



HLA Board Meeting Agenda

February 6, 2024, 6 pm

1. Call to Order & Reminder for Public Comment(s) Sign Up
2. Adoption of February 2024 Agenda
3. Approval of January 2024 Minutes
4. Review and Approval 2024/25 School Calendar
5. School Report
6. Network Report
7. Public Comments
8. Adjournment



Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes

January 9, 2024, 6 pm

Trustees Present

Ellen Green
Stella Binkevich
Alice Li
Valerie Khaytina
Mike Tobman

Also Present:

Daniella Steinberg, Head of School, HLA

Lauren Murphy, Associate Chief of Staff, Hebrew Public

2 members of the public

1. Call to Order/Public Comments

Ellen Green called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m. 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. 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 January 2024 Agenda

Ellen Green asked for a motion to adopt the January 2024 agenda. Mike Tobman made the motion, Alice Li seconded and the motion unanimously passed.

3. Approval of December 2023 Meeting Minutes

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

4. Leadership Report

HLA's Head of School, Daniella Steinberg shared a PowerPoint presentation with tons of pictures and covered updates from the past month including the student honor roll ceremony which included a lovely breakfast, Draw Me a City Competition where all schools including affiliate schools participate, the HLA staff holiday party which was held at Buckley's in Brooklyn, Third-grade 1st period shuffle which is being piloted. The shuffle will balance the goal of inclusivity and heterogeneous groupings reaching all students in HLA's instruction. This will provide students at various levels a period of the day to learn on their level and be pushed academically. Ms. Steinberg reviewed all test preparation key concepts and highlighted the 5th & 8th grade computer-based testing plan which provides students ample time to practice—the simulation for math will take place on January 24th. Ms. Steinberg previewed two lower school-wide incentives to work hard- whole class OLAM jars and individual student achievement awards. It's a fun and exciting way to get kids motivated! The new model for the Dean of Students was presented as well.

5. Network Report

Valerie Khaytina recapped the Festival of the Holidays event that took place at HLA in December. The event was inspired by an annual festival celebrated in the city of Haifa in Israel. Each December, HaChag Shel HaChagim is celebrated to highlight the common elements of all major holidays of light: Christmas, Hanukkah, Ramadan, and Diwali- when the light is bursting through the darkness. Our event was a huge success, with over 300 students in attendance with their families, and special performances from our students at HLA & HLA2.

6. Public Comments

No public comments were shared during this time.

7. Adjournment



Ellen Green asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Alice Li made the motion to adjourn at 6:23 pm. Valerie Khaytina seconded, and the meeting adjourned. The board will meet next on February 6, 2024.

2024-2025 HLA Calendar

General Notes:

- September 3: First Day of School (half day)
- June 27: Last Day of School (half day)
- 3:30pm dismissal Monday - Thursday, 1pm dismissal Friday

School Closings

September 2: Labor Day

October 3-4 : Rosh Hashanah

October 14: Indigenous Peoples' Day

November 1: Diwali

November 11: Veterans Day

November 28 - 29: Thanksgiving

December 23 - January 1: Winter break

January 2: Staff PD Day (No Students)

January 20: MLK Day

January 29: Lunar New Year

February 17 - 21: Midwinter Break

March 31: Eid-al-Fitr

April 14 - 18: Spring Break

May 26: Memorial Day

June 6: Eid-al-Adha

June 19: Juneteenth

Half Days

September 3: First Day of School, Half Day for Students (in-person)

November 14: Family Conferences, Half Day for Students (in-person)

November 27: Day before Thanksgiving, Half Day for Students (in-person)

February 6: Family Conferences, Half Day for Students (in-person)

May 1: Family Conferences, Half Day for Students (in-person)

June 26: Half Day for Students (in-person)

June 27: Last Day of School, Half Day for students (in-person)

Remote Days

None

Family Conferences (half day for students)

November 14-15: Q1 Family Conferences

February 6-7: Q2 Family Conferences

May 1-2: Q3 Family Conferences

Marking Periods

Marking Period 1: Tuesday, 9/3 - Friday, 11/8

Marking Period 2: Monday, 11/12 - Friday, 1/31

Marking Period 3: Tuesday 2/3 - Friday, 4/11

Marking Period 4: Monday 4/21 - Friday 6/27

F&P Windows

TBD

State Testing

- NYSITELL Window: Tuesday, September 3 - Friday, September 20
- NYSAA ELA/Math/Sci Assessment: Tuesday, April 29 - Wednesday, May 14
- NYSESLAT Speaking Testing Window (NY) : Monday, April 21 - Friday, May 23
- NYSESLAT Listening, Reading, Writing Testing Window (NY) : Monday, May 12 - Friday, May 23

Hebrew Public Assessments:

- **MAP #1** TBD
- **MAP #2** TBD
- **IA #1**
 - ELA: Wednesday, September 30th (grades 3-8)
 - Math: Wednesday, November 6th (grades 2-8)
- **IA #2**
 - ELA: Wednesday, January 15th & Thursday, January 16th (grades 3-8)
 - Math: Wednesday, January 22nd & Thursday, January 23rd (grades 2-8)