



Hebrew Language Academy

HLA Board Meeting

Date and Time

Tuesday April 8, 2025 at 6:00 PM EDT

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Agenda

		Purpose	Presenter	Time
I.	Opening Items			6:00 PM
	A. Record Attendance		Ellen Green	
	B. Call the Meeting to Order		Ellen Green	
II.	Board Actions			
	A. Adoption of the Meeting Agenda for April 2025	Vote	Ellen Green	
	B. Approval of Previous Minutes	Approve Minutes	Ellen Green	
	Approve minutes for HLA Board Meeting on March 4, 2025			
III.	School Report			
	A. School Leader Report	FYI	Daniella Steinberg	
IV.	Network Report			
	A. Report from Hebrew Public Leadership	FYI	Valerie Khaytina	
V.	Public Comments			
	A. Review of Public Comments			
VI.	Closing Items			
	A. Adjourn Meeting	Vote	Ellen Green	

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Minutes

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Trustees Present

Alice Li (remote), Brian Tobin (remote), Ellen Green (remote), Stella Binkevich (remote), Valerie Khaytina (remote)

Trustees Absent

Mike Tobman

Guests Present

Daniella Steinberg, Gerard Del Rosario, Lauren Murphy (remote)

I. Opening Items

A. Record Attendance

B. Call the Meeting to Order

Stella Binkevich called a meeting of the board of trustees of Hebrew Language Academy to order on Tuesday Mar 4, 2025 at 6:02 PM.

II. Board Actions

A. Adoption of the Meeting Agenda for February & March 2025

Ellen Green made a motion to adopt the meeting agendas for February & March 2025.

Stella Binkevich seconded the motion.

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

B. Approve Minutes from January 2025

Valerie Khaytina made a motion to approve the minutes from HLA Board Meeting on 01-07-25.

Stella Binkevich seconded the motion.

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

C. Approve Minutes from February 2025

Valerie Khaytina made a motion to approve the minutes from HLA Board Meeting on 02-04-25.

Stella Binkevich seconded the motion.

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

D. Approval of Academic Calendar for FY26

Ellen Green made a motion to approve the Academic Calendar for FY26.

Stella Binkevich seconded the motion.

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

III. School Report

A. School Leader Report

Daniella Steinberg shared the following with the board:

Black History Month Showcase: Held on February 27, the event was a collaboration between music and dance teachers, featuring performances from every Lower School class and select teachers. Themed around the 1920s, the showcase was a great success, with highlight videos shared.

KPI Dashboard: Goals were reviewed, with the interim ELA assessment goal met while the Math goal was not. Efforts continue to increase certified teachers, with no vacancies currently. Attendance goals were nearly met, and applications exceeded last year's numbers. Enrollment reached 85% of authorized capacity, with ongoing efforts to increase kindergarten enrollment.

Test Prep Launch: ELA test prep begins next week, with a 65% proficiency goal for ELA and 70% for Math. A structured test prep cycle involves daily assessments, real-time data analysis, targeted instruction, and daily teacher huddles to set goals and respond to trends. Teachers will implement small-group instruction and adjust strategies as needed to support students close to proficiency.

CBT Rollout: The transition to computer-based testing (CBT) follows a phased approach: Q1 focused on orientation, Q2 introduced digital platforms, Q3 intensified practice, and Q4 will emphasize full test preparation. Students are being trained in essential CBT skills to ensure testing success.

Public Hearing Reminder: HLA's renewal hearing is scheduled for tomorrow. Members of the school community and board members are encouraged to attend.

IV. Public Comments

A. Review of Public Comments

No public comments at this time.

V. 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 6:19 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Alice Li

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