

City of Philadelphia



Council of the City of Philadelphia Office of the Chief Clerk Room 402, City Hall Philadelphia

(Resolution No. 250540)

RESOLUTION

Authorizing the Philadelphia City Council Committee on Education to hold hearings to investigate challenges and make recommendations for a strategic plan for the Philadelphia High School for Creative and Performing Arts.

WHEREAS, The City of Philadelphia has a vested interest in ensuring that all students receive a high-quality education that prepares them for future success; and

WHEREAS, The Philadelphia High School for Creative and Performing Arts (CAPA) has long been recognized as an institution that cultivates artistic and academic excellence; and

WHEREAS, CAPA has produced numerous distinguished alumni, including Boyz II Men, Black Thought, Jazmine Sullivan, Leslie Odom Jr., Christian McBride, Marchant Davis, Joey DeFrancesco, and many more; and

WHEREAS, The school has experienced a significant decline in enrollment, with enrollment dropping from 744 in the 2022-2023 school year to a projected 569 for the 2025-2026 school year; and

WHEREAS, As a result of the decline in enrollment, CAPA was projected to lose five teaching positions. And additional staff have begun seeking employment elsewhere, raising concerns about the school's ability program continuity; and

WHEREAS, Since the end of the 2022-2023 school year, CAPA has had two different principals and has had regular visits from assistant superintendents; and

WHEREAS, Part of fostering success in the youth includes having stable and determined leadership to oversee the day-to-day aspects of the institution; and

WHEREAS, This legislative body is committed to the continued success and revitalization of CAPA as a beacon of opportunity and creativity in public education; now, therefore, be it

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RESOLVED, THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA, Hereby authorizes the Philadelphia City Council Committee on Education to hold hearings to investigate challenges and implement a strategic plan for the Philadelphia High School for Creative and Performing Arts.

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CERTIFICATION: This is a true and correct copy of the original Resolution, Adopted by the Council of the City of Philadelphia on the fifteenth day of April, 2025.

Kenyatta Johnson

PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL

Elizabeth McCollum

CHIEF CLERK OF THE COUNCIL

Introduced by: Councilmember Thomas for Council President Johnson

Sponsored by: Council President Johnson, Councilmembers Thomas, Gilmore Richardson, Gauthier, Young, Brooks, O'Rourke and Ahmad