



HLA Board Meeting Agenda

August 8, 2023, 6 pm

1. Call to Order & Reminder for Public Comment(s) Sign Up
2. Adoption of August 2023 Agenda
3. Approval of July 2023 Minutes
4. Adoption of HLA's 23-24 School Safety Plan
5. Leadership Report
6. Network Report
7. Public Comments
8. Adjournment

Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes

July 11, 2023, 6 pm

Trustees Present

Brian Tobin
Ellen Green
Stella Binkevich
Alice Li

Also Present:

Daniella Steinberg, HOS, HLA

Ksenia Parris, Director of Operations, HLA

Emily Fernandez, Chief Schools Officer, Hebrew Public

Lauren Murphy, Associate Chief of Staff, Hebrew Public

1. Call to Order/Public Comments

Ellen Green called the meeting to order at 6:15 pm and reminded everyone in attendance they can sign up for public comments before 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 July 2023 Agenda

Ellen Green asked for a motion to adopt the July 2023 agenda. Stella Binkevich made the motion, Brian Tobin seconded and the motion unanimously passed.

3. Approval of June 2023 Meeting Minutes

Ellen Green asked for a motion to approve the June 2023 Meeting Minutes. Brian Tobin made the motion, Alice Li seconded and the motion unanimously passed.

4. Nomination of Valerie Khaytina to the Board of Trustees

The board received a copy of Valerie Khaytina's board of trustees application prior to the meeting for review. Ellen Green asked the board if they had any questions or concerns, which they did not. Ellen Green asked for a motion to approve Valerie's nomination to the HLA board of trustees, Alice Li made the motion, Brian Tobin seconded and the motion went to a vote where it unanimously passed with no objections or abstentions.

Formal Board of Trustees Resolution:

*Hebrew Language Academy Charter School Board of Trustees, having reviewed the application in its entirety, has voted to select **Valerie Khaytina** as a member to its Board of Trustees, with a term expiring on **June 30, 2026**, pending approval by the Office of School Design and Charter Partnerships (OSDCP). The resolution approving **Valerie Khaytina** is adopted upon OSDCP's approval.*

5. School Report

Daniella Steinberg shared a presentation with the board and covered the following:

- Registration Update
 - Confirmed registrations are currently ahead of where HLA was last August
 - Total of 140 verified registrations
 - Continuing to register every day
- Summer School
 - Free summer school in HLA's building from 8 - 11:30 AM and then all students have the opportunity to attend camp at Kings Bay Y with transportation provided (all completely free!)
 - Kings Bay Y picks up students at 11:30 AM
 - 100 students signed up
 - HLA Teachers are running the program
 - Working with Lavinia for assessments
- Afterschool Program and Clubs Update for Fall
 - Families have received all of these notices already
 - Free After School Program for K-5
 - Ends at 5:30 PM
 - Capped at 26 for each group- lottery if full
 - Different than last year when there was no cap
 - This is better for students and for staff
 - Afterschool Director added
 - New addition! An HLA teacher has moved into this position
 - Krav Maga, Orchestra, Chess, and Prestige for middle school
 - Still working on finalizing!

- Small groups for intervention and literacy
- Some accelerated groups as well
- Preparing students for specialized testing
- Specials Update
 - Specials for K-4
 - Hebrew Dance (newly added)
 - Physical Education
 - Hebrew Music
 - Theater
 - Specials for 6-8
 - Drawing and Sculpture
 - Orchestra
 - Physical Education
 - Multicultural Dance
 - All specials classes capped at 15 students
 - Very important to have smaller groups in order to get the best results possible
- Professional Development for HLA Staff
 - Begins on August 17th for new staff
 - Begins on August 21st for returning staff
 - Centrally led sessions with Hebrew Public and school-based sessions with HLA Leadership Team
 - Each day begins with Morning Meeting- staff share
 - Team building activities combined with instructional sessions

6. Public Comments

No public comments were made during this time.

7. Executive Session

Stella Binkevich made a motion to enter into executive session at 6:20 pm, Alice Li seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Emily Fernandez led the board through Executive Session.

Ellen Green made the motion to exit the executive session, Brian Tobin seconded, and with no abstentions, the board exited the executive session at 6:34 pm.

The board reviewed the performance of the Head of School, Daniella Steinberg, and unanimously approved a salary adjustment for the next year.



8. Adjournment

Ellen Green asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:35 pm. Alice Li made the motion to adjourn; Brian Tobin seconded and the meeting adjourned. The board will meet next on August 8, 2023.