 amended:

HIRES		
NAME	TITLE	START DATE
Michaela Brown	Teacher	9/1/2022
Destiny Collins	Teacher	9/1/2022
Gina Corson	Teacher	9/1/2022
Moneisha McBride	Teacher	9/1/2022
Madeline Rodriguez-Mendez	Classroom Assistant	8/29/2022
Kyle Serfass	Teacher	9/2/2022
Laneesha Sullivan	Teacher	9/1/2022

RESIGNATIONS		
NAME	TITLE	EFFECTIVE DATE
Eric Brown	Classroom Assistant	8/12/2022
John Coleman	Teacher	8/25/2022
Janel Lewis	Early Literacy Specialist	8/12/2022
Anthony Pantalone	Teacher	8/12/2022
Nicole Patersen	Teacher	8/12/2022
Emanuel Pope	Student Support Officer	9/12/2022
Micah Leon Wilson	Teacher	8/31/2022
Nicole Zeplin	Teacher	8/26/2022

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

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

- Use of Handheld Detectors
- Service Animals

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R220919.12 Charter Agreement Resolution

RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees of The Philadelphia Charter School for Arts & Sciences at H.R. Edmunds (“Charter Board”) hereby authorizes the execution and delivery of the Charter (the “Charter”), made and entered into as of July 1, 2022 (the “Effective Date”), by and between THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF PHILADELPHIA (the “School District”), acting by and through the Board of Education, with its principal place of business at 440 North Broad Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19130, and the THE PHILADELPHIA CHARTER SCHOOL FOR ARTS & SCIENCES AT H.R. EDMUNDS, a Pennsylvania nonprofit corporation (the “Charter School”) acting through and by its Board of Trustees (the “Charter Board”), with its principal place of business at 1197 Haworth Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19124, as presented;

FURTHER RESOLVED, pursuant to Article I, Section C, Paragraph 3 of the Charter the Charter Board states that no members of the

Charter Board or their immediate family, as defined under the Pennsylvania Public Official and Employee Ethics Act (“Ethics Act”), will have business dealings with the Charter School, and that the Charter Board will comply with the Ethics Act; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, the following persons are Trustees of the Charter Board:

NAME	ADDRESS	EMAIL ADDRESS
Javier Kuehnle	1197 Haworth Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19124	jkuehnle@stringtheoryschools.org
Ronald Pigliacelli	1197 Haworth Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19124	rpigliacelli@stringtheoryschools.org
William Bradley Leach	1197 Haworth Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19124	wleach@stringtheoryschools.org
Kristin Kubach	1197 Haworth Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19124	kkubach@stringtheoryschools.org
Krista Alexander	1197 Haworth Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19124	kalexander@stringtheoryschools.org
Evelt Vertil	1197 Haworth Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19124	evertil@stringtheoryschools.org
Ramona Griffiths	1197 Haworth Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19124	rgriffiths@stringtheoryschools.org

; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, the aforementioned Trustees are authorized to execute and request payments under the Charter.

By Roll Call:

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

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B. DISCUSSION AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

ADJOURNMENT AT 6:57 PM

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