

PHILADELPHIA PERFORMING ARTS: A STRING THEORY
CHARTER SCHOOL

1600 Vine Street, Philadelphia, PA 19102

June 10, 2024

6:00 PM

LOCATION:

Zoom

AGENDA

SECTION I: CALL TO ORDER AT 6:30 PM

A. Roll Call

Board Members:	By Invitation: Non-Board Members:
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 Danyo
Board Members Absent:	Daniel H. Saidel, Esq. David Annecharico, Esq. Abigail Lipow, Esq. January Teti Julia Viola Melissa Quarracino Keri Gleason Joseph McBride, STS Director of Security Thayne Dibble, STS Director of Compliance

B. DISCLOSURE: EXECUTIVE SESSION BY *DANIEL H. SAIDEL*

2. I'd like to state, for purposes of the Minutes of this meeting that on June 10, 2024, the Board of Trustees met in Executive Session for the following purposes under 65 Pa.C.S.A. § 708 to discuss Resolutions R240610.10 and R240610.13 below:

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

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R240610.01 Approval: June 10, 2024 Agenda

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RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of Philadelphia Performing Arts: A String Theory Charter School approves of the **June 10, 2024** Agenda of Philadelphia Performing Arts: A String Theory Charter School.

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Notes of Discussion / Advance Regulatory and Financial Comment:

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Board	General Discussion

D. Approval of Minutes

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R240610.02 Approval: May 13, 2024 Minutes

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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 **May 13, 2024**.

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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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<i>None</i>	<i>None</i>

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

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R240610.03 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>Provided update on PPA's renewal status. Administrators attended School District Action Meeting in May, and found that out of 16 schools up for renewal, PPA is the only school that received a "Meets Standard" in all areas of the ACE-R, and PPA received a recommendation for a 5-year renewal. Thanked everyone for support with renewal process, and stated that they are now reviewing the proposed charter agreement.</i>

C. Report of String Theory Schools

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R240610.04 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:

Who	What
<i>Angela Corosanite</i>	<i>String Theory Schools' report was previously disseminated to the Board.</i>
	<i>Noted that graduation will occur tomorrow, June 11.</i>

D. Report of General Counsel

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R240610.05 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 & Sidel 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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R240610.06 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
<i>Michael Danyo</i>	<i>PPA will finish with a substantial surplus this year. Subsidy rates for next year went up substantially, and all projections for next year's federal funding have come in and will put the school in a good place financially for next year.</i>

SECTION IV: NEW BUSINESS

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R240610.07 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
Overbrook School for the Blind	\$105.00/hour	Provision of services
Green Tree School	\$368.87/per diem	Tuition for Student T.S.
Behavior Interventions	Various Rates	Provision of RBT and BCBA services for ESY
Long Valley Therapy	\$75/hour	Provision of OT for ESY 2024
Long Valley Therapy	\$75/hour	Provision of OT for SY 2024-2025
Valley Day School	\$8,455.00	ESY 2024 for Student E.M.
The Lincoln Center	\$178,000	Provision of two (2) SPED Counselors for SY 2024-2025
Shore Line Electric	\$60,000	Summer electrical upgrades
Fly Legacy Aviation	\$50,000	Student Flight Training
Chris Krystopa Painting and General Contracting	\$16,200.00	Window repairs at 2600 South Broad Street

Notes of Discussion / Advance Regulatory and Financial Comment:

