

Hatikvah International Academy Charter School

7 Lexington Avenue

East Brunswick, NJ

MEETING Minutes

April 23, 2026

7:00 P.M. Meeting

Meeting called to order by Daniel Gresack at 7:01 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 on the school's website. Written notice was also provided to Asbury Park Press, the Courier-Post, The Star Ledger and The Home News Tribune.

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.

Name	Title	Voting/Non -Voting	Present	Absent
Mr. Daniel Gresack	President	Voting	X	
Mr. Harish Hathiramani	Vice President	Voting	X	
Mr. Marc Herman	Trustee	Voting	X	
Ms. Shawntell Manning	Trustee	Voting	X	
Mr. Arie Behar	Trustee	Voting	X	
Dr. Dake Zhang	Trustee	Voting	X	
Ms. Cristal Sharma	Trustee	Voting		X
Mrs. Amanda Rosenberg	Director; Ex Officio	Non-voting	X	
Mrs. Kathleen Mone	SBA; Ex Officio	Non-voting		X
Mr. Jeffrey Villanueva	Teacher Representative; Recording Secretary	Non-voting	X	
Mrs. Rebecca Green	Teacher Representative	Non-voting	X	

HIB Investigations:

25260317	HIB Confirmed
25260319	HIB Confirmed
25260324	Non-HIB

Director’s Report: Today, students participated in New Jersey’s Take Your Child to Work Day, gaining real-world career insights, while staff children are also welcomed into the school community. Appreciation is extended to staff ahead of Teacher/Staff Appreciation Week, with thanks to the PTO and families for their support. Upcoming NJSLA-A testing is scheduled as follows:
 Grades 3–5—Reading (May 5), Writing (May 7), Math (May 12);
 Grades 6–8—Reading (May 6), Writing (May 7), Math (May 13);
 Grades 5 & 8—Science (May 20–21),
Students MUST arrive at school on time on testing days.

Public Discussion: This portion of the meeting is open to members of the public for the purpose of addressing resolutions on this agenda or other matters. Members of the public who have requested to speak prior to the meeting will be recognized by the chair first. Each speaker will be given three (3) minutes, for a period of fifteen (15) minutes; and then time permitting, other public comment limited to three (3) minutes per speaker will be allowed, until the fifteen (15) minute period transpires. All speakers are asked to state their full name, spell their last name, group affiliation, if appropriate, and provide their address. **Issues raised by members of the public may or may not be responded to by the Board.** All comments will be considered, and a response will be forthcoming if and when appropriate. The Board asks that members of the public be courteous and respectful of the rights of other individuals when speaking. Specifically, comments regarding students and employees of the Board are discouraged, and the Board and the Administration will not respond to them. Students and employees have specific legal rights afforded to them by the laws of New Jersey. The Board is not responsible and is not liable for any comments made by members of the public. Members of the public should consider their comments in light of the legal rights of those affected or identified in their comments. Members of the public are reminded that they are legally responsible and liable for their comments.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES COMMITTEES

Financial Committee:
 Chairperson: Mr. Daniel Gresack and Mr. Marc Herman
 Administrative Liaison: Mrs. Amanda Rosenberg

Education Committee:
 Chairperson: Dr. Dake Zhang
 Administrative Liaison: Mrs. Amanda Rosenberg

Nominating Committee:
 Chairpersons: Ms. Shawntell Manning and Mr. Marc Herman

ITEM 1: Motion to approve the minutes from the March 26, 2026 meeting.

Motion: Dr. Dake Zhang

Second: Harish Hathiramani

Board Member	Voting	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent

Daniel Gresack	Trustee	X			
Marc Herman	Trustee			X	
Harish Hathiramani	Trustee	X			
Shawntell Manning	Trustee	X			
Arie Behar	Trustee	X			
Dr. Dake Zhang	Trustee	X			
Cristal Sharma	Trustee				X

Passed 5-0; 1 abstention; 1 absent.

ITEM 2: Motion to approve the bills list dated from 03/20/2026 to 04/16/2026 in the amount of \$1,044,700.79; to approve the Secretary's Reports dated 03/31/2026; and to approve the budget transfers from 03/01/2026 through 03/31/2026.

Motion: Marc Herman

Second: Arie Behar

Board Member	Voting	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Daniel Gresack	Trustee	X			
Marc Herman	Trustee	X			
Harish Hathiramani	Trustee	X			
Shawntell Manning	Trustee	X			
Arie Behar	Trustee	X			
Dr. Dake Zhang	Trustee	X			
Cristal Sharma	Trustee				X

Passed 6-0; no abstentions; 1 absent.

ITEM 3: Motion to approve the following personnel items:

Resignation:

Oshrat Hoffman, Occupational Therapist, effective at the end of the day of 05/18/2026 for personal reasons.

Motion: Shawntell Manning

Second: Marc Herman

Board Member	Voting	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Daniel Gresack	Trustee	X			
Marc Herman	Trustee	X			
Harish Hathiramani	Trustee	X			
Shawntell Manning	Trustee	X			
Arie Behar	Trustee	X			
Dr. Dake Zhang	Trustee	X			
Cristal Sharma	Trustee				X

Passed 6-0; no abstentions; 1 absent.

