

PHILADELPHIA PERFORMING ARTS: A STRING THEORY
CHARTER SCHOOL

1600 Vine Street, Philadelphia, PA 19102
September 8, 2025
6:00 PM

LOCATION:
Zoom

MINUTES

SECTION I: CALL TO ORDER AT: 6:17 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 Noelle Luccioni Angela Corosanite 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

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:

(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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R250908.01 Approval: September 8, 2025 Agenda

RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of Philadelphia Performing Arts: A String Theory Charter School approves the **September 8, 2025** Agenda of Philadelphia Performing Arts: A String Theory Charter School.

Notes of Discussion / Advance Regulatory and Financial Comment:

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Board	General Discussion

D. Approval of Minutes

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R250908.02 Approval: August 11, 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 **August 11, 2025**.

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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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R250908.03 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. Student arrival at first day of school was featured on the local morning news</i>

C. Report of String Theory Schools

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R250908.04 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:

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<i>Angela Corosante</i>	<i>String Theory Schools' report was previously disseminated to the Board.</i>

D. Report of General Counsel

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R250908.05 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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R250908.06 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:

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<i>Michael Danyo</i>	<i>The financial report was previously disseminated to the Board.</i>

SECTION III: NEW BUSINESS

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R250908.08 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
Team Tutor	Various Rates	Provision of tutoring services
Fairwold Academy	\$395.28/per diem + related services	APS 25-26 Tuition for Students E.H. and J.L.
Mill Creek	\$74,500.00 + related services	APS 25-26 Tuition for Students JJ. MM. IR. PS
The Pathway School	\$72,875	APS 25-26 Tuition for Student B.H.

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Valley Forge Educational Services	\$91,500	APS 25-26 Tuition for Student B.B.
Wyncote Academy	\$47,500	APS 25-26 Tuition for Student L.D.J.
Wyncote Academy	49,750	APS 25-26 Tuition for Student Z.H.

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R250908.09 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
Corporate Interiors	\$28,222.09	Purchase of lab tables
Miller Bros	\$24,776.00	Replacement of 5 Capacitor Trip Units
Ace Construction Services	\$136,723.53	Playground
Ace Construction Services	\$12,650.00	Stair Treads
Krystopa Painting	\$31,000.00	Painting
Parent Square Inc	\$15,150.00	Software
Kimmel Center	\$35,473.09	Rental Space
EPS Learning LLC	\$15,557.75	Software
Wilson Language Training	\$60,639.60	Curriculum
Savvas Learning Company LLC	\$39,858.80	Software
Red Canary Inc	\$39,200.00	Security Software
Linkit!	\$38,474.40	Software
Imagine Learning	\$13,464.00	Software
Shoreline Electric	\$13,900.00	HVAC
Amplify Education Inc	\$14,425.00	Software

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R250908.10 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:

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HIRES		
NAME	TITLE	EFFECTIVE DATE
Diane Amendolara	Pastry & Baking Instructor	8/4/25
Ninamarie Avedissian	ESOL Teacher	8/4/25
Alexa Bakey	Substitute Teacher	8/18/25
Jarrell Campbell	Theater Tech	8/18/25
Gianna Cassello	Special Education Teacher	8/4/25
Scott J Cumpstone	Teacher	8/3/25
Kyle Fisher	Teacher	8/4/25
Alexandra Gatta	Special Education Teacher	8/18/25
Katherine Horn	Teacher	8/4/25
Lauren Kerrigan	Special Education Administrative Assistant	7/1/25
Laura McAneney	Teacher	8/4/25
Erica McKinnon	Special Education Teacher	8/4/25
Toni Mullin	Teacher	8/4/25
Scott Munro	Academic Dean	8/18/25
Zoe Necowitz	Teacher	8/4/25
Michael John Niewiecki	Psychologist	7/1/25
Lindsay Phillips	ESOL Teacher	8/4/25
Carly Phy	Teacher	8/4/25
Alexander Polidoro	Theater Tech	8/18/25
Kaitlynn Reilly	Special Education Aide	8/4/25
Shannon Reilly	Special Education Coordinator	8/13/25
Nicolette Rondeau	Teacher	8/4/25
Gianna Silvestro	Special Education Teacher	8/4/25
Nicholas Sposaro	Security	8/4/25
Victoria Staas	Teacher	8/4/25
Genevieve Torres	Teacher	8/17/25
Zachary Watkins	Special Education Teacher	8/4/25
Charlene Windham	Special Education Teacher	8/25/25
John Wolgamot	Special Education Teacher	8/18/25

RESIGNATIONS/TERMINATIONS		
NAME	TITLE	EFFECTIVE DATE
Soufyane Bellal	Pastry & Baking Instructor	6/13/25
Leah C Brown	Counselor	6/13/25
Alexandra Cavaliere	Teacher	8/8/25
Jieying Chen	ESOL Teacher	6/13/25
Samar Chtay	Special Education Aide	8/9/25

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John Coghlan	Teacher	8/8/25
Brian Davis	Teacher	8/8/25
Mariella DiStefano	Teacher	8/8/25
Jennifer Goodman	Special Education Aide	6/30/25
Gabriella V Haggerty	Instructional Assistant	6/13/25
Audrey Kurtyan	Teacher	6/13/25
Daniel LaSalle	Substitute Teacher	6/30/25
Sabrina McNeils	Special Education Teacher	8/8/25
Natalie Mecaughey	Special Education Coordinator	7/4/25
Tara A Militello	Teacher	8/8/25
Alexander Podagrosi	Teacher	8/8/25
Elizabeth Pozzi-Natchev	Instructional Assistant	6/13/25
Abimelec Rubio	Theater Tech	6/30/25
Robert Snyder	Teacher	8/8/25
Aileen Thomas	Administration	8/31/25
Andrea Valletta	Special Education Administrative Assistant	6/13/25
Leah Van Nieuwburg	Teacher	8/8/25
Heather Weiss-Dembek	Assistant Principal	8/8/25

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R250908.11 Fraternization Policy

RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees of Philadelphia Performing Arts: A String Theory Charter School hereby approves of the fraternization policy, as presented.

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B. DISCUSSION AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- NEXT BOARD MEETING: OCTOBER 13, 2025

ADJOURNMENT AT 6:30 PM

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