

PHILADELPHIA PERFORMING ARTS: A STRING THEORY
CHARTER SCHOOL

1600 Vine Street, Philadelphia, PA 19102
January 13, 2025
6:00 PM

LOCATION:
Zoom

MINUTES

SECTION I: CALL TO ORDER AT: 6:02 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”) Krista Alexander (“KA”)	Angela Puleio Emily Walkiewicz Noelle Luccioni Angela Corosanite Jason Corosanite Michael Danyo
Board Members Absent: Evelt Vertil (“EV”)	Daniel H. Saidel, Esq. David Annecharico, Esq. Abigail Lipow, Esq. January Teti Julia Viola Melissa Quarracino 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 November 8, 2024, the Board of Trustees met in Executive Session for the following purposes under 65 Pa.C.S.A. § 708:

(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.

C. Approval of Agenda

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R250113.01 Approval: January 13, 2025 Agenda

RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of Philadelphia Performing Arts: A String Theory Charter School approves of the **January 13, 2025** 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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R250113.02 Approval: November 4, 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 **November 4, 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.

<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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R250113.03 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>Reviewed Philadelphia Arts' report, previously disseminated.</i>

C. Report of String Theory Schools

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R250113.04 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 Corosante</i>	<i>Reviewed String Theory Schools' report, previously disseminated.</i>

D. Report of General Counsel

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R250113.05 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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Notes of Discussion / Advance Regulatory and Financial Comment:

<i>Who</i>	<i>What</i>
<i>Daniel H. Sidel</i>	<i>No report</i>

E. Report of Business Controller

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R250113.06 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 the Business Controller and hereby incorporates into these minutes by reference the financial statements and the documents presented by the Business Controller to the board.

Notes of Discussion / Advance Regulatory and Financial Comment:

<i>Who</i>	<i>What</i>
<i>Michael Danyo</i>	<i>Reviewed Financial Report, previously disseminated.</i>

SECTION IV: NEW BUSINESS

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R250113.07 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
Specialized Education of Pennsylvania, Inc.	\$56,735.36	2024-2025 APS Tuition for 2 PPA students at KAPS Academy of Philadelphia
Green Tree School & Services	\$387.31/per diem	2024-2025 APS Tuition for Student L.C.
The Davidson School	\$406.11/per diem	2024-2025 APS Tuition for Student A.Z.
The Davidson School	\$406.11/per diem	2024-2025 APS Tuition for Student A.S.

Fairwold Academy	\$362.4/ per diem + various rates for additional services	2024-2025 APS Tuition for Students L.Y. and L.G-G.
American Staffing Professionals	\$313.18/substitute	Provision of substitute teachers

Notes of Discussion / Advance Regulatory and Financial Comment:

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R250113.08 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
NextGen Furniture Inc.	\$14,070.30	Furniture
Krystopa Painting	\$12,325.00	Bathroom Countertops
Office Basics, Inc.	\$58,594.88	Playground Equipment
Parent Square, Inc.	\$14,326.00	Software
OverDrive, Inc.	\$30,000.00	Software
The Niche Clinic	\$12,500.00	Professional Services

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R250113.09 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
Renee Deas	Dean of Climate and Culture	12/12/2024
Alaina Principe-Falcione	Lunch Aide	12/6/2024
Melanie Smith	Teacher	11/12/2024
Erin Wayman	Teacher	11/12/2024
Renee Harris	STEM Teacher	1/13/2025
Patrick Manion	Teacher	1/6/2025
Gia Maria Costanzo	Teacher	1/6/2025
Tynesha Thomas	Special Ed Teacher	1/13/2025
George Blue, Sr.	Maintenance	1/6/2025

TERMINATIONS/RESIGNATIONS		
NAME	TITLE	EFFECTIVE DATE
Francisco Villa Jr.	Teacher	11/22/2024
Ariana Albater	Teacher	12/20/2024
Kennon Boone	Maintenance	11/16/2024
Emily Brooks	Teacher	11/1/2024
Stephanie Costello	Academic Dean of Innovation Tech	11/22/2024
Lauren McGinnis	Special Ed Counselor	11/29/2024
Heather Palestini	Teacher	12/20/2024
Terrance Tolbert	Special Ed Teacher	11/29/2024
Sarah Komins	EL Teacher	1/9/2025

Notes of Discussion / Advance Regulatory and Financial Comment:

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R250113.10 Solar for Schools State Grant Program 2024-2025 Application

RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees of Philadelphia Performing Arts: A String Theory Charter School hereby approves of the Solar for Schools State Grant Program 2024-2025 application, as presented.

FURTHER RESOLVED, any officer of this Board of Trustees is authorized and directed to negotiate the terms and conditions of the Grant Application and any document or delegate any task necessary to effect this resolution in consultation with String Theory Schools and legal counsel;

FURTHER RESOLVED, any officer of this Board is directed and authorized to execute the Grant Application and any other document necessary to effect this resolution in consultation with String Theory Schools legal counsel.

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R250113.11 Audit Report of Financial Statements Year Ended June 30, 2024

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, 2024, as reviewed by the Audit Committee.

By Roll Call:

Javier Kuehnle – *aye*
William Bradley Leach – *aye*
Kristin Kubach – *aye*
Ronald Pigliacelli – *aye*
Evelt Vertil – *absent*
Krista Alexander – *aye*

Notes of Discussion / Advance Regulatory and Financial Comment:

<i>Who</i>	<i>What</i>
<i>Michael Danyo</i>	<i>Reviewed Audit Report, previously disseminated. Clean audit with no findings.</i>

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R250113.12 Rent Prepayment to DeMedici Corporation

RESOLVED, RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees of Philadelphia Performing Arts: A String Theory Charter School hereby approves of the prepaid rent to DeMedici Corporation in the amount of \$10,000,000.00.

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B. DISCUSSION AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- NEXT BOARD MEETING: FEBRUARY 10, 2025

ADJOURNMENT AT 6:11 PM

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