



Board Meeting Agenda

May 19, 2026, 6 pm

1. Call to Order & Reminder for Public Comment(s) Sign Up
2. Adoption of April & May 2026 Agenda
3. Approval of March & April 2026 Minutes
4. Approval of 2026-27 School Calendar
5. Approval of 2026-27 Board Calendar
6. School Report
7. Network Report
8. Public Comments
9. Adjournment



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Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes

Meeting Location: 2286 Cropsey Ave, Brooklyn, NY 11214, and Zoom

April 21, 2026, 6 pm

Trustees Present

Mike Tobman
Will Mack
Joanne Cavanaugh

Also Present:

Katie Passley, Head of School, HLA2

Michelle Galeotti, Managing Director of School Operations, Hebrew Public

Lauren Murphy, Director of External Relations, Hebrew Public

1. Call to Order

Mike Tobman welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

2. Adoption of the April 2026 Agenda

There was no quorum, so the agenda could not be adopted.

3. Approval of March 2026 Meeting Minutes

There was no quorum, so the minutes could not be approved.

4. School Leadership Report

Katie Passley presented a PowerPoint update to the Board that included highlights from the school's first STEM showcase, where 5th and 6th-grade students presented science and technology projects to their families, and younger students had the opportunity to visit and engage with the exhibits.

An enrollment update was shared, noting that as of this week, the school has received 417 applications, exceeding the same point last year. Leadership continues outreach to families following the lottery, including personalized calls and enrollment events to support registration.



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Key performance indicators were reviewed, including meeting winter ELA and math assessment goals, progress toward reducing chronic absenteeism, with the school now meeting its target, and overall attendance at approximately 91%. Teacher certification progress was also discussed, with additional staff enrolled in the Touro program, several teachers recently passing certification exams, and recruitment efforts prioritizing certified candidates.

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

5. Network Report

Michelle Galeotti provided a network update, noting a focus on state exam preparation through data-driven instruction and targeted small group support, alongside planning for the upcoming school year, including schedules, curriculum, staffing, and systems. She shared that Network Operations is supporting schools to ensure readiness for state testing, including logistics, data accuracy, accommodations, and device preparation, as well as reviewing vendor contracts and anticipated expenses for next year. Talent efforts are ongoing in Hebrew Public, and are in peak hiring season, currently 41% toward staffing goals and on track to be fully staffed by summer, alongside completion of spring teacher evaluations and preparation for salary renewals. The FY27 budget development and interim audit preparations are underway.

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

6. Public Comments

No public comments were received.

7. Adjournment

Mike Tobman adjourned the meeting at 6:15 pm. The board will meet next on May 19, 2026.



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Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes

Meeting Location: 2286 Cropsey Ave, Brooklyn, NY 11214, and Zoom

March 17, 2026, 6 pm

Trustees Present

Mike Tobman
Sue Fox
Joanne Cavanaugh
Alice Li
Ella Zalkind

Also Present:

Katie Passley, Head of School, HLA2

Michelle Galeotti, Managing Director of School Operations, Hebrew Public

Lauren Murphy, Director of External Relations, Hebrew Public

1. Call to Order

Mike Tobman welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

2. Adoption of the March 2026 Agenda

Mike Tobman made a motion to adopt the March 2026 meeting agenda. Sue Fox seconded the motion. The board voted unanimously to approve the motion.

3. Approval of February 2026 & March 10, 2026 Special Meeting Minutes

Joanne Cavanaugh made a motion to approve the February 2026 & March 10, 2026 Special Meeting minutes, and Mike Tobman seconded the motion. The board voted unanimously to approve the motion.



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4. Approval of Amendment to Credit Card Policy within the Financial Policies & Procedures

Joanne Cavanaugh made a motion to approve the amendment to the Credit Card Policy within the Financial Policies & Procedures. Mike Tobman seconded. The board voted unanimously to approve the motion.

5. School Leadership Report

Katie Passley presented a PowerPoint update to the Board from a recent student assembly featuring the Zuzu Acrobats, providing an engaging cultural experience through music, dance, and student participation. An enrollment update was shared, noting that as of March 8, the school has received 331 applications and is projecting strong enrollment, with plans to add 10-11 sections next year pending program approval.

