

THE PHILADELPHIA CHARTER SCHOOL
FOR ARTS AND SCIENCES

AT H.R. EDMUNDS

1197 Haworth St, Philadelphia, PA 19124

May 15, 2023

6:00 PM

LOCATION:

1600 Vine Street, Philadelphia, PA 19102

MINUTES

SECTION I: CALL TO ORDER AT 6:12 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”) Evelt Vertil (“EV”)	Judith Taggart Belinda Wilson Matthew Menschner Angela Corosanite Dr. Jason Corosanite Michael Thomson Michael Danyo
Board Members Absent:	Daniel H. Saidel, Esq. David Annecharico, Esq. Abigail Lipow, Esq.

B. DISCLOSURE: EXECUTIVE SESSION BY DANIEL H. SAIDEL

2. I'd like to state, for purposes of the Minutes of this meeting that on May 15, 2023, the Board of Trustees met in Executive Session for the following purposes under 65 Pa.C.S.A § 708:

(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:

Mrs. Corosanite noted for the Board that long time Board Member Ramona Griffiths passed away from breast cancer in March 2023. She proposed planting a tree in her honor on Arts & Sciences' campus.

C. Approval of Agenda

MOTION

R230515.01 Approval: May 15, 2023 Agenda

JK

RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of The Philadelphia Charter School for Arts and Sciences at H.R. Edmunds approves of the **May 15, 2023** Agenda of The Philadelphia Charter School for Arts and Sciences at H.R. Edmunds, as amended.

SECOND

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VOTE:

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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

MOTION

R230515.02 Approval: April 17, 2023 Minutes

KA

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 **April 17, 2023**.

SECOND

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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 The Philadelphia Charter School for Arts and Sciences at H.R. Edmunds

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R230515.03 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>	<p><i>Arts & Sciences' report was previously disseminated to the Board.</i></p> <p><i>This past month has been very busy, finishing up with PSSAs and celebrated teacher appreciating month. Arts & Sciences Received a letter from CSO on May 8 informing Arts & Sciences that it is in the '23-24 charter renewal cohort.</i></p> <p><i>Former Arts & sciences graduates attending Philadelphia Performing Arts came to talk to current students about the high school process.</i></p> <p><i>ACE preview came back and looks to be fairly positive.</i></p>

C. Report of String Theory Schools

MOTION

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R230515.04 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 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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Angela Corosanite	<p><i>String Theory Schools' report was previously disseminated to the Board.</i></p> <p><i>In reference to ACE reports, Thayne Dibble has done a remarkable job with compliance. Compliance is perfect for both reports, which is a tribute to Ms. Dibble's devotion, dedication, and hard work.</i></p> <p><i>Also commended Dina Angelina on her hard work with the reporting requirements.</i></p> <p><i>Added commendations to the hard work the Arts & Sciences' administration has put in with respect to academics.</i></p>
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D. Report of General Counsel

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R230515.05 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:

Who	What
Daniel H. Saidel	<i>The upcoming mayoral election is probably one of the most important in a long time. This election will have a huge influence on the future of charter schools within Philadelphia.</i>

E. Report of Business Controller

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R230515.06 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 M. Thomson and hereby incorporates into these minutes by reference the financial statements and the documents presented by M. Thomson to the board.

Notes of Discussion / Advance Regulatory and Financial Comment:

Who	What
Michael Danyo	<i>A&S continues to improve financially, and should have a healthy surplus at the end of the year.</i>

SECTION IV: NEW BUSINESS

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R230515.07 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
Green Tree School	\$297.54/per diem	ESY Tuition for Student L.P.
Green Tree School	\$297.54/per diem	ESY Tuition for Student S.A.
Green Tree School	\$297.54/per diem	ESY Tuition for Student S.W.
Green Tree School	\$297.54/per diem	ESY Tuition for Student K.J.
Elwyn School	\$382.78/per diem	ESY Tuition for Student C.R.
Delta School	\$200/per diem	ESY Tuition for Student T.A.
ATX Learning	\$40/hour	Provision of special education professionals (various contracts)
Bucks County Window	\$46,040.00	Window replacement at A&S

Notes of Discussion / Advance Regulatory and Financial Comment:

Who	What
Board	General Discussion

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R230515.08 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.

Contractor	Amount	Comment: Terms and Conditions

Notes of Discussion / Advance Regulatory and Financial Comment:

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R230515.9 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 presented below:

HIRES		
NAME	TITLE	SALARY

TERMINATIONS / RESIGNATIONS		
NAME	TITLE	EFFECTIVE DATE

Notes of Discussion / Advance Regulatory and Financial Comment:

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R230515.10 Confidential Settlement Agreement: Student S.J.-D.

RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees of The Philadelphia Charter School for Arts & Sciences at H.R. Edmunds hereby ratifies the Confidential Settlement Agreement, General Release, and associated Trust Agreement and In Re: S.J.-D.. as presented.

Notes of Discussion / Advance Regulatory and Financial Comment:

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R230515.11 Expulsion of Student J.J.

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RESOLVED, Student J.J. is permanently expelled from The Philadelphia Charter School for Arts & Sciences at H.R. Edmunds effective May 15, 2023;

FURTHER RESOLVED, the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law of the Board of Trustees on file with The Philadelphia Charter School for Arts & Sciences at H.R. Edmunds and the record of the formal expulsion hearing of J.J. ("Hearing Record") is adopted; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, the Hearing Record is made a part of J.J.'s permanent record.

By Roll Call:

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

Notes of Discussion / Advance Regulatory and Financial Comment:

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R230515.12 Policies

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

- STAR Program Policy
- Revised Tuition Reimbursement Policy
- Professional Development Funding Policy
- Revised Employee Personnel Records Policy

Notes of Discussion / Advance Regulatory and Financial Comment:

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R230515.13 2023-2024 Budget

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RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees of The Philadelphia Charter School for Arts and Science at H.R. Edmunds approves of the 2023-2024 Budget, as presented.

By Roll Call:

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

Notes of Discussion / Advance Regulatory and Financial Comment:

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R230515.13 Lease Reimbursement

RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees of The Philadelphia Charter School for Arts and Science at H.R. Edmunds approves the application for reimbursement of a charter school lease for 2022-23, as presented.

Notes of Discussion / Advance Regulatory and Financial Comment:

<i>Who</i>	<i>What</i>

B. DISCUSSION AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- NEXT BOARD MEETING: JUNE 19, 2023

ADJOURNMENT AT 6:24 PM

MOTION

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