

PHILADELPHIA PERFORMING ARTS: A STRING THEORY
CHARTER SCHOOL

1600 Vine Street, Philadelphia, PA 19102

August 11, 2025

6:00 PM

LOCATION:

Zoom

MINUTES

SECTION I: CALL TO ORDER AT: 6:20 PM

A. Roll Call

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

B. DISCLOSURE: EXECUTIVE SESSION BY DANIEL H. SAIDEL

2. I'd like to state, for purposes of the Minutes of this meeting that on August 11, 2025, the Board of Trustees met in Executive Session for the following purposes under 65 Pa.C.S.A. § 708 to discuss Resolution 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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R250811.01 Approval: August 11, 2025 Agenda

RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of Philadelphia Performing Arts: A String Theory Charter School approves the **August 11, 2025** Agenda of Philadelphia Performing Arts: A String Theory Charter School.

Notes of Discussion / Advance Regulatory and Financial Comment:

Who	What
Board	General Discussion

D. Approval of Minutes

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R250811.02 Approval: June 9, 2025 Minutes

RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of Philadelphia Performing Arts: A String Theory Charter School approves Philadelphia Performing Arts: A String Theory Charter School Board of Trustees Board meeting minutes for **June 9, 2025**.

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

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

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R250811.03 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>Preparing for the opening of the 25-26 school year. PPA is fully staffed for the year.</i>

C. Report of String Theory Schools

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R250811.04 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>

D. Report of General Counsel

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R250811.05 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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R250811.06 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>Preliminary June 30 fiscal end report is in the Drive. PPA will have a healthy surplus to start the year. Title II and IV funds have been released, so the school will not lose any federal funds going into the school year</i>

SECTION III: NEW BUSINESS

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R250811.08 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
Fairwold Academy	\$297.24/per diem + related services	ESY 2025 for Student E.H.
Clarke Schools for Hearing and Speech	\$2,800.00	Speech and hearing services for Students S.H., G.W., F.W., T.W.
Behavior Interventions	Various Rates	Provision of therapeutic services for Student J.T.
AIM Academy	\$46,665.00	2025-2026 APS Tuition for Student M.G.
American Staffing Professionals	\$313.88/per diem	Provision of substitute teachers
Martin Luther School	\$6,710.00/per student + related services	ESY 2025 for Students I.W. and D.L.
Martin Luther School	\$6,710.00/per student + related services	ESY 2025 for Students T.S. and R.B.
Nancy O'Neill	\$1,400.00/evaluation	Provision of psychoeducational evaluations
SESI	\$1,630.02	ESY 2025 for Student H.S.
Anthony Wayne Academy (SESI)	\$26,280.00	Student slot for 2025-2026
Valley Forge Educational Services	\$91,500.00	APS Tuition for 2025-2026 for Student A.J.
Valley Forge Educational Services	\$91,500.00	APS Tuition for 2025-2026 for Student D.B.F.
Albireo Energy	Various Rates	Software and technology upgrades for 1600 Vine Street
Elwyn School	\$406.11/per diem	ESY 2025 for Students A.D., R.I., E.J., A.S., J.T., J.T., A.Z.
Mill Creek School	\$297.24/per diem + related services	ESY 2025 for Students M.M. and I.R.
Little Treasures Therapy	Various Rates	Provision of Behavioral Support Services
Long Valley Therapy	Various Rates	Provision of OT ESY 2025
Long Valley Therapy	\$80/hour and \$400/evaluation or re-evaluation	Provision of OT for 2025-2026
KAPS Academy (SESI)	\$38,296.40	Student slot for 2025-2026
Elwyn School	\$452.97/per diem	2025-2025 APS Tuition for Student A.B.
Elwyn School	\$452.97/per diem	2025-2025 APS Tuition for Student A.S.
Elwyn School	\$452.97/per diem	2025-2025 APS Tuition for Student J.T.
Elwyn School	\$272.42/per diem	2025-2025 Related Services for Student R.I.
Elwyn School	\$452.97/per diem	2025-2025 APS Tuition for Student A.Z.
Guardian CSC	\$12,960.00/year	Monthly water treatment services for cooling tower and closed loop

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R250811.09 Purchases

RESOLVED, the Purchases 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 purchases; 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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R250811.10 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	EFFECTIVE DATE

RESIGNATIONS/'TERMINATIONS		
NAME	TITLE	EFFECTIVE DATE

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R250811.11 2025-2026 Student Handbook

RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees of Philadelphia Performing Arts: A String Theory Charter School hereby approves of the 2025-2026 Student Handbook.

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R250811.12 2025-2026 Employee Handbook

RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees of Philadelphia Performing Arts: A String Theory Charter School hereby approves of the 2025-2026 Employee Handbook.

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R250811.13 Confidential Settlement Agreement in re: J.J.

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

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R250811.14 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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B. DISCUSSION AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- NEXT BOARD MEETING: SEPTEMBER 8, 2025

ADJOURNMENT AT 6:27 PM

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