

PHILADELPHIA PERFORMING ARTS: A STRING THEORY
CHARTER SCHOOL

1600 Vine Street, Philadelphia, PA 19262

August 12, 2024

6:00 PM

LOCATION:

Zoom

AGENDA

SECTION I: CALL TO ORDER AT 6:05 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 Thomson Michael Danyo
Board Members Absent:	Daniel H. Saidel, 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.

Additional Notes for Minutes of Meeting:

C. Approval of Agenda

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R240812.01 Approval: August 12, 2024 Agenda

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RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of Philadelphia Performing Arts: A String Theory Charter School approves of the **August 12, 2024** Agenda of Philadelphia Performing Arts: A String Theory Charter School.

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D. Approval of Minutes

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R240812.02 Approval: June 26, 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 **June 26, 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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R240812.03 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:

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<i>Angela Puleio</i>	<i>Philadelphia Performing Arts' report has been previously disseminated to the Board.</i>

C. Report of String Theory Schools

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R240812.04 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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<i>Angela Corosante</i>	<i>String Theory Schools' report has been previously disseminated to the Board.</i>

D. Report of General Counsel

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R240812.05 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:

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E. Report of Business Controller

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R240812.06 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:

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<i>Michael Danyo</i>	<i>PPA is projected to have a healthy surplus this 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
Behavior Interventions	Various Rates	Provision of BCBA and RBT services for 2024-2025
String Theory School of Design	\$8,000/per student	Dual Enrollment agreement with STSD
Overbrook School for the Blind	\$12,720.00	ESY services for two students
Valley Day School	\$8,455.00	ESY Tuition for E.M.
Potential Discoveries	\$35.00/hour	Provision of RBT services
Abington Speech Pathology Services, Inc.	Various Rates	Provision of therapists to East/West Campus
Abington Speech Pathology Services, Inc.	Various Rates	Provision of therapists to Vine Campus
Epic Special Education Staffing	None	Update to contract to reflect contractor name change

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Brett DiNovi & Associates	Various Rates	Provision of SPED professionals
Kaleidoscope Education Solutions	Various Rates	Provision of SPED professionals
TeamTutor	Various Rates	Provision of tutoring services
TherapyTravelers	Various Rates	Provision of SPED staffing
Lincoln Intermediate Unit	\$16,500.00	Provision of SPED training
The Lincoln Center	\$261,000.00	Updated Contract for 2024-2025
St. Katherine's Day School	\$10,984.00 + related costs	Tuition +related costs for students L.C., G.G., R.G., and J.T.
Elwyn Davidson School	\$406.11/per diem	Tuition for students M.I-K. A.D., E.J., and R.I.
Step Up Academy	\$125,712.50	Tuition + related services for Student T.T.
GAMUT Behavioral Services	Various Rates	Provision of SPED professionals
Zachary Posnan	\$40,000	10 3-day workshop with students, replacing previous provider

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R240812.08 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
Webstaurant	\$16,196.00	Purchase of four (4) Avantco SS-3F-HC 81 5/16" Stainless Steel Solid Door Reach-In Freezers Subject to PDE approval, payable through ESSERS/CARES/ARP Funding
Bio-Rad	\$36,679.11	Purchase of equipment for career lab Subject to PDE approval, payable through ESSERS/CARES/ARP Funding
Classlink Inc.	\$12,011.75	Administrative Software
Voyager Sopris Learning	\$12,184.00	Educational Software
Lexia Learning Systems LLC	\$21,000.00	Educational Software
National Training Network	\$34,500.00	Professional Education Services

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PowerSchool Group LLC	\$38,834.50	Administrative Software
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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

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R240812.10 2024-2025 Student Handbook

RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees of Philadelphia Performing Arts: A String Theory Charter School approves of the Student Handbook, as presented.

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R240812.11 2024-2025 Employee Handbook

RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees of Philadelphia Performing Arts: A String Theory Charter School approves of the Employee Handbook, as presented.

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R240812.12 Schoolwide Title I Comprehensive Plan

RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees of Philadelphia Performing Arts: A String Theory Charter School hereby approves the Schoolwide Title I Comprehensive Plan, as presented, and directs that the Plan be finalized and submitted to the Pennsylvania Department of Education, as required.

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R240812.13 Amendment: Academic Services and Facilities Management Agreement

RESOLVED, the Board of Philadelphia Performing Arts: A String Theory Charter School hereby ratifies the Amendment: Academic Services and Facilities Management Agreement between itself and String Theory Schools and as presented.

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B. DISCUSSION AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- NEXT BOARD MEETING: SEPTEMBER 9, 2024

ADJOURNMENT AT 6:24 PM

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