

Hatikvah International Academy Charter School

7 Lexington Avenue
East Brunswick, NJ
MEETING Minutes
December 10, 2020

7:00 P.M. Meeting

Meeting called to order by Daniel Gresack at 7:02 PM.

Sunshine Law Notice: The New Jersey Open Public Meetings Law was enacted to ensure the rights of the public to have advance notice of and to attend the meetings of the public bodies at which any business affecting their interest is discussed or acted upon. In accordance with the provisions of this act, the Hatikvah International Academy Charter School has caused notice of this meeting to be published by having the date, time, and place thereof posted in the Home News Tribune and the East Brunswick Sentinel.

This meeting is taking place on Zoom. The public was informed of the participation number on the school's website and on the front door of the building in addition to the newspaper postings.

Name	Title	Voting/Non-Voting	Present	Absent
Mr. Daniel Gresack	President	Voting	X	
Mr. Harish Hathiramani	Vice President	Voting	X	
Mr. Eli Schaap	Trustee; Chair of Finance Committee; Nominating Committee	Voting	X	
Mr. Marc Herman	Trustee	Voting	X	
Ms. Shawntell Manning	Trustee	Voting	X	
Mr. Arie Behar	Trustee	Voting		X
Dr. Marcia Grayson	Director; Ex Officio	Non-voting	X	
Mrs. Kathy Mone	SBA; Ex Officio	Non-voting		X
Ms. Claudia Fiel	Teacher Representative; Recording Secretary	Non-voting	X	
Mrs. Nicole Disporto	Alternate Teacher Representative	Non-voting	X	

Pledge of Allegiance: I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United State of America and to the Republic for which it stands, one Nation, under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

Public Discussion: A 15-minute period is provided for the public to ask questions on agenda items or to make statements to the Board of Trustees. If there are many speakers, the chair will ask for a 3-minute speaking limit per speaker. The board may extend the public comment portion if necessary.

5 members of public present.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES COMMITTEES

Education Committee: no report.
Administrative Liaison: Dr. Marcia Grayson
Committee Members: Mrs. Hindie Weissman

Financial Committee: no report.
Chairperson: Mr. Eli Schaap
Administrative Liaison: Dr. Marcia Grayson
Committee Member: Mr. Daniel Gresack

Fundraising Committee: see Director’s report.
Chairperson: Shawntell Manning
Administrative Liaison: Dr. Marcia

Nominating Committee: no report.
Chairperson: Mr. Eli Schaap
Administrative Liaison: Dr. Marcia Grayson

Director’s Report: My annual fundraiser raised \$44,195. I will update this during the year since we have some donations that will be matched and some that are recurring monthly. This level of generosity from our families is the most we have seen and a testament of their support during a time that it is difficult to raise money. As you will see in the agenda, I have also written and submitted a grant for Digital Divide Relief that I hope will be considered. We are not nearly as needy as many schools that have applied for this grant, but we do need additional loaner computers since we distributed more than 110 computers to students and many more to faculty and staff. I have been serving as our school’s Case Manager since November 20, 2020 while our Case Manager is on leave. This is the second year that I have taken on this approximately three-month additional position since it is too challenging and important to be given to a substitute if we were to locate one. My willingness and ability to do this saves the school approximately \$12,000.00.

SBA: Mrs. Kathy Mone: no report.
Acknowledgement of Correspondence: none.

ITEM 1: Motion to approve the minutes from November 19, 2020 meeting.

Motion: Marc Herman

Second: Daniel Gresack

Board Member	Voting	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Daniel Gresack	Trustee	X			
Eli Schaap	Trustee	X			
Marc Herman	Trustee	X			
Harish Hathiramani	Trustee	X			
Shawntell Manning	Trustee	X			
Arie Behar	Trustee				X

Passed 5-0; 1 absent; no abstentions.

ITEM 2: Motion to approve the bills list dated November 17, 2020 to December 7, 2020 in the amount of \$125,551.50 except for ITEM 8028 in the amount of \$79,583.33; and to approve the Secretary's Report dated December 8, 2020.

Motion: Shawntell Manning

Second: Marc Herman

Board Member	Voting	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Daniel Gresack	Trustee	X			
Eli Schaap	Trustee	X			
Marc Herman	Trustee	X			
Harish Hathiramani	Trustee	X			
Shawntell Manning	Trustee	X			
Arie Behar	Trustee				X

Passed 5-0; 1 absent; no abstentions.

ITEM 3: Motion to approve ITEM 8029 in the amount of \$79,583.33 on the bills list dated November 17, 2020 to December 7, 2020.

Motion: Daniel Gresack

Second: Harish Hathiramani

Board Member	Voting	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Daniel Gresack	Trustee	X			
Eli Schaap	Trustee			X	
Marc Herman	Trustee	X			
Harish Hathiramani	Trustee	X			

Shawntell Manning	Trustee	X			
Arie Behar	Trustee				X

Passed 4-0; 1 absent; 1 abstention.

ITEM: 4: Motion to retroactively approve a Digital Divide Relief grant application made by Dr. Grayson and submitted to NJ Public Charter Schools Association in the amount range from \$20,850 to \$55,600.

Motion: Harish Hathiramani

Second: Marc Herman

Board Member	Voting	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Daniel Gresack	Trustee	X			
Eli Schaap	Trustee	X			
Marc Herman	Trustee	X			
Harish Hathiramani	Trustee	X			
Shawntell Manning	Trustee	X			
Arie Behar	Trustee				X

Passed 5-0; 1 absent; no abstentions.

ITEM 5: Motion to adjourn at 7:21 PM.

Motion: Daniel Gresack

Second: Eli Schaap

Board Member	Voting	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Daniel Gresack	Trustee	X			
Eli Schaap	Trustee	X			
Marc Herman	Trustee	X			

Harish Hathiramani	Trustee	X			
Shawntell Manning	Trustee	X			
Arie Behar	Trustee				X

Passed 5-0; 1 absent; no abstentions.