

**THE PHILADELPHIA CHARTER SCHOOL FOR ARTS &
SCIENCES AT H.R. EDMUNDS**

1197 Haworth Street, Philadelphia, PA, 19124

August 14, 2023

6:00 PM

LOCATION:

1600 Vine Street, Philadelphia, PA 19102

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 (“RP”) Evelt Vertil (“EV”)	Judith Taggart Belinda Wilson Matthew Menschner Angela Corosanite Dr. Jason Corosanite Michael Danyo
Board Members Absent:	David Annecharico, Esq. Abigail Lipow, Esq. Thayne Dibble, STS Director of Compliance Lucas Sigaud, CSO April Witherspoon, CSO
Krista Alexander – Treasurer (“KA”)	

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.

C. Approval of Agenda

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R230814.01 Approval: August 14, 2023 Agenda

RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of The Philadelphia Charter School for Arts & Sciences at H.R. Edmunds approves of the **August 14, 2023** Agenda.

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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R230814.02 Approval: June 19, 2023 Minutes

RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of The Philadelphia Charter School for Arts & Sciences at H.R. Edmunds approves of The Philadelphia Charter School for Arts & Sciences at H.R. Edmunds 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.

<i>Who</i>	<i>What</i>
<i>None</i>	<i>None</i>

B. Report of The Philadelphia Charter School for Arts & Sciences at H.R. Edmunds

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R230814.03 Report of The Philadelphia Charter School for Arts & Sciences at H.R. Edmunds

RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of The Philadelphia Charter School for Arts & Sciences at H.R. Edmunds accepts The Philadelphia Charter School for Arts & Sciences at H.R. Edmunds report and hereby incorporates into these minutes by reference the written reports of The Philadelphia Charter School for Arts & 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>2023 was a very busy summer. The administration is currently interviewing and hiring to fill vacancies. Newly hired teachers will attend training on August 21st. All teachers will attend PD beginning August 28. The administration is also preparing for the upcoming charter renewal.</i> <i>The school is planning a centennial celebration for the H.R. Edmunds building, which will occur on September 30, and will include community leaders and school alumni. Senator Joseph Hohenstein will be giving a commendation, and the school will be planting a tree in honor of recently passed board member, Ramona Griffiths.</i> <i>The lighting around the school has been replaced and updated. The building is in the process of being prepped for the new school year. Parent and student volunteers are coming to decorate school yard on Wednesday. School curricular materials are being distributed to teachers. The Registrar is still accepting K students, and the administration is reviewing all PSSA and Linkit data to prepare for upcoming school year.</i>

C. Report of String Theory Schools

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R230814.04 Report of String Theory Schools

RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of The Philadelphia Charter School for Arts & 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:

<i>Who</i>	<i>What</i>
<i>Angela Corosante</i>	<i>All reports for STS directors are available in the board packet..</i>

	<p><i>String Theory worked with A&S throughout the summer with the on charter renewal, the schoolwide plan, and planning for the upcoming school year. String Theory is excited to celebrate the centennial with A&S. STS worked with administrators to ensure policies are compliant for the upcoming school year.</i></p> <p><i>A&S has many performances and celebrations at the Kimmel Center coming up. Some A&S teachers have also enrolled in the STS LIGHT Leadership Program to receive their administrative certifications, as well as the STAR program to become certified as teachers. This is the second time in STS's long history that a large group of teachers from a supported school received their administrative certifications, and many of the first round of administrators are still employed by the school or in the STS family.</i></p>
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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 The Philadelphia Charter School for Arts & 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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<i>David Annecharico</i>	<p><i>This summer has been very busy. SSPC is looking forward to the new school year and supporting the administration, as well as to conducting professional development at A&S later this month.</i></p> <p><i>The updated employee handbooks and student handbooks have been added to the agenda for the board to review and are also available at sts.municipalcodeonline.com.</i></p> <p><i>Discussed required Act 55 training with board members.</i></p>

E. Report of Business Controller

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R230814.06 Report of Business Controller

RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of The Philadelphia Charter School for Arts & 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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<i>Michael Danyo</i>	<i>Santilli & Thomson's report has been previously disseminated. A&S currently has a \$1.2M surplus, and is projected to do \$900k better this</i>

