



HLA Board Meeting Agenda

July 11, 2023, 6 pm

1. Call to Order & Reminder for Public Comment(s) Sign Up
2. Adoption of July 2023 Agenda
3. Approval of June 2023 Minutes
4. Nomination to approve Valerie Khaytina to the Board of Trustees
5. Leadership Report
6. Public Comments
7. Executive Session
8. Adjournment



Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes

June 13, 2023, 6 pm

Trustees Present

Mike Tobman
Ellen Green
Stella Binkevich
Alice Li

Also Present:

Daniella Steinberg, Head of School, HLA
Ksenia Parris, Director of Operations, HLA
Valerie Khaytina, Chief External Officer, Hebrew Public
Lauren Murphy, Senior External Relations Manager, Hebrew Public
Lennie Blake, HLA’s PTO President

1. Call to Order/Public Comments

Mike Tobman called the meeting to order at 6:02 pm and reminded everyone in attendance they can sign up for public comments prior to the board meeting by emailing boardhla@hebrewpublic.org. Members of the public who missed the public notices can sign up during the meeting using the chat function and/or those present in the building can sign up on the attendance sheet. Members of the board and staff do not typically respond to public comments at the time they are made. However, unanswered questions will be responded to within a few business days.

2. Adoption of June 2023 Agenda

Mike Tobman asked for a motion to adopt the June 2023 agenda. Alice Li made the motion, Ellen Green seconded, and the motion unanimously passed.

3. Approval of May 2023 Meeting Minutes

Mike Tobman asked for a motion to approve the May 2023 Meeting Minutes. Ellen Green made the motion, Alice Li seconded, and the motion unanimously passed.

4. Review and Approval 2023/24 Budget

Mike Tobman asked for a motion to approve the 23/24 budget. Ellen Green made the motion, Alice Li seconded and the motion went to a vote where it unanimously passed with no objections or abstentions.

5. Review and Approval 2023/24 Vendor List

Mike Tobman asked for a motion to approve the 23/24 vendor list. Ellen Green made the motion, Alice Li seconded and the motion went to a vote where it unanimously passed with no objections or abstentions.

6. Review and Approval 2023/24 Board and Committee Meeting Dates

Mike Tobman asked for a motion to approve the 2023/24 board and committee meeting dates. Ellen Green made the motion, Alice Li seconded, and the motion went to a vote where it unanimously passed with no objections or abstentions.

7. Review and Approval 2023/24 School Calendar

Mike Tobman asked for a motion to approve the 2023/24 School Calendar. Ellen Green made the motion, Alice Li seconded, and the motion went to a vote where it unanimously passed with no objections or abstentions.

8. Approval of Board Officer roles for 2023/24

- a. Ellen Green, Chair
- b. Mike Tobman, Vice Chair
- c. Alice Li, Treasurer
- d. Brian Tobin, Secretary

Mike Tobman made the motion to approve the aforementioned officer roles for 2023/24. Ellen Green seconded, and the motion went to a vote where it unanimously passed with no objections or abstentions.

9. Board Member Term Renewal through June 30, 2026

Mike Tobman made the motion to approve Brian Tobin's term renewal through June 30, 2026. Ellen Green seconded, and the motion went to a vote where it unanimously passed with no objections or abstentions.

10. Preview 2023/24 School Safety Plans

- a. The plan will be voted on during the August meeting— as per Section 155.17 of the Commissioner of Education's Regulations, charter schools **do** have to draft, publicly notice, and adopt a safety plan with a 30-day public comment period.

That period will begin on July 1, the safety plan will be posted to the school's website.

11. School Report

Daniella Steinberg updated the board on the following:

- General Updates
 - Israel Day Parade
 - Dance team performed
 - Culture Day
 - Many clips and photos were shared
 - Families were invited to attend
 - HLA Alumni performed with Israeli Superstar at Hebrew Public's June Fundraising event
- NYPD Captain from the local precinct visited HLA
 - Arrived with dogs and horses!
 - Students got to ask questions
- HLA Graduation on June 22, 6 pm
- Summer BBQ
 - K-5th + PTO sponsored carnival
 - June 29th 9 am - 12 pm
- Enrollment Update
 - Projections shared by sections and grade
 - Continuing to enroll throughout the summer
- 23-24 Planning
 - Lower School Theater
 - 3 new Arbel teachers
 - Hebrew music for lower school
 - Prestige Prep after school for SHSAT and small group intervention and enrichment
 - iReady for assessments and personalized instruction for students
 - Middle school orchestra
 - Wind instruments

12. PTO Update

Lennie Blake, PTO President updated the board on the following:

- Teachers' wellness day
 - Healthy smoothies, snack bar, massage chairs
- PTO supported during the Shrek musical

- Celebrated sports teams
 - Championships
 - Debate team
- Israel Day Parade
 - Post parade party with pizza & ices!
- Field Day at the Park
 - 9 am - 3:30 pm
 - Many different activities
 - PTO provided refreshments
- PTO elections take place tomorrow!
 - Open to Zoom as well

I3. Network Report

Jon Rosenberg shared brief Hebrew Public Network updates:

- Harlem Hebrew
 - Will be closing at the end of the school year
 - Leadership has worked very hard to take care of staff and students as it moves into its final weeks
 - Not the only charter school that is closing in NYC
 - City has lost significant population in the last few years
- Federal Grant Program TSL (Teacher School Leader Incentive Program)
 - The DOE plans to award about \$95 million to eligible applicants to develop, implement, improve, or expand comprehensive performance-based compensation systems for teachers, principals, or other school leaders
 - HLA has rolled out new compensation system for teachers
 - Hebrew Public will be submitting a multimillion dollar grant
 - The grant is due VERY soon!
 - HLA has received A LOT of positive feedback

I4. Public Comments

No public comments were made during this time.

I5. Adjournment

Mike Tobman asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:33 pm. Stella Binkevich made the motion to adjourn; Ellen Green seconded and the meeting adjourned.