ITEM 4: Motion to approve Ian Schock, current Hatikvah employee, to perform technology support services during the summer period on regular office workdays from June 23, 2026 through August 21, 2026. He will be working approximately 10 hours per week at a rate of \$20.00 per hour, with total compensation not to exceed \$2,000.00.

Motion: Marc Herman

Second: Harish Hathiramani

Board Member	Voting	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent

Daniel Gresack	Trustee	X			
Marc Herman	Trustee	X			
Harish Hathiramani	Trustee	X			
Shawntell Manning	Trustee	X			
Arie Behar	Trustee	X			
Dr. Dake Zhang	Trustee	X			
Cristal Sharma	Trustee				X

Passed 6-0; no abstentions; 1 absent.

ITEM 5: Motion to approve the following school field trips:

Grade	Field Trip Location	Date
2	Historic Richmond Town	06/11/2026
6-8	Thompson Park, Monroe Township	06/04/26 (Rain date 06/05/26)

Motion: Shawntell Manning

Second: Dr. Dake Zhang

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

Arie Behar	Trustee	X			
Dr. Dake Zhang	Trustee	X			
Cristal Sharma	Trustee				X

Passed 6-0; no abstentions; 1 absent.

ITEM 6: Motion to approve:

This resolution supersedes and replaces the resolution approved on March 26, 2026.

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE HATIKVAH INTERNATIONAL ACADEMY CHARTER SCHOOL TO RENEW
FOOD SERVICES CONTRACT

WHEREAS, the School Board currently contracts with a commercial vendor Nu-Way Concessionaires to provide meal services to students; and

WHEREAS, the Board has the option to renew said contract for the 2026–2027 school year with an additional option to renew for the 2027–2028 school year; and

WHEREAS, the renewal pricing for the 2026–2027 school years reflects the applicable Index Rate adjustment;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the School Board approves the renewal of the contract with the current food service commercial vendor, Nu-Way Concessionaires, for the 2026-2027 school year, at an estimated total cost of \$152,405.00, subject to all terms and conditions of the original agreement; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that meal pricing for the 2026–2027 school year shall be as follows:

Breakfast: \$2.25

Lunch: \$4.00

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Director is authorized to execute all necessary documents to effectuate this renewal.

CERTIFICATION STATEMENT

I, Amanda Rosenberg, Director, hereby certify that this is a true and correct excerpt from the Hatikvah International Academy Charter School Meeting minutes of April 23, 2026.

Signature: *Amanda Rosenberg*

Title: Director

Date: 04/23/2026

Motion: Marc Herman

Second: Arie Behar

Board Member	Voting	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Daniel Gresack	Trustee	X			
Marc Herman	Trustee	X			
Harish Hathiramani	Trustee	X			
Shawntell Manning	Trustee	X			
Arie Behar	Trustee	X			
Dr. Dake Zhang	Trustee	X			
Cristal Sharma	Trustee				X

Passed 6-0; no abstentions; 1 absent.

ITEM 7: Motion to move into Closed Session at 7:13 PM

Motion: Daniel Gresack

Second: Shawntell Manning

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

Arie Behar	Trustee	X			
Dr. Dake Zhang	Trustee	X			
Cristal Sharma	Trustee				X

Passed 6-0; no abstentions; 1 absent.

ITEM 8: Motion to move back into Open Public Session at 7:30 PM

Motion: Daniel Gresack

Second: Marc Herman

Board Member	Voting	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Daniel Gresack	Trustee	X			
Marc Herman	Trustee	X			
Harish Hathiramani	Trustee	X			
Shawntell Manning	Trustee	X			
Arie Behar	Trustee	X			
Dr. Dake Zhang	Trustee	X			
Cristal Sharma	Trustee				X

Passed 6-0; no abstentions; 1 absent.

ITEM 9: Motion to approve Mary Sonny Ukpong as a substitute teacher, effective 04/23/2026-06/30/26. She shall be compensated in accordance with the Board-approved substitute pay rate schedule and shall serve on an as-needed basis.

Motion: Marc Herman

Second: Dr. Dake Zhang

Board Member	Voting	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Daniel Gresack	Trustee	X			
Marc Herman	Trustee	X			
Harish Hathiramani	Trustee	X			
Shawntell Manning	Trustee	X			
Arie Behar	Trustee	X			
Dr. Dake Zhang	Trustee	X			
Cristal Sharma	Trustee				X

Passed 6-0; no abstentions; 1 absent.

ITEM 10: Motion to adjourn at 7:34 PM.

Motion: Daniel Gresack

Second: Dr. Dake Zhang

Board Member	Voting	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Daniel Gresack	Trustee	X			
Marc Herman	Trustee	X			
Harish Hathiramani	Trustee	X			
Shawntell Manning	Trustee	X			
Arie Behar	Trustee	X			
Dr. Dake Zhang	Trustee	X			

Cristal Sharma	Trustee				X
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Passed 6-0; no abstentions; 1 absent.