Key performance indicators were reviewed, including internal assessment results showing the school exceeded targets in both ELA and math. Ongoing efforts to address attendance were discussed, with current rates at 91% and chronic absenteeism at 36%. Additional updates included a current staffing need for a social worker covering a maternity leave and continued progress toward teacher certification, with staff awaiting licensure and others entering certification programs.

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

6. Network Report

Michelle Galeotti provided an update, noting that Network Operations is currently meeting with each Head of School to review OTSP budget lines in support of FY27 budget development. She shared that Talent has finalized staffing plans aligned with projected enrollment and program goals, which are now guiding hiring targets for the upcoming season, and has completed a compensation analysis comparing teacher salary scales with district peers, with recommendations forthcoming. The FY27 budget development is underway across the network. In recruitment, schools have continued outreach through participation in local Purim events, and a second family mailer has been distributed. The second Board Leadership Forum will take place on March 26 and will focus on academic achievement trends and preparation for state exams.

7. Public Comments

No public comments were received.

8. Adjournment

Mike Tobman adjourned the meeting at 6:12 pm. The board will meet next on April 21, 2026.



2026-2027 HLA2 Calendar

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General Notes:

- September 2: First Day of School (half day)
- June 25: Last Day of School (half day)
- 3:30pm dismissal Monday - Thursday, 1pm dismissal Friday
- Instructional Days: 182

School Closings

September 7: Labor Day

September 21: Yom Kippur

October 12: Indigenous People's Day

November 11: Veterans' Day

November 26 - 27: Thanksgiving Break

December 24 - January 1: Winter Break

January 18: MLK Day

February 15 - 19: Midwinter Break

March 9: Eid-al-Fitr

March 26: Good Friday

April 22 - 30: Spring Break

May 17: Eid-al-Adha

May 31: Memorial Day

June 18: Juneteenth

Half Days

September 2: First Day of School, Half Day for Students (in-person)

September 3: Second Day of School, Half Day for Students (in-person)

November 19- 20: Family Conferences, Half Day for Students (in-person)

November 25: Thanksgiving Break, Half Day for Students (in-person)

December 23: Winter Break, Half Day for Students (in-person)

January 28 - 29: Family Conferences, Half Day for Students (in-person)

April 15 - 16: Family Conferences, Half Day for Students (in-person)

April 21: Spring Break, Half Day for Students (in-person)

June 24: Second to Last Day of School, Half Day for Students (in-person)

June 25: Last Day of School, Half Day for Students (in-person)

Remote Days

None, unless DOE calls a Snow/Emergency Day. In the event of a school closure, we will generally follow the DOE and implement a remote school day.

Family Conferences (half day for students)

Q1 Family Conferences: November 19- 20

Q2 Family Conferences: January 28 - 29

Q3 Family Conferences: April 15 - 16

Marking Periods

Marking Period 1: September 2 - November 6

Marking Period 2: November 9 - January 15

Marking Period 3: January 19 - April 2

Marking Period 4: April 5 - June 25

State Testing

NYS ELA/Math/Sci Assessment Window: Monday, April 5 - Friday, May 14



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HLA2 2026-27 Board Meeting Dates

Tuesday, July 14

Tuesday, August 11

Tuesday, September 15

Tuesday, October 20

Tuesday, November 17

Tuesday, December 15

Tuesday, January 19, 2027

Tuesday, February 23

Tuesday, March 23

Tuesday, April 13

Tuesday, May 18

Tuesday, June 22

** All meetings will begin at 6:00 pm unless otherwise noted.



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HLA2 2026-27 Committee Meeting Dates

E&A Committee Meetings:

- #1. November 17 (*After the board meeting*)
- #2. February 23 (*After the board meeting*)
- #3. June 15 (*After the board meeting*)

Finance Committee Meetings:

- #1. Wednesday, October 21 at 3 pm
- #2. Wednesday, February 3 at 3 pm
- #3. Wednesday, April 28 at 3 pm
- #4. Wednesday, June 9 at 3 pm