

Houston Hillel Special Board Meeting
April 21, 2025
Minutes

This special board meeting focused on a presentation by Jesse Hagar of Content Architecture of the renovation design for Houston Hillel's Bissonnet facility.

Attendance: Grant Beiner, Jeff Berlat, Eric Bishop, Eric Cohn, Rabbi Gideon Estes, Carly Fleck, Scott Friedman, Rachel Grady, Jesse Hagar, Sandy Jackson, Lou Mizis, Rozanne Rubin, Dalia Schwarzbaum, Ulrika Shragge, Katia Sokolov, Kendall Toarmina, Rabbi Kenny Weiss, Armin Weinberg, Cory Weinberg,

Online: Terry Cweigenberg, Ling DeBellis, Josh Jacobs, Lauren Kassoff, Ido Machol, David Vener

- Jesse began with an overview of progress to date and future tasks.
- While examining the proposed floorplan and exterior 3D rendering, the following areas were discussed.
 - Kitchen design and kashrut practice
 - Residential or commercial equipment
 - Questions about permits for kitchen
 - Additional kitchen door to west hallway
 - Height of exterior wall. Eight feet tall can do more but will cost more
 - Lighting for parking lot
 - Slope on the flat roof
 - Planters that can serve as security deterrents.
 - Further discussion of the various spaces
 - Clearstory window leakage. New products are a lot better than in the past
 - Cost of the prayer space ceiling. Not significant.

Eric Cohn moves that we approve the current plan for the building. Gideon seconds.

Further discussion

- Sandy Jackson asks about temporary storage

Motion passes unanimously

Next steps

- Rachel Grady and Kenny Weiss will meet with Al Tribble, the Federation's security professional, along with any other interested board members.