Philadelphia Hebrew Public (PHPCS) Board of Trustees Meeting

September 14, 2026
5:30 pm
Location: Zoom

Minutes

Trustees Present	**Trustees Not Present**
Klissa Thomas	Keli McLoyd
Beth Dyson	
Hedra Packman	
Margaret Flowers	
Katy Tipson, *ex officio*	

Also Present
Elyssa Yuen, PHPCS, Head of School
Jon Rosenberg, CEO, Hebrew Public
Emily Fernandez, Chief Schools Officer, Hebrew Public
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 5:37 pm. Klissa Thomas made a motion to approve the agenda for today's meeting. Hedra Packman seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.
- Hedra Packman made a motion to approve the August 17, 2026 meeting minutes. Beth Dyson seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

II. Leadership & Board Reports (in presentation)

- SY27: Back to School Presentation: Elyssa Yuen gave a school update highlighting a strong start to the school year, with a focus on establishing routines, learning habits, and a positive school culture. Teacher coaching and progress monitoring are underway, with individualized support provided to a small group of teachers as needed.
- Enrollment Update: Jon Rosenberg provided an enrollment update, reporting current enrollment just under 700 students, with budgeted average enrollment of 661 for the year. Enrollment is projected to remain close to budget, with efforts to increase enrollment where appropriate while maintaining manageable class sizes and a strong school culture.
- Update on Strategic Plan: Emily Fernandez provided an update on the school's multi-year strategic plan, focused on academic growth, classroom and common

space ecology, operational stability, and coaching fidelity. This year's priorities include strengthening instructional practices and operational systems, with particular attention to special education structures and supports. Progress will be monitored throughout the year using student outcomes and implementation measures. The board discussed prioritization, shared ownership between the school and network teams, and the importance of building sustainable systems.

- Federal Funding Update: Emily Hurst provided an update on Pennsylvania's school funding landscape, noting progress toward a more equitable funding formula following the state's school funding court decision, while significant funding gaps remain, particularly in Philadelphia. Additional state funding will impact charter schools on a one-year delay. Advocacy resources and opportunities for broader community engagement were also discussed.

III. Board Reports & Actions

- Approval of Finance Report (Schedule B)

Jon Rosenberg provided an overview of the finance report. Beth Dyson moved to approve the Finance Report (Schedule B); Klissa Thomas seconded, and it passed unanimously.

IV. Public Comment

None.

V. Closing and Adjournment

Klissa Thomas made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:40 pm.