PHILADELPHIA PERFORMING ARTS: A STRING THEORY CHARTER SCHOOL

1600 Vine Street, Philadelphia, PA 19102
August 10, 2026
6:00 PM

LOCATION:
Zoom Meeting

AGENDA

SECTION I: CALL TO ORDER AT:

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 Thomson 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*

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.

or

2. I'd like to state, for purposes of the Minutes of this meeting that on _____, 2026, the Board of Trustees met in Executive Session for the following purposes under 65 Pa.C.S.A. § 708 to discuss Resolution ___ below:

( ) Certain Employee Issues. To discuss any matter involving the employment, appointment, termination of employment, terms and conditions of employment, evaluation of performance, promotion or disciplining of any specific prospective public officer or employee or current public officer or employee employed or appointed by the agency, or former public officer or employee, provided, however, that the individual employees or appointees whose rights could be adversely affected may request, in writing, that the matter or matters be discussed at an open meeting. The agency's decision to discuss such matters in executive session shall not serve to adversely affect the due process rights granted by law, including those granted by Title 2 (relating to administrative law and procedure).

( ) Labor Relations. To hold information, strategy and negotiation sessions related to labor relations and/or arbitration.

( ) Purchase or Lease of Real Property. To consider the purchase or lease of real property up to the time an option to purchase or lease the real property is obtained or up to the time an agreement to purchase or lease such property is obtained if the agreement is obtained directly without an option.

( ) 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.

( ) 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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R260914.01 Approval: August 10, 2026 Agenda

RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of Philadelphia Performing Arts: A String Theory Charter School approves the **August 10, 2026** Agenda of Philadelphia Performing Arts: A String Theory Charter School.

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D. Approval of Minutes

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R260914.02 Approval: June 8, 2026 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 8, 2026.**

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

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R260914.03 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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C. Report of String Theory Schools

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R260914.04 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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D. Report of General Counsel

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R260914.05 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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E. Report of Business Controller

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R260914.06 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.

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SECTION III: NEW BUSINESS

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R260914.07 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
The Pathway School	$79,500.00	2026-2027 APS Tuition for Student B.H.
Elwyn Davidson School	$475.64/per diem	2026-2027 APS Tuition for Student A.B.
Elwyn Davidson School	$475.64/per diem	2026-2027 APS Tuition for Student A.S.
Elwyn Davidson School	$475.64/per diem	2026-2027 APS Tuition for Student J.T.
Elwyn Davidson School	287.48/per diem	Related services for R.I.
Dr. Emily Perlis	$4,800.00	Neuropsychological assessment
Kingsway Learning Center	$390.47/per diem + $191.00/per diem for ESY	APS 2026-2027/ESY 2027 Tuition for Student C.S.
Fairwold Academy	4010 Slots	2026-2027 APS placement for students L-G.G. and Y.L.
Fairwold Academy	$441.29 + related services	2-026-2027 APS tuition for student H.E.
Wyncote Academy	$6,700.00	ESY 2026 for Student I.R.
String Theory School of Design	TBD	Articulation Agreement for resources
String Theory School of Design	TBD	Employee Staffing Agreement
String Theory School of Design	TBD	Updated Dual Enrollment Agreement

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R260914.08 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

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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
McGraw Hill, LLC	$41,109.37	Curriculum Materials
Micro Technology Group, Inc.	$213,277.92	Playground Project, Cameras, Technology Software
Savvas Learning Company LLC	$214,190.51	Curriculum Materials
Krystopa Painting	$64,750.00	Painting & Flooring
Renaissance Learning, Inc.	$73,704.60	Educational Software
Cintas	$14,863.72	Sprinkler System Repair
Del Vel Chem Company	$19,530.70	LED Lights
PowerSchool Group, LLC	$106,797.77	Administrative Software
Apple Inc.	$111,660.08	Computers & Equipment
NoRedInk Corp	$15,951.93	Educational Software
Securly	$41,069.25	Administrative Software
Shoreline Electric Inc.	$82,840.00	Lighting Project

