



Board Meeting Via Zoom  
Tuesday, October 20, 2020  
6 pm

AGENDA

1. Call to Order
2. Reminder for Public Comments
3. Adoption of October 2020 Agenda
4. Approval of September 2020 Minutes
5. Adoption of the 2020-21 Academic Calendar
6. School Leadership Update
7. Network Update
  - a. COVID-19 Closures
8. Presentation of proposed board resolutions for discussion:
  - i. ELL weight in lottery
9. Adjournment

# 2020–2021 Hebrew Public NYC Academic Calendar

## לוח שנת הלימודים 2020–2021

AUGUST 20						
Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	Sa
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2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31					

SEPTEMBER 20						
Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	Sa
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13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30			

Instructional days: 16

OCTOBER 20						
Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	Sa
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Instructional days: 21

NOVEMBER 20						
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Instructional days: 17

DECEMBER 20						
Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	Sa
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Instructional days: 16

JANUARY 21						
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Instructional days: 19

FEBRUARY 21						
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Instructional days: 14

MARCH 21						
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Instructional days: 20

APRIL 21						
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Instructional days: 20

MAY 21						
Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	Sa
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23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31					

Instructional days: 19

JUNE 21						
Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	Sa
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20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30			

Instructional days: 18

### Important Dates

**School closings:**

- 9/7: Labor Day
- 9/28: Yom Kippur
- 10/12: Indigenous Peoples' Day
- 11/18: Family Conference
- 11/26-27: Thanksgiving
- 12/24-1/1: Winter break
- 1/18: MLK Day
- 2/10: Family Conference
- 2/15-19: Midwinter Break
- 3/29-4/2: Spring Break
- 5/13: Eid
- 5/31: Memorial Day
- 6/18: Juneteenth

**MAP Testing:**

- MAP #1 (K-8): 9/21-10/16
- MAP #2 (K-2): 1/19-1/22
- MAP #3 (K-8): 6/1-6/4

**Interim Assessments:**

- Cycle #1: 10/13-10/16
- Cycle #2: 12/7-12/18
- Cycle #3: 3/3-3/10

**State Test Windows:**

- ELA: 4/20-4/21
- Math: 5/4-5/5

**Marking Periods:**

- 1: 9/8/20-11/6/20
- 2: 11/9/20-1/29/21
- 3: 2/1/21-4/23/21
- 4: 4/26/21-6/26/21

**Family Conferences:**

- 1<sup>st</sup> FC: 11/18 (AM)-11/19 (PM)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> FC: 2/10 (AM) - 2/11 (PM)
- 3<sup>rd</sup> FC: 5/12 (PM) - 5/14 (PM)

**Total instructional days: 180**

### Key


Subject to changes



## Hebrew Language Academy 2

CHARTER SCHOOL

Board of Trustees Meeting via Zoom

Tuesday, September 22, 2020

6 pm

### Minutes

#### Trustees Present

Sue Fox
Alice Li
Stella Binkevich
Adam Miller
Ella Zalkind
Mike Tobman

#### **Also Present:**

Ashley Furan, Head of School, HLA2

Marie Lucas, Director of Operations, HLA2

Jon Rosenberg, CEO, Hebrew Public

Valerie Khaytina, Chief External Officer, Hebrew Public

Lauren Murphy, External Relations Manager, Hebrew Public

Cliff Schneider, School Counsel, Cohen Schneider Law, P.C.

#### **I. Call to Order**

Adam Miller called the meeting to order at 6:07 pm and reminded everyone in attendance to use the “chat” feature to sign up for public comments or to email the board at [boardhla2@hebrewpublic.org](mailto:boardhla2@hebrewpublic.org) and the comments will be addressed within 48 hours.

#### **2. Adoption of September 2020 Agenda**

Adam Miller asked for a motion to adopt, Sue Fox made a motion to adopt the September 2020 agenda, Alice Li seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

### **3. Approval of August 2020 Minutes**

Adam Miller asked for a motion to approve, Sue Fox made a motion to approve the August 2020 minutes. Mike Tobman seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

### **4. Vote and Adoption of Board Resolutions**

The resolutions will approve the entering into of a lease guaranty and approve the concept of a sublease between the school Hebrew Language Academy Charter School 2 (HLA2) and the Friends of Hebrew Language Academy 2, Inc. (“Friends Of”).

The board members were updated as to the progress of the building facility for the school at 2286 Cropsy Avenue, Brooklyn, NY. The board reviewed and discussed the approval of signing the lease guaranty, which ensures that the School will pay the rent owed by the Friends Of organization if for any reason the latter fails to do so. The board also discussed entering into a future sublease with Friends of organization, a special purpose entity, to negotiate the leasing of said facility for the school. Mike Tobman recused himself for the vote as a soon to be “Friends of” board member.

