Hebrew Language Academy 2
CHARTER SCHOOL

Board Meeting Agenda

July 14, 2026, 6 pm

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

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Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes

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

June 23, 2026, 6 pm

Trustees Present

Mike Tobman
Sue Fox
Joanne Cavanaugh
Alice Li
Ella Zalkind

Also Present:

Valencia Chapman-Thompson, Assistant Head of School, HLA2
Michelle Galeotti, Managing Director of School Operations, Hebrew Public
Emily Fernandez, Chief Schools Officer, 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 June 2026 Agenda**
   Mike Tobman asked for a motion to adopt the June 2026 meeting agenda. Sue Fox made a motion, and Ella Zalkind seconded the motion. The board voted unanimously to approve the motion.

3. **Approval of May 2026 & June 8, 2026, Special Meeting Minutes**
   Mike Tobman asked for a motion to approve the May 2026 & June 8, 2026, special meeting minutes. Ella Zalkind made a motion to approve, and Joanne Cavanaugh seconded the motion. The board voted unanimously to approve the motion.

4. **Approval of 2026-27 SY Budget**
   On June 10, 2026, the Finance Committee met to review the financial projections and proposed budget for the 2026-27 school year. The Committee recommended that the Board adopt the 2026-27 budget as presented. Mike Tobman made a motion to approve the 2026-27 SY Budget, and Joanne Cavanaugh seconded the motion. The board voted unanimously to approve the motion.

5. **Approval of 2026-27 Significant Contracts & Other Operational Spend**
   Mike Tobman made a motion to approve the Significant Contracts & Other Operational Spend, and Sue Fox seconded the motion. The board voted unanimously to approve the motion.

6. **Approval of Amendment to FY2026 Sublease Agreement**
   The Board considered an amendment to the FY2026 Sublease Agreement reflecting a reduction in rent for the January–June 2026 period. Mike Tobman moved to approve the amendment; Joanne Cavanaugh seconded the motion, and the board voted unanimously to approve the motion.

7. **Approval of Amendment to Fees Section of the Educational Services Agreement**
   The Board considered an amendment to the Educational Services Agreement between HLA 2 and Hebrew Public, revising the definition of Gross Revenues to include facilities aid, facilities-related public funding, and rental assistance in the calculation of the Management Fee. Mike Tobman moved to approve the amendment; Sue Fox seconded the motion, and the board voted unanimously to approve the motion.

8. **Approve Board Officer Roles for 2026/27**
   Mike Tobman asked for a motion to approve the following board officer roles for 2026/27: Mike Tobman, Chair; Sue Fox, Treasurer; and Alice Li, Secretary. Sue Fox made the motion, and Alice Li seconded the motion. The board voted unanimously to approve the motion.

9. **Board Member Term Renewal through June 30, 2029**
   Mike Tobman made a motion to approve three-year term renewals for Sue Fox, Will Mack, and Alice Li through June 30, 2029. Joanne Cavanaugh seconded the motion. The board voted unanimously to approve the motion.

10. **Preview 2026/27 School Safety Plans**
    The 26/27 school safety plans 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, and the safety plan will be posted to the school's website.

11. **School Leadership Report**
    Valencia Chapman-Thompson presented a PowerPoint update to the Board that included highlights from the final month of the school year, including the Civics Pilot Capstone Project and student trips to Nickelodeon Universe. An enrollment update was shared, noting that projected enrollment for the upcoming school year reflects nearly 20% growth year over year. Key performance indicators were reviewed through the school's monthly dashboard, including updates on enrollment and other operational and academic metrics.

12. **Network Report**

Michelle Galeotti provided a network update, highlighting strong staff retention and recruitment efforts across Hebrew Public schools, including a 93% offer acceptance rate for new hires. She also shared updates on employee benefits enrollment, summer enrollment initiatives, the annual leadership retreat, and the recent Washington, D.C. Summit for eighth-grade students from across the network.

13. Public Comments

No public comments were received.

14. Executive Session

Mike Tobman made a motion to enter into the Executive Session. Sue Fox seconded the motion, and it was passed unanimously.

Emily Fernandez presented the Head of School evaluation and a compensation review.

Mike Tobman made a motion to exit the executive session, Sue Fox seconded the motion, and it was passed unanimously.

Upon returning to public session, Mike Tobman made a motion to approve the Head of School evaluation, including a compensation adjustment. Joanne Cavanaugh seconded the motion, and it was approved unanimously by the Board.

15. Adjournment

Mike Tobman adjourned the meeting at 6:40 pm. The board will meet next on July 14, 2026.