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R240610.08 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
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Direct Dimensions, Inc.	\$31,570.00	Purchase of Artec Leo Handheld 3D Scanning System and Software Subject to PDE approval, payable through ESSERS/CARES/ARP Funding
Keystone Reefscapes	\$34,090.89	Purchase of RFP Pond and accessories Subject to PDE approval, payable through ESSERS/CARES/ARP Funding
I. Miller Precision Optical Instruments, Inc.	\$12,963.00	Purchase of Leica DM750 Fluorescence Microscope + Accessories Subject to PDE approval, payable through ESSERS/CARES/ARP Funding
Agilent Technologies Inc.	\$32,722.18	Purchase of Epoch Microplate Spectrophotometer; Micro-Volume Plate; 800 TS abs reader with touchscreen; 50TS8-SN Washer; Subject to PDE approval, payable through ESSERS/CARES/ARP Funding
Jade Scientific	\$82,098.00	Purchase of Eblot L1 Wet Transfer System; SmartDrop X Nanodrop Spectrophotometer; ELISA Plate Reader & Washer 96/384 well; Microcentrifuge; Microcentrifuge (refrigerated); low speed centrifuge for tissue culture; microbiology Incubator 60L. Incubated/Refrigerated Stackable Shakers; Small refrigerator with electricity; Corning LSE Benchtop with Shaking Incubator with platform; ErLab CaptainFlow 391 Clean Air Enclosure with HEPA filter; Enclosed Analytical Lab Balance Subject to PDE approval, payable through ESSERS/CARES/ARP Funding

Notes of Discussion / Advance Regulatory and Financial Comment:

<i>Who</i>	<i>What</i>
<i>Jason Corosanite</i>	<i>Reviewed purchases with the Board.</i>

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R240610.09 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

TERMINATIONS / RESIGNATIONS		
NAME	TITLE	EFFECTIVE DATE

Notes of Discussion / Advance Regulatory and Financial Comment:

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R240610.10 Safety and Security Report

RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees of Philadelphia Performing Arts:
A String Theory Charter School hereby ratifies the Executive Session
on June 10, 2023, to Review the Safety and Security Report, as
presented by Joseph McBride, String Theory Schools Director of
Security.

Notes of Discussion / Advance Regulatory and Financial Comment:

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R240610.11 Terms and Trustees

RESOLVED, in accordance with Article II of the Philadelphia Performing Arts: A String Theory Charter School Bylaws, the Board of Trustees of Philadelphia Performing Arts: A String Theory School hereby re-installs the following Trustees for the terms of office listed below:

Javier Kuehnle: 7/1/24-6/30/26

William Bradley Leach: 7/1/24-6/30/26

Evelt Vertil: 7/1/24-6/30/26

By Roll Call:

Javier Kuehnle – *aye*

William Bradley Leach – *aye*

Kristin Kubach – *aye*

Ronald Pigliacelli – *aye*

Evelt Vertil – *aye*

Krista Alexander – *aye*

Notes of Discussion / Advance Regulatory and Financial Comment:

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R240610.12 Board Officers

RESOLVED, in accordance with Article III of the Philadelphia Performing Arts: A String Theory Charter School Bylaws, the Board of Trustees of Philadelphia Performing Arts: A String Theory School hereby elects the following Officers for the terms of office listed below:

Chairperson: Javier Kuehnle: 7/1/24 – 6/30/25

Vice Chairperson: William Bradley Leach: 7/1/24 – 6/30/25

Treasurer: Ronald Pigliacelli: 7/1/24 – 6/30/25

Secretary: Kristin Kubach: 7/1/24 – 6/30/25

By Roll Call:

Javier Kuehnle – *aye*

William Bradley Leach – *aye*

Kristin Kubach – *aye*

Ronald Pigliacelli – *aye*

Evelt Vertil – *aye*

Krista Alexander – *aye*

Notes of Discussion / Advance Regulatory and Financial Comment:

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R240610.13 Confidential Settlement Agreement in re: M.M.S.

RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees of Philadelphia Performing Arts: A String Theory Charter School hereby approves of the Confidential Settlement Agreement and Trust in re: M.M.S., as presented.

Notes of Discussion / Advance Regulatory and Financial Comment:

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R240610.14 Flexible Instructional Days Application

RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees of Philadelphia Performing Arts: A String Theory Charter School hereby approves of the Flexible Instructional Days Application, as presented.

Notes of Discussion / Advance Regulatory and Financial Comment:

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R240610.15 Lease Subsidy Reimbursement Application

RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees of Philadelphia Performing Arts:
A String Theory Charter School hereby approves the application for
reimbursement of a charter school lease for 2023- 24, as presented.

Notes of Discussion / Advance Regulatory and Financial Comment:

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

B. DISCUSSION AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- NEXT BOARD MEETING: AUGUST 12, 2024

ADJOURNMENT AT 6:42 PM

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