

Houston Hillel Renovation Security and Board Meetings
May 5, 2025
Minutes

Renovation Security Meeting

Attendance in person: Grant Beiner, Eric Bishop, Paul Brokhin, Terry Cweigenberg, Rachel Grady, Josh Jacobs, Ido Machol, Lou Mizis, Daniel Pickelner, Ulrika Shragge, Katia Sokolov, Armin Weinberg, Cory Weinberg, Rabbi Kenny Weiss

In attendance online:

Carly Fleck, Lauren Kasoff, Marcy Rothman

- D'var Torah Kenny: Leviticus 19:13 "Do not withhold the worker's wages overnight." Kenny connected the passage to the affective learning students experience just by being with us.
- Al Tribble, Houston Community Security Director at the Jewish Federation of Greater Houston. The conversation focused on a number of suggestions for us to consider for our renovation:
 - Have a "man trap" vestibule at the entrance.
 - Consider a steel fence instead or brick or masonry to aid first responders.
 - Install cameras that officers can access
 - Bulletproof film on windows, bulletproof glass on entry points
 - Gate access
 - Interior remotely closed doors
 - Add a key box for first responders
 - Limit roof access
 - Emergency generator for security equipment
- Rachel and Kenny will coordinate further meetings with Al's associates who are better versed in secure design.

Board Meeting

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Attendance online: Jeff Berlat, Steve Block, Flora Farago, Rabbi Gideon Estes, Carly Fleck,

- Nominations committee report
 - Motion to adopt the nominating committee report
 - Moved?
 - Gideon seconds
 - All in favor – passes unanimously
- Budget

- Reductions in our health insurance premiums happened over the past couple days.
- Taking money from unrestricted fund for the development professional
- 2026 construction budget column
- Staff has not talked yet about what we will do during construction, but it won't be an issue
- We will be out of the building for less than a year, hopefully
- Gideon moves to accept, Jeff seconds
- All in favor – passes unanimously
- Grant Adjourns