

**PHILADELPHIA PERFORMING ARTS: A STRING THEORY**  
**CHARTER SCHOOL**

1600 Vine Street, Philadelphia, PA 19262  
September 9, 2024  
6:00 PM

**LOCATION:**  
Zoom

**AGENDA**

**SECTION I: CALL TO ORDER AT**

**A. Roll Call**

<b>Board Members:</b>	<b>By Invitation: Non-Board Members:</b>
Javier Kuehnle – Chairman (“JK”) William Bradley Leach – Vice Chairman (“WL”) Kristin Kubach – Secretary (“KK”) Ronald Pigliacelli- Treasurer (“RP”) Evelt Vertil (“EV”) Krista Alexander (“KA”)	Angela Puleio Emily Walkiewicz Dr. Noelle Luccioni  Angela Corosanite Dr. Jason Corosanite  Michael Thomson Michael Danyo
Board Members Absent:	Daniel H. Sidel, Esq. David Annecharico, Esq. Abigail Lipow, Esq.  January Teti Julia Viola Melissa Quarracino

**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.*

*or*

2. I'd like to state, for purposes of the Minutes of this meeting that on \_\_\_\_\_, 2024, the Board of Trustees met in Executive Session for the following purposes under 65 Pa.C.S.A. § 708:

( ) Certain Employee Issues. To discuss any matter involving the employment, appointment, termination of employment, terms and conditions of employment, evaluation of performance, promotion or disciplining of any specific prospective public officer or employee or current public officer or employee employed or appointed by the agency, or former public officer or employee, provided, however, that the individual employees or appointees whose rights could be adversely affected may request, in writing, that the matter or matters be discussed at an open meeting. The agency's decision to discuss such matters in executive session shall not serve to adversely affect the due process rights granted by law, including those granted by Title 2 (relating to administrative law and procedure).

( ) Labor Relations. To hold information, strategy and negotiation sessions related to labor relations and/or arbitration.

( ) Purchase or Lease of Real Property. To consider the purchase or lease of real property up to the time an option to purchase or lease the real property is obtained or up to the time an agreement to purchase or lease such property is obtained if the agreement is obtained directly without an option.

( ) 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.

( ) 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

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#### **R240909.01 Approval: September 9, 2024 Agenda**

RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of Philadelphia Performing Arts: A String Theory Charter School approves of the **September 9, 2024** Agenda of Philadelphia Performing Arts: A String Theory Charter School.

#### **Notes of Discussion / Advance Regulatory and Financial Comment:**

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**D. Approval of Minutes**

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**R240909.02 Approval: August 12, 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 **August 12, 2024.**

***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.

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**B. Report of Philadelphia Performing Arts: A String Theory Charter School**

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**R240909.03 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.

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**C. Report of String Theory Schools**

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**R240909.04 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.

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**D. Report of General Counsel**

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**R240909.05 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.

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**E. Report of Business Controller**

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**R240909.06 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.

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**SECTION IV: NEW BUSINESS**

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**R240909.07 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
Green Tree	\$387.31/per diem	2024-2025 Tuition for students C.W., H.S., and S.L.
Miller Brothers	\$26,952.00	Electrical Inspections
Pathway School	\$68,750.00	2024-2025 Tuition for Student B.H.
A Step Up Academy	\$125,712.50	2024-2025 Tuition + related services for Student T.T.

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**R240909.08 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
See Saw Learning Inc.	\$14,170.29	Instructional Software
PowerSchool Group LLC	\$64,124.25	Administrative Software
McGraw Hill LLC	\$194,908.75	Books & Instructional Software
Renaissance	\$90,271.45	Books & Instructional Software

Teachers' Curriculum Institute	\$28,600.00	Books & Instructional Software
Great Minds	\$94,385.68	Books & Instructional Software

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**R240909.09 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:

<b>HIRES</b>		
NAME	TITLE	START DATE
Madeline Bendo	Special Ed teacher	8/5/2024
Sara Bernal	Teacher	8/5/2024
John Cangelosi	Teacher	8/5/2024
Lisa Coppolino-Valario	Teacher	8/5/2024
Francesco Cupolo	Teacher	8/5/2024
Theresa D'Alonzo	Teacher	8/26/2024
Alicia DiGiovanni	Special Ed Teacher	8/5/2024
Mariella DiStefano	Teacher	8/5/2024
Robert Edmonds	Teacher	8/5/2024
Alexandra Ferman	Special Ed Social Worker	7/1/2024
Gabriella V Haggerty	Teacher	8/5/2024
Vincent Long	Teacher	8/26/2024
Brian J McGarry	Teacher	8/5/2024
Rebecca Miller	Teacher	8/5/2024
Rosa Nardo	Special Ed Teacher	8/5/2024
Alexander Podagrosi	Teacher	8/5/2024
Keith Reed	Lunch Aide	9/3/2024
Kyra Robinson	Special Ed Teacher	8/5/2024
Madeleine Russell	Counselor	7/1/2024
Jamie Shroy	Special Ed Teacher	8/5/2024
Santina Talotta	Special Ed Teacher	8/5/2024
Terrance Tolbert	Special Ed Teacher	8/5/2024
Mark Von Jaglinsky	Special Ed Teacher	8/5/2024
Brian Zorzy	Teacher	8/5/2024

<b>TERMINATIONS / RESIGNATIONS</b>		
NAME	TITLE	EFFECTIVE DATE
Elizabeth Cataline	Teacher – RTI	8/9/2024
Colleen Costigan	Teacher	8/9/2024
Debra Harner	Teacher	8/9/2024
Andrew Juliani	Teacher	8/9/2024
Allison J Kelly	Teacher	8/9/2024
Morgan M Luck	Special Ed Teacher	8/9/2024
Alexa Marie Rodgers	Special Ed Teacher	8/9/2024

Jeanette Viteri	Teacher	8/9/2024
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**R240909.10 Policies**

RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees of Philadelphia Performing Arts: A String Theory Charter School approves of following policies, as presented:

- Updated Code of Conduct

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**R240909.11 Data Sharing Memorandum of Understanding**

RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees of Philadelphia Performing Arts: A String Theory Charter School approves of the Data Sharing MOU between itself and the School District of Philadelphia.

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**R240909.12 Rent Prepayment to DeMedici Corporation**

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A String Theory Charter School hereby approves of the rent prepayment to DeMedici Corporation.

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**B. DISCUSSION AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- NEXT BOARD MEETING: OCTOBER 14, 2024

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