



Hebrew Language Academy Charter School 2 (HLA2)

HLA2 Board Meeting

Date and Time

Tuesday April 22, 2025 at 6:00 PM EDT

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Agenda

	Purpose	Presenter
I. Opening Items		
A. Record Attendance		Adam Miller
B. Call the Meeting to Order		Adam Miller
Call to Order & Reminder for Public Comment(s) Sign Up		
II. Board Actions		
A. Adoption of the Meeting Agenda	Vote	Adam Miller
B. Approve Minutes	Approve Minutes	Adam Miller
Approve minutes for HLA2 March Board Meeting on March 11, 2025		
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. Closing Items		
A. Adjourn Meeting	Vote	Adam Miller

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Minutes

HLA2 March Board Meeting

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Trustees Present

Adam Miller (remote), Alice Li (remote), Ella Zalkind (remote), Joanne Cavanaugh (remote), Stella Binkevich (remote), Susan Fox (remote), Will Mack (remote)

Trustees Absent

Mike Tobman

Guests Present

Lauren Murphy (remote), Valencia Chapman-Thompson, Valerie Khaytina (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 Charter School 2 (HLA2) to order on Tuesday Mar 11, 2025 at 6:01 PM.

II. Board Actions

A. Adoption of the Meeting Agenda

Will Mack made a motion to adopt the agenda.
Susan Fox seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

B. Approve Minutes

Susan Fox made a motion to approve the minutes from HLA2 Board Meeting on 02-11-25.
Stella Binkevich seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

III. School Report

A. Head of School Update

Valencia Chapman-Thompson, Assistant Head of School & Academic Dean K-2, walked the board through the KPI dashboard for the month and shared the following enrollment update:

Key performance indicators were reviewed, with goals met for chronic absenteeism, out-of-school suspensions, and organizational capacity, as all full-time positions are filled. Student attendance is at 91%, with efforts ongoing to reach 95%. Enrollment and new student applications targets have been met, though work continues on kindergarten and

K-5 enrollment. Legal compliance goals have been achieved, with no excess of uncertified teachers.

Currently, there are 350 students in Pre-K through 5th grade, and applications have increased by 54% from last year. Enrollment is projected to reach 378 for the 2025-26 school year, about an 8% increase.

IV. Network Report

A. Hebrew Public Update

Valerie Khaytina provided the Network Update, highlighting ongoing work on staffing and budget planning for next year. Student recruitment efforts for HLA2 are progressing well, with strong community interest and positive word-of-mouth. There is optimism about opening middle school applications, with expectations that many current families will continue.

Additionally, the network is closely monitoring recent news regarding the potential deportation of 240,000 Ukrainians, which could significantly impact many school families. Preparations are underway to support affected families, though the hope is that they will be able to remain in the U.S.

The board discussed the ongoing challenges faced by Ukrainian students and families due to recent policy changes, including the potential elimination of Temporary Protected Status (TPS) and the abrupt end of the Uniting for Ukraine program. Concerns were raised about the uncertainty surrounding their immigration status and the emotional toll on students who have settled into the school community.

Board members emphasized the school's role in providing emotional and social support to students facing instability. Efforts to support families include pro bono legal assistance and community outreach. The school has successfully integrated Ukrainian students, with many demonstrating strong adaptation and language skills.

The board also acknowledged the potential impact on enrollment and the budget if families are forced to leave. Ukrainian parents have been actively involved in student recruitment, and new families continue to enroll due to the school's strong support system. Board members reiterated their commitment to providing a welcoming and stable environment for all vulnerable families during these uncertain times.

V. Public Comments

A. Review of Public Comments

No public comments were received during this time.

VI. 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 6:14 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Susan Fox

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