



Board of Trustees Meeting Agenda

April 14, 2022, 6:30 pm

Location: Zoom Meeting

1. Call to Order & Public Comment Reminder
2. Adoption of April 2022 Agenda
3. Approval of March 2022 Minutes
4. Leadership Update
5. Network Update
6. Public Comments
7. Adjournment

STATEN ISLAND

Hebrew Public

CHARTER SCHOOL

Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes

March 24, 2022, 6:30 pm

Location: Zoom

Trustees Present

Noemi Zibuts
Sigalit Grego
David H. Sorkin
Bonita Sussman
Veronica Bakhrakh, <i>Prospective Member</i>

Others Present:

Lissette Roman, Head of School, Staten Island Hebrew Public

Valerie Khaytina, Chief External Officer, Hebrew Public

Lauren Murphy, External Relations Manager, Hebrew Public

1. Call to Order

David Sorkin asked for a motion to open the meeting at 6:31 pm.

2. Adoption of the March 2022 Meeting Agenda

David Sorkin asked for a motion to adopt, Sigalit Grego made a motion to adopt the March 2022 agenda, Noemi Zibuts seconded, and the motion was carried unanimously.

3. Approval of the January 2022 Meeting Minutes

David H. Sorkin asked for a motion to approve, Sigalit Grego made a motion to approve the January 2022 meeting minutes, Noemi Zibuts seconded, and the motion was carried unanimously.

4. Resolution of School Leader Named

David H. Sorkin made a motion to approve the appointment of Lissette Roman to Head of School for Staten Island Hebrew Public Charter School, Bonita Sussman seconded the motion. The motion went to a vote, with no abstentions and no objections the motion was approved unanimously. As such, the board adopted the following resolution:

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**RESOLUTION OF THE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

The resolutions hereinafter set forth as the action of the Board of Trustees of STATEN ISLAND HEBREW PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL (the "School") have been duly adopted at a meeting of the Board of Trustees of the School (the "Board") duly called and held for such purpose, and do hereby direct that these Resolutions be filed in the minute book of the School:

WHEREAS, the School was granted a charter by the New York State Board of Regents (the "Board of Regents") at a regularly scheduled meeting on November 6, 2018, to operate pursuant to its Charter Application (the "Application") which was incorporated by reference into the Charter Agreement (the "Charter Agreement") signed by and between the State Education Department of New York ("Authorizer") and the School, with the initial charter term lasting through and including June 30, 2023;

WHEREAS, after an extensive and thorough search, the Board wishes to appoint Lissette Roman to the role of Head of School

THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board approves the appointment of Lissette Roman to Head of School for Staten Island Hebrew Public Charter School and hereby gives her the authority to assume all requirements, tasks, and responsibilities assumed within the role

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the School is authorized to make these requests (the "Revision Requests") to the Authorizer to amend the Charter Agreement; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that any Trustee or officer of the School or Board designee from Hebrew Public, the Schools Charter Management Organization, (each, a "Proper Representative"), be and hereby is authorized and directed, jointly and severally, to execute and deliver the Revision Requests and any other documents consistent with the transactions described above and such further agreements, assignments, pledges, instruments, consents, and documents ancillary to the Revision Request or necessary in the determination of any Proper Representative, in the name of and on behalf of the School, in order to fully carry out the intent and accomplish the purposes of the foregoing resolutions; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, all actions heretofore taken by any Proper Representative, for and on behalf of the School in connection with the Revision Requests 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

Lissette Roman, Staten Island Hebrew Public's (SIHP) Head of School updated the board on the following:

- Student recruitment
 - 3/7 Virtual informational session, with the NEW YORK COMMUNITY LEAGUE
 - 40 families on the call, a lot of interest and questions, call lasted over an hour and a half
 - Mandarin-speaking population are one of the largest groups on the Island
 - 3/20 School Tour
 - 160 family sign up
 - 40 families showed up
 - Many inquiries about events
 - April 6th is the school lottery
 - Upon receiving an offer, families will have two weeks to respond to the lottery seat.
 - Once a family accepts the offer (lottery seat), they will have two weeks to submit registration documents
 - SIHP shares the two-week deadline with families in an email to prompt them to complete their registration within a timeline window
 - However, SIHP staff will actively follow up with families every 48-72 hours once they accept the offer to support with registration
 - The SIHP application is available to families via School Mint in Spanish, English, Mandarin, and Hebrew
 - Planning enrollment events
 - Enrolling on the spot
 - Pushing registration and recruitment
 - Student interest
 - 169 applications to date
 - 105 Kindergarten
 - 64 1st Grade
 - Ideally will start the year with 50-60 students in each grade
- Hiring Season Has Begun
 - David Sorkin leadership lunch
 - Lissette, David, and the leadership team met and toured the school facility
 - 1 first-grade teacher hired
 - 2 Hebrew teachers hired
 - 1 PE teacher hired
 - Five in person interviews were scheduled

- Open positions
 - 2 kindergarten teachers
 - 1 1st grade teacher
 - 1 assistant teacher
 - 1 science teacher
 - 1 social worker
- Lissette is in a Diverse by Design Fellowship
 - Visited schools exhibiting diverse school culture
 - Larchmont Hollygrove and Fairfax
 - DBD Project-Based Learning
 - 3 projects throughout the year about different cultures
 - Edible School Yard
 - SIHP is hiring a science teacher to take on this project
 - Family Involvement
 - Not a PTO but the schools have parent committees that volunteer and work closely with the school & staff
 - City Charter Elementary
 - Spanish studies
 - DBD dual language studies approach
 - How to represent all cultures in the school even with a primary focus on the Spanish language?
 - How do they use the values of the school on an everyday basis?
 - Visited Hebrew Public's affiliate school Lashon Academy
- Leadership Israel Trip Visit
 - A week-long trip with fellow Hebrew Public leadership
 - Lissette summarized and shared her experience in Israel with the board. The trip was extremely impactful, eye-opening, and jam-packed with learning, exploring, eating delicious food, and immersing in the culture and country.
 - Steinhardt family home visit in Israel
 - Met Arbel fellow who will be the PE teacher
- Continued Board Support
 - Connections to teacher programs
 - Hiring support
 - SIHP will be growing grades for the next four years and will need teachers
 - Recruitment support
 - Community partnership support
 - June 3rd event, encourage community participation

6. Network Update

Valerie Khaytina, Chief External Officer, Hebrew Public updated the board on the following:

- Enrollment season for all Hebrew Public schools, staff is working really hard, and many events are taking place to get families excited and into our school communities
- Hebrew Public is working on opening new schools
 - Spending some time on feasibility studies for possible new affiliate and managed schools around the country
- SIHP Opening event will take place in the fall for all community members and board members
- Support for Ukraine
 - Collecting donations from all of our schools for those in Ukraine and refugees
 - A large 6 figure private donation was secured and wired with Valerie's assistance
 - UJA Federation
 - To date, UJA-Federation of New York has allocated more than \$8 million in emergency funding
 - Ready to support refugee children in Hebrew Public schools
 - Enrolling the students and helping their families

7. Public Comments

No members of the public were present during this time.

8. Adjournment

David H. Sorkin made the motion to adjourn at 7:07 pm, Sigalit Grego seconded, and the motion was carried unanimously. The April board meeting originally scheduled for 4/21 is being rescheduled to 4/14.