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R260914.09 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**	**EFFECTIVE DATE**
Rita Bognanni	Lunch Monitor	9/01/26
Kimberly Budner	SPED Teacher	8/03/26
Daniela Cassetta	Teacher	8/03/26
Jenny Chen	SPED Teacher	8/16/26
Angela Chimino	Teacher	8/03/16
Amal Dawara	Lunch Monitor	9/08/26
Elizabeth DiPentino	SPED Teacher	8/03/26
Jennifer Dunn	SPED Teacher	8/03/26
Stephon A Ford	Assistant Dean of Climate & Culture	8/03/26
Kayleigh Gehring	SPED Teacher	8/03/26
James Gibbs	Maintenance	7/20/26
Dharma Grasso	SPED Teacher	8/03/26
Deborah Herring	SPED Teacher	9/08/26
Selua Jonny	Counselor	8/03/26
Gwendolyn Karas	SPED Teacher	8/03/26
Kelly Lanza	Teacher	8/03/26
Julia Rose Liparota	Teacher	9/09/26
Kristen Magas	Teacher	8/03/26

Hannah Malfitano	Teacher	8/03/26
Anastasia Markel	Teacher	8/03/26
Marykate Miller	Counselor	8/03/26
Victoria Odum	Teacher	8/03/26
Adris Raal	Theatre Tech	8/03/26
Melissa Rudolph	Nurse	8/03/26
Mary Catherine Santilli	Accounts Payable	6/08/26
Gina Secker	Nurse	8/03/26
Colleen Smith	Nurse	8/03/26
Julia Sorenson	Teacher	7/13/26
Morgan Wilson	Teacher	8/03/26
Cyrus Woniewala	Maintenance	7/27/26

RESIGNATIONS/TERMINATIONS		
NAME	**TITLE**	**EFFECTIVE DATE**
Claire J. Adams	Teacher	6/30/26
Ramon Aponte Jr.	Teacher	6/30/26
Skylar Barton	Teacher	8/07/26
Jarret Berenson	Teacher	8/07/26
Lynda Berner	Teacher	8/07/26
Christopher Bilinsky	Psychologist	6/30/26
John Cangelosi	Teacher	8/07/26
Maria Elen Camichael	Teacher	6/30/26
Lara Carson	Counselor	6/30/26
Scott J. Cumpstone	Teacher	8/07/26
Julia DeFrancesco	Teacher	8/07/26
Richard DiGiambattista	Assistant Principal	6/30/26
Robert Edmonds	Teacher	7/10/26
Ahmad H. Fargali	Teacher	8/07/26
Alexandra Fera	Teacher	8/31/26
Kerri L Forrest	SPED teacher	6/30/26
Jason Gabel	Maintenance	6/30/26
Hannah Holt	Teacher	8/07/26
Kevin Jensen	Teacher	6/30/26
Corie C Lyman	SPED Teacher	6/30/26
Patrick Manion	Teacher	6/30/26
Neil Moakley	Teacher	8/07/26
Daniel Moorhead	Teacher	8/07/26
Zoe Necowitz	Teacher	8/07/26
Tara J O'Brien	SPED Teacher	8/07/26
Nicole Palumbo	SPED Teacher	9/11/26
Sara R Pinkerton	Counselor	6/30/26
Alexander Polidoro	Theatre Tech	8/07/26
Ishammdy Ramos-Lizardi	Teacher	6/30/26
Samara Reisbord	SPED Teacher	6/30/26
Erin B. Smith	SPED Teacher	6/30/26
Rebecca Solvich	Teacher	6/30/26
Tracy M. Vogt	Teacher	8/07/26
Richard Wexler	SPED Teacher	8/07/26
Mark W. Wheeler	Teacher	6/30/26
Chalene Windham	SPED Teacher	6/30/26
Kelly Wyszomierski	Teacher	6/30/26

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R260914.10 Emergency Preparedness Plan

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

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R260914.11 Rent Prepayment to DeMedici Corporation

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 $7,620,000.000

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B. DISCUSSION AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- NEXT BOARD MEETING: OCTOBER 12, 2026

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