



Board of Trustees Meeting Agenda

September 30, 2021, 6:30 pm

Location: Zoom Meeting

1. Call to Order & Public Comment Reminder
2. Adoption of September 2021 Agenda
3. Approval of August 2021 Minutes
4. Board Member Recruitment
5. Board Action: Resolution to elect Sigalit Grego to the Staten Island Hebrew Public Board of Trustees pending approval by NYSED
6. Leadership Update
7. Recruitment Presentation
8. Public Comments
9. Adjournment

STATEN ISLAND

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Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes

August 26, 2021, 6:30 pm

Location: Zoom

Trustees Present

Noemi Zibuts
David H. Sorkin
Yelena Sklyar
Ernest Paige
Sigalit Grego, Prospective Member
Bonita Sussman, Prospective Member

Others Present:

Lissette Roman, Head of School, Staten Island Hebrew Public

Emily Fernandez, Chief Schools Officer, Hebrew Public

Lauren Murphy, Hebrew Public, External Relations Manager

1. Call to Order

David H. Sorkin opened the meeting at 6:36 pm.

2. Adoption of the August 2021 Meeting Agenda

David H. Sorkin asked for a motion to adopt, Ernest Paige made a motion to adopt the August 2021 agenda, Yelena Sklyar seconded, and the motion was carried unanimously.

3. Approval of the July 2021 Meeting Minutes

David H. Sorkin asked for a motion to approve, Yelena Sklyar made a motion to approve the July 2021 meeting minutes, Noemi Zibuts seconded, and the motion was carried unanimously.

4. Board Action: Discussion/Vote on Veronica Bakhrakh

Yelena spoke about Veronica Bakhrakh, who she has known personally for years, and recommended her to the Staten Island Hebrew Public Board of Trustees for consideration. Veronica works with special needs children, she is currently preparing to sit for the Board Certified Behavior Analyst exam, and she is very knowledgeable about the SI community.

After a brief discussion about Veronica's qualifications, the board agreed she would be an asset to the team. David H. Sorkin made the motion to approve Veronica Bakhrakh moving forward with the formal New York State Education Department's application process. Yelena Sklyar motioned to approve, and Ernest Paige seconded. The motion went to a vote, and the board voted all in favor, unanimously with no objections or abstentions.

5. Leadership Update

Lissette Roman, Staten Island Hebrew Public's Head of School shared the following with the board:

- Currently Placed in Hebrew Public's School in Philadelphia
 - Supporting staff and the leadership team
 - Teacher training, community building, building up teacher skill sets
- Created a comprehensive plan for the start of Staten Island Hebrew Public
 - Onboarding
 - Facilities
 - Hiring
 - Currently looking to hire a Director of Operations
 - Creating an enrollment process and timeline
- Met with Ernest and David
- Recruitment Events
 - 9/19 partnership with the JCC of SI

Board members asked questions about hiring and enrollment and made suggestions on how they can help the process move forward. Board members shared they are eager to lend a helping hand in order to see the school flourish.

6. Network Update

Emily Fernandez, Hebrew Public's Chief Schools Officer gave a brief update on the following:

- Back to School!
 - PHP began school on Monday 8/30/21
 - NY schools began on Wednesday 9/1/21
- Pandemic Precautions, *following all CDC & state updates*
 - Safety is the TOP priority
 - Weekly COVID-19 testing all staff and students
 - Required for staff
 - Testing for students is optional
 - Staff is required to be vaccinated
 - Students are not required for COVID-19 vaccine, not planned to mandate unless it is a state or federal mandate
 - Masks at all times

- Social distancing (3ft)
- Heading into the new year cautious yet optimistic, prepared to shift to remote if it is needed
- Work with Lissette
 - Weekly Meeting
 - Thorough school opening plan through December, with action steps
 - Lissette and Valerie met last week to discuss student recruitment

7. Public Comments

N/A

8. Adjournment

Prior to adjournment, the two prospective board members Bonita Sussman and Sigalit Grego shared how excited they were to join the Staten Island Hebrew Public Board!

David H. Sorokin asked for a motion to adjourn. Ernest Paige made the motion to adjourn at 7:03 pm, Noemi Zibuts seconded, and the motion was carried unanimously. The board will meet next on September 30 at 6:30 pm.