

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

1600 Vine Street, Philadelphia, PA 19102

June 19, 2023

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”) Ronald Pigliacelli- Treasurer (“RP”) Evelt Vertil (“EV”)	Angela Puleio Emily Walkiewicz Dr. Noelle Luccioni Angela Corosanite Dr. Jason Corosanite Michael Thomson Michael Danyo
Board Members Absent:	
Krista Alexander (“KA”)	Daniel H. Saidel, Esq. David Annecharico, Esq. Abigail Lipow, Esq. Julia Viola Keri Gleason Melissa Quarracino 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

2. I'd like to state, for purposes of the Minutes of this meeting that on June 19, 2023, 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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R230619.01 Approval: June 19, 2023 Agenda

RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of Philadelphia Performing Arts: A String Theory Charter School approves of the **June 19, 2023** Agenda of Philadelphia Performing Arts: A String Theory Charter School.

Notes of Discussion / Advance Regulatory and Financial Comment:

Who	What
Board	General Discussion

D. Approval of Minutes

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R230619.02 Approval: May 15, 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 **May 15, 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.

<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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R230619.03 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>

C. Report of String Theory Schools

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R230619.04 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>	<p><i>String Theory Schools' report was previously disseminated to the Board.</i></p> <p><i>Mrs. Corosanite noted the accomplishments of both schools and their administrators and students. Performing Arts' graduating students achieved over \$25M in college scholarships this year.</i></p>
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D. Report of General Counsel

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R230619.05 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 & Sidel 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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R230619.06 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>PPA is on pace to break even at the end of this fiscal year.</i>

SECTION IV: NEW BUSINESS

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R230619.07 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
Valley Forge Educational Services	\$80,500	APS Tuition for 2023-2024 SY For Student A.D.
Valley Forge Educational Services	\$80,500	APS Tuition for 2023-2024 SY For Student B.L.
Valley Forge Educational Services	\$7,914	ESY Tuition for 2023 For Student A.D.
Valley Forge Educational Services	\$7,914	ESY Tuition for 2023 For Student B.L.
Behavior Interventions, Inc.	\$50/hour	Provision of BCBA and RBT for ESY services for Student J.T.
GAMUT Behavioral Services, Inc.	Various Rates	Provision of Special Education Professionals
Overbrook School for the Blind	\$100/hour	Provision of Vision/Mobility Services
Brett DiNovi & Associates	Various Rates	Provision of Special Education Professionals
Keegan Mechanical, Inc.	\$36,700	Emergency Replacement of Electric Water Heater at Vine Street
Maschio's Food Service Inc.	\$1,643,813.77	Proposed Food Service Agreement for 2023-2024
Philadelphia Youth Network	\$18,779.20	Partnership with PYN to use WorkReady Program for Vine Street Students to work in Vine Street Café
The Lincoln Center	\$267,000	Provision of 3 Special Education Counselors for 2023-2024 SY
Overbrook School for the Blind	\$12,360	ESY 2023 for Students M.C. and A.C.
Overbrook School for the Blind	\$175	Vision Services for Student L.T.
Bayada Home Health Care, Inc. d/b/a Bayada Staffing	Various Rates	Provision of Healthcare Professionals for 2023-2024 SY
Devereux Advanced Behavioral Health	Various Rates	Provision of ESY for 2023

Notes of Discussion / Advance Regulatory and Financial Comment:

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R230619.08 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

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Notes of Discussion / Advance Regulatory and Financial Comment:

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R230619.09 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
Gabrielle Alush	Substitute	5/23/23

TERMINATIONS / RESIGNATIONS		
NAME	TITLE	EFFECTIVE DATE

Notes of Discussion / Advance Regulatory and Financial Comment:

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R230619.10 Confidential Settlement Agreement: Student J.J.

RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees of Philadelphia Performing Arts: A String Theory Charter School ratifies the Confidential Settlement Agreement, General Release, and associated Trust Agreement and In Re: J.J. as presented.

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R230619.11 Confidential Settlement Agreement: Student E.J.

RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees of Philadelphia Performing Arts: A String Theory Charter School ratifies the Confidential Settlement Agreement, General Release, and associated Trust Agreement and In Re: E.J., pending final review by General Counsel.

Notes of Discussion / Advance Regulatory and Financial Comment:

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R230619.12 Confidential Settlement Agreement: Student M.P.

RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees of Philadelphia Performing Arts: A String Theory Charter School ratifies the Confidential Settlement Agreement, General Release, and associated Trust Agreement and In Re: M.P., pending final review by General Counsel.

Notes of Discussion / Advance Regulatory and Financial Comment:

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R230619.13 Safety and Security Report

RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees of Philadelphia Performing Arts: A String Theory Charter School hereby ratifies the Executive Session on June 19, 2023 to Review the Safety and Security Report, as presented.

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R230619.14 Terms and Trustees

RESOLVED, in accordance with Article II of the Philadelphia Performing Arts: A String Theory Charter School Bylaws, the Board of Trustees of Philadelphia Performing Arts: A String Theory School hereby re-installs the following Trustees for the terms of office listed below:

Ronald Pigliacelli: 7/1/23-6/30/25
Kristin Kubach: 7/1/23-6/30/25
Krista Alexander: 7/1/23-6/30/25

By Roll Call:

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

Notes of Discussion / Advance Regulatory and Financial Comment:

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R230619.15 Board Officers

RESOLVED, in accordance with Article III of the Philadelphia Performing Arts: A String Theory Charter School Bylaws, the Board of Trustees of Philadelphia Performing Arts: A String Theory School hereby elects the following Officers for the terms of office listed below:

Chairperson: Javier Kuehnle: 7/1/23 – 6/30/24
Vice Chairperson: William Bradley Leach: 7/1/23 – 6/30/24
Treasurer: Ronald Pigliacelli: 7/1/23 – 6/30/24
Secretary: Kristin Kubach: 7/1/23 – 6/30/24

By Roll Call:

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

Notes of Discussion / Advance Regulatory and Financial Comment:

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B. DISCUSSION AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- NEXT BOARD MEETING: AUGUST 14, 2023

ADJOURNMENT AT 6:45 PM

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