



HLA Board Meeting Agenda

February 10, 2026, 6 pm

1. Call to Order & Reminder for Public Comment(s) Sign Up
2. Adoption of February 2026 Agenda
3. Approval of January 2026 Minutes
4. School Report
5. Network Report
6. Public Comments
7. Adjournment



Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes

January 6, 2026, 6 pm

Meeting Locations: 2186 Mill Ave, Brooklyn, NY 11234 & Zoom

Trustees Present

Ellen Green
Valerie Khaytina
Mike Tobman
Stella Binkevich

Also Present:

Daniella Steinberg, Head of School, HLA

Gerard Del Rosario, Director of Operations, HLA

Lauren Murphy, Director of External Relations, Hebrew Public

1. Call to Order

Ellen Green called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m. and reminded members of the public that at this time, they may sign up to make a public comment; they also may sign up before all board meetings by emailing boardhla@hebrewpublic.org.

2. Adoption of January 2026 Agenda

Ellen Green asked for a motion to adopt the January 2026 meeting agenda. Mike Tobman made a motion, and Valerie Khaytina seconded the motion. The board voted unanimously to approve the motion.

3. Approval of December 2025 Meeting Minutes

Ellen Green asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the December 2025 meeting. Mike Tobman made the motion, and Valerie Khaytina seconded the motion. The board voted unanimously to approve the motion.

4. School Leadership Report

Daniella Steinberg provided an update highlighting school culture, student engagement, and operations. Recent events included a highly successful K-4 Winter Dance, crafts representing multiple winter holidays, and strong family feedback. The K-4 Winter Show was well attended and featured student performances, the color guard, and the dance team. Additional school activities included the annual Ugly Sweater Competition and Winter Olympics, with awards given out supported by parent volunteers and the PTO.



The HLA dashboard was reviewed, noting no current staff vacancies and continued progress toward teacher certification, with many staff nearing completion requirements. Attendance remains an area of focus during the winter months, with biweekly attendance meetings held to monitor and support chronically absent students.

The board discussed the update, and no action was taken.

5. Network Report

Valerie Khaytina provided a network update, noting that all schools are administering interim ELA and math assessments, with network and school teams using the results to inform targeted instructional adjustments ahead of state exams. Early planning for the upcoming school year is underway at the network level in close collaboration with operations, and an application has been submitted for a National Security Grant to support security staffing and systems across the three NYC schools. Direct mail postcards were delivered to homes, and holiday outreach was sent to prospective families to maintain enrollment momentum. Next month, two teachers from HLA will be traveling to Israel as part of the leadership trip with the 8th-grade Capstone students from across the network.

The board discussed the update, and no action was taken.

6. Public Comments

No public comments were received.

7. Adjournment

Ellen Green adjourned the meeting at 6:21 pm. The board will meet next on February 10, 2026.