

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

1600 Vine Street, Philadelphia, PA 19102  
August 14, 2023  
6:00 PM

**LOCATION:**

1600 Vine Street, Philadelphia, PA 19102

**AGENDA**

**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 Emily Walkiewicz Dr. Noelle Luccioni  Angela Corosante Dr. Jason Corosante  Michael Thomson Michael Danyo
Board Members Absent:	Daniel H. Saidel, Esq. David Annecharico, Esq. Abigail Lipow, Esq.  January Teti Julia Viola Keri Gleason Melissa Quarracino

**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.*

*or*

2. I'd like to state, for purposes of the Minutes of this meeting that on \_\_\_\_\_, 2023, the Board of Trustees met in Executive Session for the following purposes under 65 Pa.C.S.A. § 708:

( ) Certain Employee Issues. To discuss any matter involving the employment, appointment, termination of employment, terms and conditions of employment, evaluation of performance, promotion or disciplining of any specific prospective public officer or employee or current public officer or employee employed or appointed by the agency, or former public officer or employee, provided, however, that the individual employees or appointees whose rights could be adversely affected may request, in writing, that the matter or matters be discussed at an open meeting. The agency's decision to discuss such matters in executive session shall not serve to adversely affect the due process rights granted by law, including those granted by Title 2 (relating to administrative law and procedure).

( ) Labor Relations. To hold information, strategy and negotiation sessions related to labor relations and/or arbitration.

( ) Purchase or Lease of Real Property. To consider the purchase or lease of real property up to the time an option to purchase or lease the real property is obtained or up to the time an agreement to purchase or lease such property is obtained if the agreement is obtained directly without an option.

( ) 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.

( ) 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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#### **R230814.01 Approval: August 14, 2023 Agenda**

RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of Philadelphia Performing Arts: A String Theory Charter School approves of the **August 14, 2023** Agenda of Philadelphia Performing Arts: A String Theory Charter School.

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## D. Approval of Minutes

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### R230814.02 Approval: June 19, 2023 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 19, 2023**.

#### *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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### R230814.03 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.

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**C. Report of String Theory Schools**

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**R230814.04 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.

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**D. Report of General Counsel**

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**R230814.05 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.

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**E. Report of Business Controller**

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**R230814.06 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.

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**SECTION IV: NEW BUSINESS**

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**R230814.07 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.

Contractor	Amount	Comment: Terms and Conditions
Kingsway Learning Educational Program	\$327.28/per diem	Tuition for 2023-2024 APS and ESY placement for student C.S.
A Step Up Academy	\$12,475	2023 ESY Tuition for T .T.
A Step Up Academy	\$12,250	2023 ESY Tuition for T .T.
Team Tutor	Various Rates	Provision of online or in person academic tutoring services
The Lincoln Center for Family and Youth	\$178,000	Provision of 1 Social Worker and 1 Special Education Counselor
Abington Speech Pathology Services Inc.	\$82/hour	Addendum re: bilingual speech services
Kaleidoscope Education Solutions	Various Rates	Provision of related services and therapeutic professionals
One-on-One Tutoring Service, Inc.	Various Rates	Provision of academic tutoring services
Saint Katherine Day School	31,400.00	2023-2024 APS Tuition for L.C.
Saint Katherine Day School	31,400.00	2023-2024 APS Tuition for J.T.
Saint Katherine Day School	31,400.00	2023-2024 APS Tuition for A.Z.
YALE School, Inc.	\$387.44/per diem	2023-2024 APS tuition for A.D.
YALE School, Inc.	\$387.44/per diem	2023-2024 APS tuition for N.D.
YALE School, Inc.	\$387.44/per diem	2023-2024 APS tuition for M.P.
The Pathway School	\$64,500	2023-2024 APS tuition for B.H.
Behavior Interventions	Various Rates	Provision of related services
Joyful Readers	\$80,000	Provision 4 AmeriCorps tutors to provide reading tutoring to students in K-3

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**R230814.08 Purchases Contracts**

