

Philadelphia Hebrew Public (PHPCS) Board of Trustees Meeting

April 27, 2026

5:30 pm

Location: Zoom

Minutes

Trustees Present

Maya Mapp	Hedra Packman
Klissa Thomas	Keli McLoyd
Katy Tipson	

Trustees Not Present

Also Present

Elyssa Yuen, PHPCS, Head of School

Emily Hurst, Chief Strategy & Talent Officer, Hebrew Public

Lauren Murphy, Director of External Relations, Hebrew Public

I. Welcome and Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes (Schedule A)

- Klissa Thomas called the meeting to order at 5:38 pm. Katy Tipson made a motion to approve the agenda for today's meeting minutes. Maya Mapp seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.
- Klissa Thomas made a motion to approve the March 2026 meeting minutes. Katy Tipson seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

II. Leadership & Board Reports (in presentation)

- Board Dashboard
 - Enrollment Update: Enrollment is currently at 600 and has remained stable. Applications for next school year are trending positively, with 168 new students fully registered. The school team is continuing targeted outreach efforts, including family engagement events, personalized phone calls, and marketing strategies to support strong application and enrollment numbers for next year.

- PSSA Testing: PHPCS successfully launched PSSA testing, completing ELA with an overall smooth implementation despite a statewide system outage on the first day. Leadership reported strong support from Hebrew Public and flexibility from staff in navigating the transition to virtual testing. Testing will continue with math and science, followed by make-up sessions. Leadership noted strong attendance during testing days and highlighted thoughtful scheduling and student activities to support engagement throughout the testing period.
- Talent Update: Leadership provided an overview of talent and recruitment efforts, noting the network is currently 31% toward staffing goals for next year, with hiring actively underway. Teacher evaluations have been completed ahead of schedule, with renewal conversations and letters to be finalized by mid-May. Leadership also shared broader challenges in the Philadelphia teacher workforce, including high vacancy rates and increased reliance on emergency-certified teachers, and highlighted ongoing efforts to grow and support internal staff through certification programs.

III. Board Reports & Actions

- Approval Finance Report (Schedule B)
 - The Finance Committee met two weeks ago to review the updated report and discussed building out the budget for next year.
 - Maya Mapp made a motion to approve the Finance Report (Schedule B). Katy Tipson seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.
- Approval of SY27 Calendar (Schedule C)
 - The Board approved the school calendar with updates to the timing of family conferences and a reduction of Thanksgiving week half days to only the Wednesday prior. Half days will remain for next year.
 - Katy Tipson made a motion to approve the Approval of SY27 Calendar (Schedule C). Maya Mapp seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.
- Approval of MACCS Contract (Schedule D)
 - Katy Tipson motioned to approve the MACCS Contract (Schedule D). Maya Mapp seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.
- Approval of DBI Contract (Schedule E)

- Katy Tipson motioned to approve the DBI Contract (Schedule E). Maya Mapp seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.
- Approval of Cardinal Point Contract Addendum C (Schedule F)
 - Katy Tipson motioned to approve the Cardinal Point Contract Addendum C (Schedule F). Maya Mapp seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.
- Approval of MOU with Chestnut Hill (Schedule G)
 - Maya Mapp motioned to approve the MOU with Chestnut Hill (Schedule G). Katy Tipson seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

IV. Public Comment

None.

V. Closing and Adjournment

Klissa Thomas made a motion to adjourn at 6:25 pm.