

Board Retreat
Sunday, August 13, 2023 at 9:00 am
Minutes

Attendance:

In person: Grant Beiner, Eric Bishop, Michael Burgower, Eric Cohn, Scott Friedman, Josh Jacobs, Lena Lieb, Sammie Lorch, Lou Mizis, Daniel Pickelner, Marcy Rothman, Lauren Schwartz, Kendall Toarmina, David Vener, Carly Fleck, Alex Lewis, Katia Sokolov, Kenny Weiss, Rachael Fenton

On Zoom: Steve Block, Sandy Jackson, Abby Lestin, Ethan Schultz

Welcome – Grant Beiner

9:00 am

Breakfast and meeting one another

Grab some food and find a place to sit with two other people. Use these questions as a guide for your time together. We'll rotate groups halfway through.

- Introduce yourselves.
 - What is your name? Who are your family members?
 - How do you spend your daytime hours?
 - What is your favorite evening activity?
 - For what purpose do you exist?
- Share a Jewish memory. How does that memory connect to your presence on Houston Hillel's Board of Directors?
- Why be Jewish?

9:50

Ten-minute break

10:00

Getting to know our staff

- Each of our staff members will describe their work and take questions.

10:45

Capital Campaign and New Building Overview

- Presentation – Kenny

11:00

The Board's Capital Campaign Role

- Rachael Fenton, Hillel International Director of Advancement Field Services

Noon

Review and Conclusion – Grant

Rachael Fenton joined Hillel in December 2021. Rachael has worked in the nonprofit and Jewish community for her entire professional career, helping to raise millions of dollars by connecting donors to their philanthropic interests. Most notably, Rachael was the Director of Development at Bernard Zell Anshe Emet Day School where she managed the annual campaign and endowment growth initiative, and partnered with countless staff and lay leadership to execute a \$19.5 million capital campaign. Rachael is thrilled to be back at Hillel after spending four inspiring and fun years at Fiedler Hillel at Northwestern University. She has a B.A. in Art History from the University of Wisconsin-Madison and a M.S. in Nonprofit Management from Spertus. Rachael lives in the Chicago metropolitan area with her husband, two kids and giant golden doodle.