

PHILADELPHIA PERFORMING ARTS: A STRING THEORY
CHARTER SCHOOL

1600 Vine Street, Philadelphia, PA 19102
January 8, 2024
6:00 PM

LOCATION:
1600 Vine Street, Philadelphia, PA 19102

MINUTES

SECTION I: CALL TO ORDER AT 6:00 PM

A. Roll Call

Board Members:	By Invitation: Non-Board Members:
Javier Kuehnle – Chairman (“JK”) Kristin Kubach – Secretary (“KK”) Ronald Pigliacelli- Treasurer (“RP”) Krista Alexander (“KA”)	Angela Puleio Emily Walkiewicz Dr. Noelle Luccioni
Board Members Absent: Evelt Vertil (“EV”) William Bradley Leach	Angela Corosante Dr. Jason Corosante Michael Thomson Michael Danyo Daniel H. Saidel, Esq. David Annecharico, Esq. Abigail Lipow, Esq. January Teti Julia Viola Melissa Quarracino Keri Gleason Allison Hussey, Director of Psychological Services Matthew Wasco, STS Director of Facilities Joseph McBride, STS Director of Facilities

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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R240108.01 Approval: January 8, 2024 Agenda

RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of Philadelphia Performing Arts: A String Theory Charter School approves of the **January 8, 2024** Agenda of Philadelphia Performing Arts: A String Theory Charter School.

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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R240108.02 Approval: November 13, 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 **November 13, 2023**.

Notes of Discussion / Advance Regulatory and Financial Comment:

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

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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R240108.03 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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R240108.04 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:

<i>Who</i>	<i>What</i>
<i>Angela Corosanite</i>	<i>String Theory Schools' report was previously disseminated to the Board.</i> <i>STS is preparing for renewal for both schools. Meetings with the CSO for both schools will be occurring shortly. PPA's site visit is scheduled for February 27th.</i>

D. Report of General Counsel

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R240108.05 Report of General Counsel

RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of Philadelphia Performing Arts: A String Theory Charter School accepts the General Counsel's

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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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Daniel H. Saidel	Looking forward to the next stage of the College's development, and happy to have someone like Dr. Corosante who is invested in the PPA's innovation and keeping the school moving forward for its students.

E. Report of Business Controller

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R240108.06 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:

Who	What
Michael Danyo	PPA has a new projected surplus of \$3.5M, due to budget adjustments. Currently, the school is determining how to spend ESSERS Funds. PPA had a clean audit report which tested two federal programs related to ESSERS and Title 1 Funding.

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;

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	\$80,500.00	2023-2024 APS Tuition for student S.P.

Devereux Advanced Behavioral Health a/k/a The Devereux Foundation	Various Rates	Amendment to Master Agreement for Name Change
Clarke Schools for Hearing and Speech	Various Rates	Provision of Services for Students S.M., D.C., J.G.R., A.H., S.H., I.P., Z.T., J.V., G.W., T.W.
Clarke Schools for Hearing and Speech	Various Rates	Provision of Summer Services for Students S.M., A.H., S.H., I.P., Z.T., G.W., T.W., F.M.
VFES/Vanguard School	\$47,405.32	2023-2024 APS Tuition for student P.P.
VFES/Vanguard School	\$636.00	Prorated Food Service fee for student P.P.
Neurodevelopmental Assessment & Consulting, LLC	\$4,250.00 + travel	Provision of Independent Educational Evaluation
Laredo Mechanical, LLC	\$11,592.00	Replacement of Water Heater

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 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 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
IXL Learning	\$14,627.00	Educational Software
CDW Government Inc.	\$10,885.98	Educational Software
Imagine Learning	\$23,040.00	Educational Software
LinkIt!	\$42,294.00	Educational Software
Northstar Leadership Consulting LLC	\$10,750.00	Professional Services
nXu/Array Education	\$13,000.00	Professional Educational Services

Notes of Discussion / Advance Regulatory and Financial Comment:

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R240108.09 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:

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HIRES		
NAME	TITLE	START DATE
Marissa Barouki	Food Service	11/27/2023
Stephen Bolognone	Teacher	11/13/2023
Jennyca Christie	Food Service	12/01/2023

TERMINATIONS / RESIGNATIONS		
NAME	TITLE	EFFECTIVE DATE

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 Philadelphia Performing Arts: A String Theory Charter School 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:

Who	What
<i>Michael Danyo</i>	<i>Reviewed Auditor's report with Board.</i>

B. DISCUSSION AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

ADJOURNMENT AT 6:22 PM

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