



Staten Island Hebrew Public

Staten Island Hebrew Public Board Meeting

Date and Time

Monday March 24, 2025 at 7:45 PM EDT

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Agenda

	Purpose	Presenter
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I. Opening Items

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| A. | Record Attendance | David Sorkin |
| B. | Call the Meeting to Order | David Sorkin |
| | Call to Order & Reminder for Public Comment(s) Sign Up | |

Purpose Presenter

II. Board Actions

- A. Adoption of the Meeting Agenda Vote David Sorkin
- B. Approve Minutes Approve Minutes David Sorkin

Approve minutes for Staten Island Hebrew Public Board Meeting on February 12, 2025

- C. Resolution and Vote to elect Patricia Tooker to the Staten Island Hebrew Public Board of Trustees pending approval by NYSED Vote David Sorkin

The Staten Island Hebrew Public Charter School Board of Trustees, having conducted a thorough criminal history record check via fingerprinting which is deemed acceptable by NYSED, and having discovered no State or federal criminal history, or having provided information regarding such history to NYSED, if found, and having verified that any academic and/or professional credential or qualification presented by the proposed member is genuine, and having reviewed the application in its entirety, has voted to select Patricia Tooker as a member to its Board of Trustees, with a term expiring on June 30, 2025, pending approval by NYSED. The resolution approving Patricia Tooker is adopted upon NYSED’s approval.

III. School Report

- A. Head of School Report Discuss Amanda Ainley
- B. Executive Director Report Discuss Michael Coppotelli

IV. Network Report

- A. Hebrew Public Leadership Report FYI Emily Fernandez

V. Public Comments

- A. Public Comments FYI David Sorkin

VI. Closing Items

- A. Adjourn Meeting Vote David Sorkin

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Staten Island Hebrew Public

Minutes

Staten Island Hebrew Public Board Meeting

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Wednesday February 12, 2025 at 7:00 PM

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Trustees Present

Anna Maftser, David Sorkin, Ernest Paige (remote), Noemi Zibuts, Rachel Amar

Trustees Absent

Angela Olsen, Bonita Sussman, Sigalit Grego

Guests Present

Amanda Ainley, Emily Fernandez (remote), Lauren Murphy (remote), Michael Coppotelli, Pat Tooker, Prospective Board Member

I. Opening Items

A. Record Attendance

B. Call the Meeting to Order

David Sorkin called a meeting of the board of trustees of Staten Island Hebrew Public to order on Wednesday Feb 12, 2025 at 7:14 PM.

II. Board Actions

A. Adoption of the Meeting Agenda

Anna Maftser made a motion to adopt the February 2025 meeting agenda.

Noemi Zibuts seconded the motion.

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

B. Approve Minutes

Anna Maftser made a motion to approve the minutes from Staten Island Hebrew Public Board Meeting on 01-22-25.

Noemi Zibuts seconded the motion.

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

C. Resolution to Change the Total Number of Days for the School Year Pending NYSED Approval

Rachel Amar made a motion to adopt a resolution to change the total number of days in the school year to 180 days pending NYSED approval.

Anna Maftser seconded the motion.

Michael Coppotelli provided an explanation for decreasing the number of school days and aligning the school calendar with the DOE calendar. The total number of school days will be 180 days if approved by NYSED.

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

D. Approval of the 2025-26 Academic Calendar

Anna Maftser made a motion to approve the 25-26 academic calendar.

Noemi Zibuts seconded the motion.

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

III. School Report

A. Head of School Report

Amanda Ainley led an Education Committee meeting prior to the board meeting where she reviewed all of the school's testing data with the board.

Michael Coppotelli addressed the academic achievement and shared more about collaboration with Hebrew Public Network team and curriculum vision.

Some recent school highlights include:

- Staten Island Borough President visited to tour the school
- School Culture
 - In celebration of Respect for All Week, from Monday, February 10th to Friday, February 14th, the school community will participate in various activities and theme days to promote kindness, diversity, and inclusivity among students and staff. Each day will have a special theme to encourage participation and unity.
 - **Monday, 2/10 – Pajama Day:** "We are putting bullying to bed!" Students are encouraged to wear their pajamas to school
 - **Tuesday, 2/11 – Kindness Day & 100 Days of School:** Students will participate in a schoolwide activity, filling each other's hearts with kindness. Students can dress up as all things related to the 100th day of school
 - **Wednesday, 2/12 – Diversity Day:** Students are encouraged to wear clothing that represents their culture
 - **Thursday, 2/13 – Twin Day:** Each student will be randomly assigned a twin in their class. Teachers will inform students who their twin is and what color to wear Students can coordinate outfits to be as creative as possible!
 - **Friday, 2/14 – Spread Love Day:** Students are encouraged to wear red, white, or pink to celebrate either the 100th day of school or Valentine's Day
 - All of these initiatives help with student attendance and spreading joy in the building.
- Student Enrollment
 - Currently at 191 students
 - Setting goals for conversion rates in terms of applications to enrollment
 - Typically, 50% of the applicants apply and attend; so the goal is for around the 75% to 80% conversion rate
 - Currently, 82 new applications for next year
 - Continuing with aggressive student recruitment marketing

IV. Executive Director Report

A. School Facilities

Michael Coppotelli provided a brief update to the board regarding building facilities. This was discussed extensively last month. SIHP is looking to expand its space into the

building next door. Michael continues to meet with the landlords often and has an upcoming meeting with DBI- construction consultants.

B. School Staffing Update for SY25-26

SIHP has hired an additional MLL interventionist. The goal for the future is to have an interventionist at every grade level. Leadership has met with the Network Team to discuss priorities for staffing needs next school year.

C. Finance Update

Michael shared that next year's school budget planning is in progress and he has been working closely with the CFO at Hebrew Public to ensure all staffing positions are accounted for. Hebrew Public has been largely subsidizing the school but that will no longer be the case for next year. The school will also be responsible for paying the management fee.

D. Scheduling a Finance Committee meeting via Zoom for one hour on the week of Feb 23

Given time constraints, this item was not discussed.

V. Network Report

A. Hebrew Public Leadership Report

Emily Fernandez, Chief Schools Officer provided a brief report on Network parallels:

- HLA just completed their renewal process and will hear about their result in the spring
- HLA2 is also in the charter renewal process and currently waiting for the NY Board of Regent's vote including middle school expansion
- Philly received their 5-year charter renewal last spring
- Supporting a charter in Stamford CT which was approved a month ago
 - Funding for the school will be a separate legislative session

VI. Public Comments

A. Public Comments

No public comments were received.

VII. Closing Items

A. Adjourn Meeting

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 8:14 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
David Sorkin

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