To that point, Adam Miller made a motion to authorize the signing of the guaranty and to approve the concept of Hebrew Language Academy 2, Inc’s sublease for the aforementioned purpose. Sue Fox seconded and the motion carried unanimously. As such, the board adopted the following resolution:

#### **RESOLUTIONS OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF**

#### **HEBREW LANGUAGE ACADEMY 2 PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL**

The Board of Trustees (the “**Board**”) of Hebrew Language Academy 2 Charter School, a New York not-for-profit education corporation (the “**School**”), at a duly constituted meeting of the Board held on September 22, 2020, does hereby (i) approve and adopt the following resolutions and (ii) direct that these resolutions be recorded among the minutes of the proceedings of the School.

**WHEREAS**, in conjunction with Friends of Hebrew Language Academy 2, Inc. (“**Friends Of**”), the School has finalized lease terms and documentation to secure for the School a new (to-be-constructed) facility located at 2286 Cropsy Avenue, Brooklyn, NY (the “**Premises**”) to house its student body, anticipated to begin with the 2022-23 school year; and

**WHEREAS**, for strategic purposes, Friends Of will be the prime tenant under the lease (the “**Lease**”; attached hereto as **Exhibit A**) with the landlord (the “**Landlord**”) of the Premises and will sublease the Premises to the School; and

**WHEREAS**, under the terms of the Lease, as a material inducement to Landlord to enter into the Lease, the Owner requires that the School guaranty the payment of rent and other expenses set forth in the Lease pursuant to a Guaranty of Lease (the “**Guaranty**”; attached hereto as **Exhibit B**); and

**WHEREAS**, the School desires to sublease the Premises from Friends Of pursuant to a sublease (the “**Sublease**”) which incorporates by reference the Lease, establishes a rent that shall be affordable under the School’s budget and which shall include the rent due under the Lease as well as other facilities operational costs (e.g. utilities, maintenance, service contracts, etc.), all as to be more fully set forth in the Sublease; and

**WHEREAS**, the School desires to issue a Guaranty to satisfy the Landlord’s requirements; and

**WHEREAS**, the School wishes to approve the general terms of the Sublease as set forth above, commit to entering into the Sublease by April 1, 2022 and approve the Guaranty which shall be executed promptly following the approval of these resolutions so that Friends of can enter into the Lease for the Premises;

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that after due deliberation and consideration, the Board believes securing the Premises to be in the best interest of the School and necessary and advisable and approves the general terms of the Sublease, commits to executing a Sublease

containing such general terms on or before April 1, 2022 and approves the School executing the Guaranty so that Friends Of can execute the Lease; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the School is hereby authorized and directed to execute and deliver the Guaranty and such further agreements, assignments, pledges, instruments, consents and any other documents ancillary to Guaranty necessary, proper and/or advisable in the determination of any Proper Representative (as defined below) and the payments related thereto as set forth above;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that any Trustee or officer of the School or the Board's designee (each, a "**Proper Representative**"), be and hereby is authorized and directed, jointly and severally, to execute and deliver the Guaranty and any other documents consistent with the transactions described above and such further agreements, assignments, pledges, instruments, consents and documents ancillary to the Guaranty or necessary in the determination of any Proper Representative, in the name of and on behalf of the School, and to pay all such expenses and taxes as in their judgment shall be necessary, proper and advisable in order to fully carry out the intent and accomplish the purposes of the foregoing resolutions; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that all actions heretofore taken by any Proper Representative, for and on behalf of the School in connection with the Guaranty including, but not limited to, the execution of the Guaranty shall be and hereby are ratified and approved, and that the authority given hereunder shall be retroactive and any and all acts hereunder performed prior to the passage of these resolutions are hereby ratified and approved.

## **5. Leadership Update**

Ashley Furan, Head of School informed the board of the following:

- School began in-person (hybrid model) on Monday, September 21
  - Students have been separated into two cohorts and come to school twice a week
  - No students are in the building on Wednesdays, it is used for planning and staff PD, while still providing at home learning for children

- Staff and students are practicing social distancing, mask wearing, and safety procedures
- Temperatures are taken at arrival daily
- Mandatory health surveys are filled out by guardians before arrival
- Families have adapted to the new pick-up and arrival protocols
- PPE in all classrooms
  - Masks
  - Wipes
  - Purell
- Brooklyn Remote Academy (students who are fully remote)
  - Co-owned with Hebrew Language Academy in Mill Basin
  - Synchronous teaching
    - Real-time teaching (live via Zoom)
  - Asynchronous teaching
    - Independent
    - Use of many remote platforms
    - Differentiation for students based on current level
- Enrollment
  - Natural decrease for this time of year
  - Still healthy and over enrolled in some grades

## **6. Adjournment**

Adam Miller motioned to adjourn. Alice Li seconded, and the meeting was adjourned at 6:48 pm.