



Board Of Trustees Meeting Agenda

October 14, 2026 | 6:30 pm

Meeting Locations: 829 Father Capodanno Blvd., Staten Island, NY 10305 & 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 Meeting Minutes
4. Leadership Report
5. Public Comments
6. Executive Session
7. Adjournment



Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes

September 9, 2026, 6:30 PM

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Trustees Present

Noemi Zibuts
David Sorkin
Rachel Amar
Angela Olsen
Bonita Sussman
Wayne Rosenfeld
Ernest Paige

Others Present:

Amanda Ainley, HOS, Staten Island Hebrew Public

Valerie Khaytina, Chief External Officer, Hebrew Public

Emily Hurst, Chief Strategy & Talent Officer, Hebrew Public

Jon Rosenberg, CEO, Hebrew Public

Lauren Murphy, Director of External Relations, Hebrew Public

1. Call to Order

David Sorkin made a motion to start the meeting at 6:33 pm.

2. Board Action: Adoption of September 2026 Meeting Agenda

David Sorkin asked for a motion to adopt the September 2026 meeting agenda. Noemi Zibuts made the motion, Ernest Paige seconded, and the motion was carried unanimously.

3. Board Action: Approval of August 2026 Minutes & August Special Meeting Minutes

David Sorkin asked for a motion to approve the August 2026 Minutes & August Special Meeting Minutes. Wayne Rosenfeld made the motion, Ernest Paige seconded, and the motion was carried unanimously.

4. Board Action: Approval of Retirement Plan Transition to Verdara

Representatives from Verdara presented an overview of the proposed transition to its pooled employer retirement plan. The presentation highlighted reduced plan costs, expanded administrative and fiduciary support, participant education, and access to a guaranteed lifetime income option. The existing employer match of up to 5% will remain unchanged. Board members asked questions regarding employee participation and plan continuity and received clarification from the Verdara team.

Wayne Rosenfeld moved to approve the retirement plan transition to Verdara, and Ernest Paige seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously, with no objections or abstentions.

5. Leadership Report

Amanda Ainley provided a school update covering the start of the school year, staffing, attendance, academic programming, enrollment, facilities, and charter renewal. The school reported strong 2025–26 state assessment results, particularly in Math, and projected enrollment of approximately 295 students. Construction of the additional facility remains on track and is currently in the inspection and sign-off phase.

The charter renewal application was submitted to NYSED on September 2 with nine letters of support. The Board was reminded of the upcoming renewal preparation session and the October 20–21 site visit, which will include a Board Focus Group with the authorizer. Leadership also reviewed expectations for responding to press inquiries and provided an update on Hebrew Public's rebranding initiative.

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

6. Public Comments

There were no public comments made during the meeting.

7. Adjournment

David Sorkin adjourned the meeting at 7:25 pm. The board will meet next on October 14, 2026.