

THE PHILADELPHIA CHARTER SCHOOL
FOR ARTS AND SCIENCES

AT H.R. EDMUNDS

1197 Haworth St, Philadelphia, PA 19124

November 16, 2020

6:00 PM

LOCATION:

Zoom Conference

MINUTES

SECTION I: CALL TO ORDER AT 6:00 PM

A. Roll Call

<u>Board Members:</u>	<u>By Invitation: Non-Board Members:</u>
Javier Kuehnle – Chairman (“JK”) William Bradley Leach – Vice Chairman (“WL”) Kristin Kubach – Secretary (“KK”) Ramona Griffiths (“RG”) Ronald Pigliacelli (“RP”)	Dr. Jill Parker Clark Tyffany Stroman Angela Corosanite Dr. Jason Corosanite Michael Thomson Michael Danyo
<u>Board Members Absent:</u>	Daniel H. Saidel, Esq. David Annecharico, Esq. Abigail Lipow, Esq. Jessica Bassett Thayne Dibble, STS Director of Compliance Joe McBride, STS Director of Security
Krista Alexander – Treasurer (“KA”) Evelt Vertil (“EV”)	

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.

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C. Approval of Agenda

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R201116.01 Approval: November 16, 2020 Agenda

RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of The Philadelphia Charter School for Arts and Sciences at H.R. Edmunds approves of the **November 16, 2020** Agenda of The Philadelphia Charter School for Arts and Sciences at H.R. Edmunds.

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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R201116.02 Approval: October 19, 2020 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 **October 19, 2020**.

Notes of Discussion / Advance Regulatory and Financial Comment:

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<i>Board</i>	<i>General Discussion</i>

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R201116.03 Approval: September 21, 2020 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 September 21, 2020.

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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R201116.04 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>Dr. Jill Clark</i>	<i>Arts & Sciences' report has been previously disseminated to the Board.</i> <i>A&S had plans to bring complex needs students back on November 30, but due to rising COVID rates, the school will bring students back in January or February 2021.</i> <i>The second quarter of school year has begun, and virtual parent conferences will start the last week of November.</i> <i>Professional development for teachers continues on Wednesdays. The administration is working to fill 4 open teaching positions.</i>

C. Report of String Theory Schools

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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 has been previously disseminated to the Board.</i></p> <p><i>October was very busy for compliance. All schools continue to work diligently on virtual learning and plans for hybrid learning. The schools had planned to bring special education and complex needs students back at the end of November, but pushed back the date to January or February 2021 due to new COVID-19 restrictions by the Health Department.</i></p> <p><i>Building renovation plans for 2632 S. Broad Street are included in the report.</i></p>

D. Report of General Counsel

R201116.06 Report of General Counsel

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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	<p><i>Mr. Saidel reported that the greatest concern currently is that students will not show progress during standardized testing due to being out of school for so long. Further concern that the State will not be able to adjust standardized testing to take the pandemic into account.</i></p> <p><i>Predicted that there will be an uptick of special education lawsuits against all schools next year due to the inability to provide effective education to these children. Santilli & Thomson should keep in mind the strong possibility of needing additional services and legal services when making the budget for next year.</i></p> <p><i>Also discussed the question of how the School District will use testing statistics for charter renewals and non-renewals based on test scores taken during the virtual learning period</i></p>

E. Report of Business Controller

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R201116.07 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:

<i>Who</i>	<i>What</i>
<i>Michael Danyo</i>	<i>Santilli & Thomson's report has been previously disseminated to the Board.</i>
	<i>A&S is doing well financially, and continues to build cash reserves. A&S continues to add more services.</i>

SECTION IV: NEW BUSINESS

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R201116.08 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
PresenceLearning	\$6,800	Remote platform for administering

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		psychoeducational assessments
Kidsability Bilingual Services, LLC	\$600/evaluation	Provision of bilingual Speech and Language Evaluations

Notes of Discussion / Advance Regulatory and Financial Comment:

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Board	General Discussion

R201116.09 Purchase 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 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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R201116.010 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	HIRE DATE
Kylie Schempp	Teacher	10/28/2020

TERMINATIONS / RESIGNATIONS		
NAME	TITLE	EFFECTIVE DATE
Sarah DiMuzio - Resignation	Teacher	8/17/2020

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R201116.11 String Theory Schools EITC Renewal Application

RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees of The Philadelphia Charter School for Arts and Science at H.R. Edmunds hereby ratifies the String Theory Schools EITC Renewal Application for the 2020-2021 school year, as presented.

Notes of Discussion / Advance Regulatory and Financial Comment:

<i>Who</i>	<i>What</i>
<i>David Annecharico</i>	<i>Gave a brief explanation of EITC program.</i>
<i>Daniel Saidel</i>	<i>Discussed EITC renewal cap with the Board, and noted that SSPC will provide a write-up on the ETIC program to the Board.</i>

B. DISCUSSION AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. Clark clarified that complex needs students will not be returning to school on November 30, as stated in her report.

- NEXT BOARD MEETING: JANUARY 18, 2021

ADJOURNMENT AT 6:22 PM

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