

PHILADELPHIA PERFORMING ARTS: A STRING THEORY
CHARTER SCHOOL

1600 Vine Street, Philadelphia, PA 19102
February 12, 2024
6:00 PM

LOCATION:
Zoom

MINUTES

SECTION I: CALL TO ORDER AT

A. Roll Call

Board Members:	By Invitation: Non-Board Members:
Javier Kuehnle – Chairman (“JK”) William Bradley Leach – Vice Chairman (“WL”) Ronald Pigliacelli- Treasurer (“RP”) Evelt Vertil (“EV”) Krista Alexander (“KA”)	Angela Puleio Emily Walkiewicz Dr. Noelle Luccioni Angela Corosanite Dr. Jason Corosanite Michael Danyo
Board Members Absent: Kristin Kubach – Secretary (“KK”)	Daniel H. Sidel, Esq. Abigail Lipow, Esq. January Teti Julia Viola Melissa Quarracino Keri Gleason Thayne Dibble, STS Director of Compliance Matthew Wasco, 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.

Additional Notes for Minutes of Meeting:

C. Approval of Agenda

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R240212.01 Approval: February 12, 2024 Agenda

RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of Philadelphia Performing Arts: A String Theory Charter School approves of the **February 12, 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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R240212.02 Approval: January 8, 2024 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 **January 8, 2024**.

Notes of Discussion / Advance Regulatory and Financial Comment:

<i>Who</i>	<i>What</i>
<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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R240212.03 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> <i>The school is currently preparing for the CSO site visit on February 27 for renewal.</i>

C. Report of String Theory Schools

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R240212.04 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>Congratulated the Board members for a great meeting with the CSO for PPA's renewal.</i>
<i>Jason Corosanite</i>	<i>STS has been approved to open a college, and is moving quickly through the process. Approximately 30 students from PPA have enrolled so far for classes in September. The College anticipates approximately 40 students overall for its first class.</i>

D. Report of General Counsel

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R240212.05 Report of General Counsel

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

<i>Who</i>	<i>What</i>
<i>Daniel H. Saidel</i>	<i>Discloses for the purposes of the minutes that the Board of Trustees will meet in executive session after this meeting on February 12, 2024 for the purpose of consultation with professional advisor or attorney.</i>

E. Report of Business Controller

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R240212.06 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:

<i>Who</i>	<i>What</i>
<i>Michael Danyo</i>	<i>December's financials have been disseminated to the Board. PPA continues to do better than budgeted and is projected to have a healthy surplus at the end of the year.</i>

SECTION IV: NEW BUSINESS

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R240212.07 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
Lakeside Global Institute	\$39,700 + costs for additional cohorts	Provision of trauma related professional development
Erbacher Consulting Associates, PLLC	\$1,000	Provision of Assessment & Management of Youth Suicide seminar
Green Tree School	\$368.87/per diem	2023-2024 APS Tuition for C.W.
Diane Johnson, Ph.D.	\$2,200/evaluation	Provision of psychological evaluations
Green Tree School	\$368.87/per diem	2023-2024 APS Tuition for E.J.
Green Tree School	\$368.87/per diem	2023-2024 APS Tuition for H.S.
Green Tree School	\$368.87/per diem	2023-2024 APS Tuition for J.J.
Pediatric Therapeutic Services	Various Rates	Provision of PT, BCBA, and RBT for 23-24 and 24-25 SY
Reading Allowed, LLC	\$135.00/per session	Provision of literacy tutoring services

Notes of Discussion / Advance Regulatory and Financial Comment:

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

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R240212.08 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 Philadelphia Performing Arts: A String Theory Charter School 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
Kongsberg Precision Cutting Systems	\$122,831	X24 Edge Cutting System for Career Lab Subject to PDE approval, payable through ESSERS / CARES / ARP Funding
OverDrive, Inc.	\$30,000.00	Educational Software
Vista Higher Learning	\$42,119.58	Educational Software
Fisher Scientific Education	\$11,451.47	Equipment

Notes of Discussion / Advance Regulatory and Financial Comment:

Who	What
<i>Ronald Pigliacelli</i>	<i>Asked for more details on the purchase of the cutting system</i>
<i>Jason Corsanite</i>	<i>PPA received ARP / ESSERS funds during the pandemic, which it will use to prepare students for college and careers by purchasing equipment and goods to supplement its career aimed programs. This is a STEM related purchase for the career lab. Noted that this purchase will come out of grant money, not out of school funding.</i>

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R240212.09 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:

HIRES		
NAME	TITLE	START DATE
Onderful Ancrum	Substitute Teacher	1/15/2024
Brian Mazur	Teacher	1/16/2024
Alex Reith	Substitute Teacher	1/30/2024
Leah Van Nieuwburg	Teacher	1/25/2024

RESIGNATIONS		
NAME	TITLE	EFFECTIVE DATE
Adrienne Capone	Chief Academic Officer	1/8/2024
Shannon Kelly	Special Education Teacher	1/12/2024
Scott Cumpstone	Teacher	1/29/2024

Notes of Discussion / Advance Regulatory and Financial Comment:

Who	What
Angela Corosante	<i>Noted for purposes of the Minutes that Adrienne Capone retired, although technically listed as a resignation.</i>

B. DISCUSSION AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- NEXT BOARD MEETING: MARCH 11, 2024

ADJOURNMENT AT 6:19

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