

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

1197 Haworth Street, Philadelphia, PA 19124

January 8, 2024

6:00 PM

LOCATION:

1600 Vine Street, Philadelphia, PA 19102

MINUTES

SECTION I: CALL TO ORDER AT 6:22 PM

A. Roll Call

Board Members:	By Invitation: Non-Board Members:
Javier Kuehnle – Chairman (“JK”) Kristin Kubach – Secretary (“KK”) Krista Alexander – Treasurer (“KA”) Ronald Pigliacelli (“RP”)	Judith Taggart Matthew Menschner Angela Corosanite Dr. Jason Corosanite
Board Members Absent:	Michael Thomson Michael Danyo
Evelt Vertil (“EV”) William Bradley Leach – Vice Chairman (“WL”)	Daniel H. Sidel, Esq. David Annecharico, Esq. Abigail Lipow, Esq. Allison Hussey, Director of Psychological Services Matthew Wasco, STS Director of Facilities Joseph McBride, STS Director of Security

B. DISCLOSURE: EXECUTIVE SESSION BY DANIEL H. SAIDEL

2. I'd like to state, for purposes of the Minutes of this meeting that on January 8, 2024, 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

MOTION

R240108.01 Approval: January 8, 2024 Agenda

RP

RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of The Philadelphia Charter School for Arts & Sciences at H.R. Edmunds approves of the **January 8, 2024** Agenda.

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VOTE:

Notes of Discussion / Advance Regulatory and Financial Comment:

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D. Approval of Minutes

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R240108.02 Approval: November 13, 2023 Minutes

RP

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 **November 13, 2023**.

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Notes of Discussion / Advance Regulatory and Financial Comment:

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SECTION II: REPORTS

A. COMMUNITY COMMENT

<i>Community Comment Colloquy (General Counsel)</i>	
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.	
Who	What
<i>None</i>	<i>None</i>

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

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R240108.03 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:

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<i>Judith Taggart</i>	<i>Arts & Sciences' report was previously disseminated to the Board. Renewal visit by CSO is February 13, 2024. The administration is currently preparing. A&S had a successful winter concert in December. With STS's help, A&S applied for a grant through the Eagles Foundation, and received \$25,000 grant to build a sensory room at the school.</i>

C. Report of String Theory Schools

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R240108.04 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:

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<i>Angela Corosante</i>	<i>String Theory Schools' report was previously disseminated to the Board.</i> <i>STS is helping A&S prepare for renewal visit on February 13. Congratulated A&S and the STS staff who helped with facilitating the Eagles Foundation grant.</i>
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D. Report of General Counsel

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R240108.05 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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E. Report of Business Controller

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R240108.06 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:

<i>Who</i>	<i>What</i>
<i>Michael Danyo</i>	<i>Budget was adjusted recently. A&S is now projected to have a surplus of \$1M instead of loss for year end.</i> <i>A&S received another clean audit, and met all District requirements for the Audit.</i>

SECTION IV: NEW BUSINESS

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R240108.07 Professional Services Contracts

RESOLVED, the Professional Services Contracts, proposals and associated reports listed below are hereby accepted and ratified;

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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
Devereux Advanced Behavioral Health a/k/a The Devereux Foundation	Various Rates	Amendment to Master Agreement re: Name Change
Specialized Education of Pennsylvania, Inc.	Various Rates	AEDY Slot at Anthony Wayne Academy
Communication Associates, LLC	\$3,800.00 + travel	Provision of Independent Educational Speech and Language Evaluation for student A.R.

Notes of Discussion / Advance Regulatory and Financial Comment:

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R240108.08 Purchases

RESOLVED, the Purchases and associated reports listed below are hereby accepted and ratifiedd;

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 purchases; 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
School Specialty LLC	\$32,731.44	Instructional Books
Art Turchi	\$37,000.00	Access Control System - Bathrooms

Notes of Discussion / Advance Regulatory and Financial Comment:

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R240108.09 Human Resources

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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
Dominique Billingsley	Teacher	11/15/2023
Melissa Colon	Instructional Aide	11/20/2023
LaVarr Dixon	Teacher	11/20/2023
Marquis Edgerton-Nelson	Food Service	12/11/2023
Haely Jacome	Instructional Aide	01/02/2024
Siani Neal-Campbell	Counselor	11/13/2023
Madelyn Rullo	Teacher	12/11/2023
Mary Santilli	Special Education Administrator	12/01/2023

RESIGNATIONS		
NAME	TITLE	EFFECTIVE DATE
Rachel Reed	Counselor	11/10/2023
Valerie Stovall	RBT	12/11/2023
Ashley Graves	Instructional Aide	12/31/2023

Notes of Discussion / Advance Regulatory and Financial Comment:

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R240108.10 Audit Report of Financial Statements Year Ended June 30, 2023

RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees of The Philadelphia Charter School for Arts & Sciences at H.R. Edmunds accepts the independent audit report of Financial Statements Year Ended June 30, 2023.

By Roll Call:

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

Notes of Discussion / Advance Regulatory and Financial Comment:

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Michael Danyo	Reviewed Auditor's report with the Board.

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R240108.11 Confidential Settlement Agreement in re: A.W.

RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees of The Philadelphia Charter School for Arts & Sciences at H.R. Edmunds hereby approves of the Confidential Settlement Agreement and Associated Trust in re: A.W.

Notes of Discussion / Advance Regulatory and Financial Comment:

<i>Who</i>	<i>What</i>
<i>Board</i>	<i>General Discussion</i>

B. DISCUSSION AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- NEXT BOARD MEETING: FEBRUARY 12, 2024
- STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL INTEREST

ADJOURNMENT AT 6:32 PM

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