



Hebrew Language Academy 2

HLA2 August Board Meeting

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Date and Time

Tuesday August 27, 2024 at 6:00 PM EDT

Location

Hebrew Language Academy Charter School 2 (2286 Cropsy Ave, Brooklyn, NY 11214).

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Agenda

	Purpose	Presenter
I. Opening Items		
A. Record Attendance		
B. Call the Meeting to Order Call to Order & Reminder for Public Comment(s) Sign Up		Adam Miller
C. Adoption of Agenda	Vote	Adam Miller
D. Approve Minutes Approve minutes for HLA2 Board Meeting on July 16, 2024	Approve Minutes	Adam Miller
II. Board Action		
A. Approval of HLA2 Charter Renewal Application	Vote	Adam Miller
B. Approval of the School Safety Plan 24/25	Vote	Adam Miller
C. Approval of HLA2 Family Handbook 24/25	Vote	Adam Miller
D. Resolution and Vote to elect Joanne Cavanaugh to the Board of Trustees pending approval by NYSED.	Vote	Adam Miller
III. School Report		
A. Head of School Update	FYI	Katie Passley
IV. Network Report		
A. Hebrew Public Update	FYI	Elyse Castellano
V. Public Comments		
A. Review of Public Comments	FYI	Adam Miller
VI. Executive Session		
A. Head of School Evaluation Review	FYI	Emily Fernandez

Purpose Presenter

VII. Board Action

A. Approve Head Of School Evaluation Vote Adam Miller

VIII. Closing Items

A. Adjourn Meeting Vote Adam Miller

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Minutes

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Trustees Present

Adam Miller (remote), Ella Zalkind (remote), Stella Binkevich (remote), Susan Fox (remote), Will Mack (remote)

Trustees Absent

Alice Li, Mike Tobman

Trustees who arrived after the meeting opened

Adam Miller

Guests Present

Elyse Castellano (remote), Katie Passley, Lauren Murphy (remote)

I. Opening Items

A. Record Attendance

B. Call the Meeting to Order

Susan Fox called a meeting of the board of trustees of Hebrew Language Academy 2 to order on Tuesday Jul 16, 2024 at 6:02 PM.

C. Adoption of Agenda

Stella Binkevich made a motion to Adopt the Agenda.

Will Mack seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

D. Approve Minutes

Will Mack made a motion to approve the minutes from June 2024.

Stella Binkevich seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

II. Board Action

A. Proposed Board Resolutions

1. Revising the HLA2 Charter Agreement to Allow for a Maximum Enrollment of 360 Students for K-5
2. Request for Middle School Expansion in the Charter Renewal Application

Elyse Castellano provided an explanation to the board for the proposed revisions mentioned above.

Stella Binkevich made a motion to approve both aforementioned board resolutions.
Ella Zalkind seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

III. Board Discussion

A. Proposed Board Member Addition

The board discussed a proposed addition to the board of trustees. All board members received the proposed board members' resume to review last week. The proposed trustee is an interventionist at HLA Charter School and met with Jon, Katie, and two members of the Governance Committee- Sue & Mike. They all agreed she would be a good asset to the HLA2 Board. The candidate will need to complete all paperwork required by NYSED before being formally voted on by the HLA2 board.

IV. School Report

A. Head of School Update

Katie Passley, Head of School, shared a PowerPoint presentation that covered summer updates including summer school, all staff professional development, building preparation, registration & enrollment. HLA2 has enrolled a total of 124 new students for SY 24-25.

Katie also shared the 24/25 school Priorities:

- Knowing Our Content: Consistent Lessons
- Inventing in Our Teams: Consistent Teaching
- Bringing our Mission to Life: Coherence Across Programs

V. Network Report

A. Hebrew Public Update

Elyse Castellano, CFO/COO of Hebrew Public, provided a brief update and shared headlines from the second-annual summer Operations team professional development, which led training on student information systems, attendance and assessment platforms, and more! Teams gained skills and a problem-solving framework.

Michelle Galeotti continues to support the HLA2 Operations team with the building opening, tech infrastructure, and furniture setup and ensures everything that needs to happen for students & teachers ahead of September is taking place.

Adam Miller arrived.

VI. Public Comments

A. Review of Public Comments

No public comments were made during this time.

VII. Closing Items

A. Adjourn Meeting

Sue shared reminders with the board for end of year paperwork requirements.

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 6:20 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Susan Fox

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