<p><i>year. Salary accrual is in. A&S is still waiting for ESSERS II, and ARP ESSERS III funds. Cash remained steady at 206 days including payment for the large lighting project.</i></p>
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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 The Philadelphia Charter School for Arts & 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
Valley Day School	Various Rates	2023 ESY tuition for student E.F.
Valley Day School	Various Rates	2023 ESY tuition for student E.L.
Valley Day School	Various Rates	2023 ESY tuition for student Z.R.
The Delta School	\$200/per diem	2023 ESY tuition for student K.H.
Kaleidoscope Educational Solutions	Various Rates	Provision of related services and therapeutic professionals
Team Tutor	Various Rates	Provision of online or in person academic tutoring services
Merakey	\$238.27 /per diem	2023-2024 APS tuition for student R.V.

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R230814.08 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 The Philadelphia Charter School for Arts & 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
ATX Learning LLC	\$15,954.40	Instructional Software
Great Minds	\$77,752.72	Instructional Software
McGraw Hill Educations Inc.	\$88,621.20	Books
Teachers' Curriculum Institute	\$39,888.00	Instructional Software
CDW Government	\$15,478.95	TV's and Mounts
Lexia Learning Systems	\$10,500.00	Instructional Software
PowerSchool Group LLC	\$28,864.27	Administrative Software

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R230814.09 Human Resources

RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees of The Philadelphia Charter School for Arts & Sciences at H.R. Edmunds accepts the human resources changes, modifications and additions as presented below:

HIRES		
NAME	TITLE	START DATE
Tyree E Howard	Maintenance	8/2/2023
Tyshia Inman	Special Education Teacher	8/6/2023
Alyson Lovacchini	K-2 Instructional Coach	7/10/2023
Kimberly Major	Teacher – Waiting on Response	8/6/2023
Carleigh Molinaro	Teacher	8/6/2023
Tara Weldon	Special Education Teacher	8/6/2023
Jeana Williams	Teacher	8/6/2023
Lindsey Yerkov	Special Education Teacher	8/6/2023

RESIGNATIONS		
NAME	TITLE	EFFECTIVE DATE
Deyana Bailey	Teacher	8/11/2023
Jonathan Bogia	Teacher	6/30/2023
Michaela Brown	Teacher	8/11/2023
Justin Bullock	Counselor	6/30/2023
Rosetta Chesko	Teacher	8/11/2023
Jennifer Doyle	Special Education Teacher	8/11/2023
Rachael Freedman	RTI Teacher	8/11/2023
Gregory Greer	Specialist Teacher	8/11/2023
Tyshawna Harris	Building Sub	6/30/2023
Emily Keefe	Teacher	8/11/2023
Marisa Meyers	Teacher	8/11/2023
LaCosta Muhammad	Student Support Officer	6/30/2023
Lavier Pounds	Teacher	6/30/2023

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Jonathan Skole	Building Sub	6/30/2023
Amanda Taggart	Specialist Teacher	8/11/2023
Kathleen Testa	Psychologist	6/30/2023
Matthew Wasco	Student Support Officer	6/30/2023

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R230814.10 Schoolwide Title I Comprehensive Plan

RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees of The Philadelphia Charter School for Arts & Sciences at H.R. Edmunds 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.

Notes of Discussion / Advance Regulatory and Financial Comment:

<i>Who</i>	<i>What</i>
<i>Judith Taggart</i>	<i>Briefly reviewed Title I Schoolwide Comprehensive Plan with the Board and identified specific data in board packet.</i>

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R230814.11 2023-2024 Student Handbook

RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees of The Philadelphia Charter School for Arts & Sciences at H.R. Edmunds approves of the Student Handbook, as presented.

Notes of Discussion / Advance Regulatory and Financial Comment:

<i>Who</i>	<i>What</i>
<i>David Annecharico</i>	<i>Reviewed the changes made to A&S's code of conduct that cohere to the SDP's code of conduct.</i>

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R230814.12 2023-2024 Employee Handbook

RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees of The Philadelphia Charter School for Arts & Sciences at H.R. Edmunds approves of the Employee Handbook, as presented.

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B. DISCUSSION AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- NEXT BOARD MEETING: SEPTEMBER 11, 2023

ADJOURNMENT AT 6:53 PM

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