



Board Of Trustees Meeting Agenda

October 20, 2026 | 6 pm

Meeting Locations: 2286 Cropsey Ave, Brooklyn, NY 11214 & Zoom

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

Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes

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September 15, 2026, 6 pm

Trustees Present

Mike Tobman
Sue Fox
Joanne Cavanaugh
Ella Zalkind

Also Present:

Katie Passley, Head of School, HLA2

Michelle Galeotti, Managing Director of School Operations, Hebrew Public

Valerie Khaytina, Chief External Officer, Hebrew Public

Lauren Murphy, Director of External Relations, Hebrew Public

I. Call to Order

Mike Tobman welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

2. Adoption of the September 2026 Agenda

Mike Tobman asked for a motion to adopt the September 2026 meeting agenda. Sue Fox made a motion, and Joanne Cavanaugh seconded the motion. The board voted unanimously to approve the motion.

3. Approval of August 2026 Meeting Minutes

Mike Tobman made a motion to approve the August 2026 meeting minutes. Joanne Cavanaugh seconded the motion. The board voted unanimously to approve the motion.

4. Approval of Retirement Plan Transition to Verdara

Mike Tobman asked for a motion to approve the retirement plan transition to Verdara for HLA2 staff. Sue Fox made a motion to approve; Ella Zalkind seconded the motion, and it was approved unanimously.

5. School Leadership Report

Katie Passley provided a school update, highlighting a successful start to the school year, including Back-to-School Night, expanded free after-school programming, and a recent literacy walkthrough with Relay. Current enrollment is 537 students in Pre-K through 7th grade, with the team continuing to monitor enrollment and fill available seats from the waitlist.

6. Network Report

Michelle Galeotti provided a network update, sharing that all four schools successfully opened for the 2026–27 school year, with diagnostic assessments underway and teams reviewing recent state exam results to inform instructional planning. The network welcomed 56 new staff members, with all schools more than 96% staffed and recruitment continuing for remaining vacancies. Staff also transitioned to a new health insurance option for the fiscal year.

7. Hebrew Public Branding Update

Valerie Khaytina presented an overview of Hebrew Public’s planned rebrand to Olam, which follows approximately a year of research, stakeholder feedback, and testing.

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

8. Public Comments

No public comments were received.

9. Adjournment

Mike Tobman adjourned the meeting at 6:39 pm. The board will meet next on October 20, 2026.