



Board of Trustees Meeting Agenda

July 16, 2025, 11 am

1. Call to Order & Public Comment Reminder
2. Adoption of July 2025 Agenda
3. Approval of June 2025 Minutes
4. Review of the Proposed Internet Safety Policy & Distraction-Free School Policy
5. School Report
 - Head of School Report
 - Executive Director Report
6. Network Report
7. Public Comments
8. Adjournment

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Staten Island Hebrew Public

Minutes

Staten Island Hebrew Public Board Meeting

Date and Time

Monday June 16, 2025 at 7:00 PM

Meeting Location:

Regina M. McGinn, MD, Educational Education Center
Staten Island University Hospital
475 Seaview Avenue, 2nd Floor, Staten Island, NY 10305

Trustees Present

Bonita Sussman, David Sorkin, Ernest Paige (remote), Noemi Zibuts (remote), Pat Tooker, Rachel Amar, Sigalit Grego (remote)

Trustees Absent

Angela Olsen, Anna Maftser

Guests Present

Amanda Ainley, Ed Burke, Prospective Board Member, Lauren Murphy (remote), Michael Coppotelli, Valerie Khaytina

I. Opening Items

A. Record Attendance

B. Call the Meeting to Order

Pat Tooker called a meeting of the board of trustees of Staten Island Hebrew Public to order on Monday Jun 16, 2025 at 7:07 PM.

II. Routine Board Actions

A. Adoption of the Meeting Agenda

Bonita Sussman made a motion to adopt the June 2025 meeting agenda.

Rachel Amar seconded the motion.

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

B. Approve Minutes

Pat Tooker made a motion to approve the minutes from Staten Island Hebrew Public Board Meeting on 05-22-25.

Bonita Sussman seconded the motion.

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

III. Annual Meeting Action Items

A. Review and Approve 2025/26 Budget

Pat Tooker made a motion to approve the 2025/26 budget.

Bonita Sussman seconded the motion.

The board discussed the budget

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

B. Review and Approve 2025/26 Vendor List

Bonita Sussman made a motion to approve the 2025/26 vendor list.

Rachel Amar seconded the motion.

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

C. Review and Approve 2025/26 Board and Committee Meeting Dates

Rachel Amar made a motion to approve the 2025/26 Board and Committee Meeting Dates.

Bonita Sussman seconded the motion.

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

D. Approve Board Officer Roles for 2025/26

Pat Tooker made a motion to Approve Board Officer Roles for 2025/26.

Rachel Amar seconded the motion.

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

E. Board Member Term Renewals through June 30, 2028

Bonita Sussman made a motion to approve the Board Member Term Renewals through June 30, 2028.

Noemi Zibuts seconded the motion.

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

F. Preview 2025/26 School Safety Plan

The plan will be voted on during the August meeting— as per Section 155.17 of the Commissioner of Education's Regulations, charter schools **do** have to draft, publicly notice, and adopt a safety plan with a 30-day public comment period.

That period will begin on July 1, the safety plan will be posted to the school's website.

IV. School Report

A. Head of School Report & Executive Director Report

The Head of School, Amanda Ainley gave an in-depth education and data review alongside the Executive Director, Michael Coppotelli. They shared the following:

School State Visit:

- Paulo from NYSED conducted a positive, full-day visit on June 10.
- Feedback focused on key benchmarks for the upcoming renewal:
 - **Enrollment:** Informal reduction acknowledged; formal revision expected next year.
 - **Special Education (SPED):** SPED population increased to 12% (targeting district average of 24%). Consideration of IEP lottery preference discussed.
 - **MLL (Multilingual Learners):** School has 18–20% MLL population (higher than district avg. of 13%). New MLL staff added to meet mandated instructional hours.
 - Charter Amendments
 - Branding
 - Data & Key Performance Indicators

Hebrew Language Assessment (STAMP):

- STAMP assessments were implemented for the first time at the school.
- Promising initial results in 3rd grade (especially in listening and reading).
- Future goals include teacher certification through STAMP and participation in the Global Seal of Biliteracy pathway.

Academic Data (MAP Assessments):

- **ELA Achievement:** Grew from 44% to 48% meeting/exceeding national norms from Fall to Spring.

- **Math Achievement:** Rose significantly from 64% to 71% during the same period.
- **Growth Metrics:**
 - ELA: 60% met expected growth by Spring.
 - Math: 70% met expected growth.
- Predictive proficiency for 3rd graders on State Exams:
 - ELA: Increased from 32% (Winter) to 44% (Spring).
 - Math: Increased from 64% to 85%.
- School outperformed neighboring public schools in math; ELA shows continued room for improvement, especially considering high MLL population.

Staffing & Certification:

- SI has the highest number of certified staff in the network (74% certified, exceeding compliance).
- 4 staff certified this year; 6 certified hires for next year.
- SUNY Science of Reading micro-credential mandated for all staff—completion/enrollment on track.
- Partnerships with Touro, Wagner, and College of Staten Island to grow local teacher pipeline.
- Hosted 20 student teachers in the spring.

Enrollment Update:

- 52 Kindergarten students enrolled (up from 53 last year) application pool grew from 149 to 222.
- Enrollment currently at 185 students.
- 80% of student attrition due to families moving off Staten Island.
- Ongoing recruitment efforts via JCC, North Shore Alliance, and community partners.

V. Network Report

A. Hebrew Public Leadership Update

Valerie Khaytina provided a recap of the recent national event hosted by Hebrew Public and shared updates on ongoing fundraising efforts to support the network's signature "secret sauce" programs. These initiatives focus on Hebrew language education, Israeli culture, and global citizenship.

Valerie also highlighted the launch of an annual national 8th-grade trip to Washington, D.C., which began last year and included students from three schools. The update concluded with a video of the D.C. trip to showcase the student experience, and Valerie shared her hope that future SIHP graduates will join similar opportunities, including future trips to Israel.

VI. Public Comments

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No public comments were made during this time.

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 8:13 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
David Sorkin

Staten Island Hebrew Public is an exceptional, diverse public charter school that teaches Modern Hebrew to children of all backgrounds and prepares them to be successful global citizens.