

THE PHILADELPHIA CHARTER SCHOOL FOR ARTS & SCIENCES AT H.R. EDMUNDS

1197 Haworth Street, Philadelphia, PA 19124

August 11, 2025

6:00 PM

LOCATION:

Zoom Meeting

MINUTES

SECTION I: CALL TO ORDER AT 6:28 PM

A. Roll Call

<u>Board Members:</u>	<u>By Invitation: Non-Board Members:</u>
Javier Kuehnle – Chairman (“JK”) Krista Alexander – Treasurer (“KA”) Ronald Pigliacelli (“RP”) Evelt Vertil (“EV”)	Judith Taggart Matthew Menschner Angela Corosanite Jason Corosanite Michael Danyo
<u>Board Members Absent:</u> William Bradley Leach – Vice Chairman (“WL”) Kristin Kubach – Secretary (“KK”)	Daniel H. Saidel, Esq. David Annecharico, Esq. Abigail Lipow, Esq. 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 Resolutions 12 and 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 The Philadelphia Charter School for Arts & Sciences at H.R. Edmunds approves the **August 11, 2025** Agenda.

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 The Philadelphia Charter School for Arts & Sciences at H.R. Edmunds approves The Philadelphia Charter School for Arts & Sciences at H.R. Edmunds Board of Trustees Board meeting minutes for **June 9, 2025**.

Notes of Discussion / Advance Regulatory and Financial Comment:

Who	What
Board	General Discussion

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 The Philadelphia Charter School for Arts & Sciences at H.R. Edmunds

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R250811.03 Report of The Philadelphia Charter School for Arts & Sciences at H.R. Edmunds

RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of The Philadelphia Charter School for Arts & Sciences at H.R. Edmunds accepts The Philadelphia Charter School for Arts & Sciences at H.R. Edmunds report and hereby incorporates into these minutes by reference the written reports of The Philadelphia Charter School for Arts & Sciences at H.R. Edmunds presented to the board.

Notes of Discussion / Advance Regulatory and Financial Comment:

<i>Who</i>	<i>What</i>
<i>Judith Taggart</i>	<p><i>Arts & Sciences' report was previously disseminated to the Board.</i></p> <p><i>Nearly completed the hiring process for the upcoming school year. Very few positions open to be hired. General maintenance projects were completed over the summer. Preparing for professional development.</i></p> <p><i>Informed the Board of the passing of Head of Security, Clifford Harris, over the summer.</i></p>

C. Report of String Theory Schools

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R250811.04 Report of String Theory Schools

RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of The Philadelphia Charter School for Arts & Sciences at H.R. Edmunds 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 The Philadelphia Charter School for Arts & Sciences at H.R. Edmunds 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:

<i>Who</i>	<i>What</i>
<i>Daniel H. Saidel</i>	

E. Report of Business Controller

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R250811.06 Report of Business Controller

RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of The Philadelphia Charter School for Arts & Sciences at H.R. Edmunds 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>June preliminary financials are available. A&S is projected to have a surplus and has met all District metrics. The School will receive Title II, III, and IV funds released from the federal government</i>

SECTION IV: NEW BUSINESS

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R250811.07 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 The Philadelphia Charter School for Arts & Sciences at H.R. Edmunds 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
Martin Luther School	\$6,710.00 + related services	ESY 2025 for Students B.F. and A.M.
Elwyn School	\$406.11/per diem + related services	ESY 2025 for Students S.G., Y.R.T., J.R.
Joyful Readers	\$45,000.00	Provision of reading support services
Long Valley Therapy	Various Rates	Provision of OT and PT for ESY 2025
Long Valley Therapy	Various Rates	Provision of PT for 2025-2026 SY
Long Valley Therapy	Various Rates	Provision of OT for 2025-2026 SY
Nancy O'Neill	\$1,400/evaluation	Provision of psychoeducational evaluations
American Staffing Professionals	\$313.88/per diem	Provision of substitute teachers
Clarke Schools for Hearing and Speech	\$700.00	Provision of hearing and speech services for Student Z.L.
Valley Forge Educational Services	91,500.00	2025-2026 APS Tuition for Student L.R.
Shelly Electric Co.	\$8,190.00	Replacement of electrical receptacles, bid out
David Shahriari	\$190,000	Provision of leadership coaching and School-Wide Positive Behavioral Expectations Plan for school model
Elwyn School	\$452.97/per diem + related services	2025-2026 APS Tuition for Student B.H.
Elwyn School	\$452.97/per diem + related services	2025-2026 APS Tuition for Student J.R.
Elwyn School	\$272.42/per diem	2025-2026 Related Services for Student I.M.K.

Notes of Discussion / Advance Regulatory and Financial Comment:

Who	What
General Counsel	<p>See RFP No. RFP-2025.06.20. <i>Ac&S. Electrical</i>, attached hereto at 5.10. indicating compliance with 24 P.S. 7-751.</p> <p><i>These minutes memorialize that for all applicable contracts that exceed a base amount of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000), subject to adjustment under 24 P.S. § 1-120, but are less than the amount requiring advertisement and competitive bidding, or, in lieu of price quotations, that fewer than three qualified contractors exist in the market area within which it is practicable to obtain quotations.</i></p>
Board	General Discussion

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R250811.08 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 The Philadelphia Charter School for Arts & Sciences at H.R. Edmunds 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.

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Contractor	Amount	Comment: Terms and Conditions

Notes of Discussion / Advance Regulatory and Financial Comment:

Who	What

R250811.09 Human Resources

RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees of The Philadelphia Charter School for Arts & Sciences at H.R. Edmunds accepts the human resources changes, modifications and additions as presented below:

HIRES		
NAME	TITLE	START DATE

RESIGNATIONS		
NAME	TITLE	EFFECTIVE DATE

Notes of Discussion / Advance Regulatory and Financial Comment:

Who	What

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R250811.10 2025-2026 Student Handbook

RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees of The Philadelphia Charter School for Arts & Sciences at H.R. Edmunds hereby approves of the 2025-2026 Student Handbook.

Notes of Discussion / Advance Regulatory and Financial Comment:

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R250811.11 2025-2026 Employee Handbook

RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees of The Philadelphia Charter School for Arts & Sciences at H.R. Edmunds hereby approves of the 2025-2026 Employee Handbook.

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R250811.12 Confidential Settlement Agreement in re: A.B.

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RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees of The Philadelphia Charter School for Arts & Sciences at H.R. Edmunds hereby approves of the Confidential Settlement Agreement and associated Trust in re: A.B., as presented.

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R250811.13 Confidential Settlement Agreement in re: A.D.

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RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees of The Philadelphia Charter School for Arts & Sciences at H.R. Edmunds hereby approves of the Confidential Settlement Agreement and associated Trust in re: A.D., as presented.

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R250811.14 Schoolwide Title I Comprehensive Plan

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RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees The Philadelphia Charter School for Arts and Sciences at H.R. Edmunds 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 6:35 PM

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