



## **Harlem Hebrew Board Meeting Agenda**

September 14, 2022, 6:30 pm

1. Call to Order & Reminder for Public Comment(s) Sign Up
2. Adoption of September 2022 Agenda
3. Approval of August 2022 Minutes
4. School Leadership Report
5. Network Leadership Report
6. Public Comments
7. Executive Session
8. Adjournment

**Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes**

August 10, 2022, 2:30 pm

Location: Zoom

**Trustees Present**

Scott Wickham
Tanya Jones
Sara Bloom
Vanessa Goldberg-Drossman
Rev. Linda Tarry-Chard

**Also Present**

Emily Carson, Head of School, Harlem Hebrew  
 Emily Fernandez, Chief Schools Officer, Hebrew Public  
 Valerie Khaytina, Chief External Officer, Hebrew Public  
 Lauren Murphy, Senior External Relations Manager, Hebrew Public

**1. Call to Order**

Vanessa Goldberg-Drossman opened the meeting at 2:33 pm.

**2. Adoption of August 2022 Agenda**

Vanessa Goldberg-Drossman asked for a motion to adopt the August 2022 agenda. Tanya Jones made the motion to adopt, Rev. Linda Tarry-Chard seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

**3. Approval of the July 2022 Minutes**

Vanessa Goldberg-Drossman asked for a motion to approve and Sara Bloom made a motion to approve the July 2022 minutes. Tanya Jones seconded, and the motion was carried unanimously.

**4. Approval of the 22-23 Harlem Hebrew School Safety Plan**

The Board all received a copy of the school safety plan for the 2022/23 year prior to the June meeting, where it was discussed. 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 began on July 1, when the safety plan was posted on the school's website. Vanessa Goldberg-Drossman asked for a motion to approve, Rev. Linda Tarry-Chard made the motion, Sara Bloom seconded, and the plan was approved unanimously with no abstentions or objections.

## 5. Network Update

Emily Fernandez, Chief Schools Officer, Hebrew Public, informed the board that new teachers and staff training/professional development will begin next week. Teachers have already been invited to begin setting up their classrooms.

Hebrew Public is revisiting COVID-19 policies and programmatic options for students if/when they are required to quarantine. All updated information for the school year will be shared with families ahead of the first day of school.

## 6. School Update

Emily Carson, Harlem Hebrew's Head of School updated the board on the following:

- The summer has been focused on leadership preparation and getting the building ready for the start of school— thinking about best practices that are already in place and how the school can build on them
- Preparing a Culture Calendar
  - For staff and families
  - It will be shared out when it is completed
  - Events on the calendar, Parent events, Hebrew classes for adults
- Upcoming Family Events
  - Family orientation before school starts
    - Two nights will be offered
      - Elementary and middle school night
    - Opportunity for families to drop off supplies
  - In-person *Back to School Night* in September
    - The last time this event was in-person was three years ago
    - Partnership and building community
    - Combination of virtual and in-person for events for as many families as possible to join
    - More information will be shared in the upcoming weeks
- Leadership Updates for Elementary & Middle School
  - HHLA leadership is thoughtfully thinking about how to address differentiating material for all grades
    - Subjects look different based on student ages
  - Emily introduced some new leaders at HHLA this year and re-introduced staff who are shifting into new roles for this upcoming year

### **7. Public Comments**

No public comments were made during this time.

### **8. Adjournment**

Vanessa Goldberg-Drossman asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 2:53 pm. Tanya Jones made the motion, Sara Bloom seconded and the motion carried unanimously. The board will meet next on September 14th.