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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
Art Turchi	\$16,000.00	Replacement Doors
Apple Inc.	\$112,548.50	Technology
Parent Square Inc.	\$13,125.00	Administrative Software
Lexia Learning Systems LLC	\$24,300.00	Instructional Software
Great Minds	\$137,084.75	Instructional Software
Marcia Brenner Associates LLC	\$18,331.86	Administrative Software
Micro Technology Group Inc	\$20,736.00	Technology – Firewall
PowerSchool Group LLC	\$46,432.81	Administrative Software
Newsela Inc.	\$22,660.00	Instructional Software
Teachers Curriculum Institute	\$37,070.00	Instructional Software
Instructure	\$30,229.75	Instructional Software
Renaissance	\$21,375.00	Instructional Software
Nearpod Inc.	\$47,676.83	Software
Office Basics	\$23,137.18	Furniture
Savvas Learning Company	\$59,438.27	Instructional Software
Wilson Language Training	\$18,723.04	Instructional Books/ training
Amplify	\$27,000.00	Instructional Software
Jamf Software	\$66,669.00	Technology Software
Vista Higher Learning	\$44,767.93	Instructional Software
Securly Inc	\$34,529.50	Technology Software
Educators Publishing Services	\$22,398.27	Books
NoRedInk	\$11,850.00	Instructional Software
National Training Network	\$39,900.00	Professional Development
Learning A-Z	\$11,817.00	Instructional Software
Red Canary Inc.	\$34,400.00	Technology Software

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**R230814.09 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:

<b>HIRES</b>		
<b>NAME</b>	<b>TITLE</b>	<b>START DATE</b>
Claire J Adams	Teacher	8/7/2023
Anna Anzideo	Teacher	8/6/2023
Lara Carson	SPED Counselor	8/6/2023
Katherine Falkowski	EL Teacher	8/6/2023
Jason Gabel	Maintenance	7/1/2023
Jennifer Goodman	IA Autistic Support	8/6/2023
Alexandria Hatton	EL Teacher	8/6/2023
Hannah Holt	Teacher	8/6/2023
Audrey Kurtyan	Teacher	8/6/2023
Jana Muhammad	Special Education Teacher	8/6/2023
Samantha Sarin	Behavior Analyst	7/1/2023
Rebecca Solomon	Teacher	8/6/2023
Gina Zellman	Teacher Supplemental Support	8/6/2023
Richard Giandrea	Teacher	8/6/2023
Lynda Berner	Teacher	8/6/2023
Domenique DeSanto	Teacher	8/6/2023
Daniel Emery	Teacher	8/6/2023
Joseph Falcione	Teacher	8/6/2023
Nina Wenrich	Instructional Assistant	8/6/2023
Gabrielle Alush	Teacher	8/6/2023
Jessica Leatherman	ELA Teacher	8/6/2023

<b>RESIGNATIONS</b>		
<b>NAME</b>	<b>TITLE</b>	<b>EFFECTIVE DATE</b>
Jennifer Aldrich	Special Education Coordinator	6/30/2023
Daniel Betekhtin	EL teacher	6/30/2023
Rebekah Chirlin	Counselor	8/11/2023
Kathleen Daniels	Building Sub	6/30/2023
Laura Anne DeCarlo	Special Education Teacher	6/30/2023
Tori DeJesse Grader	Special Education Teacher	6/30/2023
Devante Evans	Cafeteria Assistant	6/30/2023
Christine Ewell	Counselor	6/30/2023
Teres Franco	Specialist Teacher	6/30/2023
Janan Green-Ashton	College and Career Coordinator	7/7/2023
Francis Henry	Climate Officer	6/30/2023
Elizabeth Hollon	Teacher	6/30/2023
Harry Hundermark	Specialist Teacher	6/30/2023
Alexander Irvine	Teacher	8/11/2023
David-John Ladignon	Café Supervisor & Culinary Assistant	6/30/2023
Jonathan Markowich	Teacher	6/30/2023
Alexis Minniti	Special Education teacher	6/30/2023
Kahliah Moody	BCBA	6/30/2023
Silas Nelson	Teacher	6/30/2023

Riley Nemezc	Social Worker	6/30/2023
Daniel O'Connor	Maintenance	6/30/2023
Michael Orlando	Teacher	8/11/2023
Samantha Peterson	Teacher	8/11/2023
Andrew Phillips	Department Chair for School Design	6/30/2023
Desiree Rivers	Administrative Assistant	6/30/2023
Stephanie Saggio	Special Education	6/30/2023
Brian Schweizer	Teacher	6/30/2023
Sara Sculley	Counselor	6/30/2023
Stephanie Sheridan	Teacher	8/25/2023
Renee Seler	Teacher	6/30/2023
Carl Snell	Teacher	6/30/2023
Robert Summer	Climate Officer	6/30/2023
Roberta Valle	Student Activities	8/11/2023

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**R230814.10 Schoolwide Title I Comprehensive Plan**

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

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**R230814.11 2023-2024 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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**R230814.12 2023-2024 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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**R230814.13 String Theory Schools Corporate Incubators**

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
- Minkee Blue
- Kindling
- Lisa Jane Russell
- Get-Kinetic
- C-Cap

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**B. DISCUSSION AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- NEXT BOARD MEETING: SEPTEMBER 11, 2023

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