



Jewish Federation of San Antonio

Minutes

Jewish Federation of San Antonio (JFSA or Federation) Annual Meeting

June 8, 2025 | 2:00pm

Harry & Jeanette Weinberg Campus, Auditoriums A, B, & C

Board Members in Attendance

Noah Barshop, Craig Berkowitch, Andy Cohen, Mel Cohen, Eleanor Gossen, Rabbi Jonathan Hodson, Elaine Kovner, Mina Lopez, Rachelle Neuman, Joe Patrick, Jordana Pazin, Kelly Petlin Beaty, Richard Planto, Barbara Powell, James Rosenblatt, Amy Saklad, Barbie Scharf-Zeldes, Lauren Stanley

Board Members Absent

Amy Benedikt, Brian Feld, Elizabeth Glazier, Drew Glick, Ben Gurwitz, Jason Miller-Goodman, Varda Ratner, Marc Schnall, Leslie Selig Byrd, Raphi Sonsino, and Jonathan Starr

Staff in Attendance

Morgan Brown, Randy Czarlinsky, Katia Diamante, Lisa Epstein, Sarah Ettinger, Tara Garner, Jill Jacobs, Beth Keough, Robin Long, Jodi Marion, Leslie Met, Aaron Puente, Darah Rivera

Speakers/Presenters/Award Recipients

Barbara Baruch, Rabbi Chaim Block, Susan Butler, Randy Czarlinsky, Eleanor Gossen, Becky Hoag, Rabbi Jonathan Hodson, Daniel Laser, Leslie Met, Sharon Mullen, James Rosenblatt, Jason Sanderson, Barbie Scharf-Zeldes, Lauren Stanley

Note: The meeting was open to the community and 102 people attended. A quorum for the annual meeting is 40 members who have contributed to JFSA. Of the participants, more than 40 contributors attended the meeting.

Welcome & Call to Order – James Rosenblatt

James called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone to the 2025 JFSA Annual Meeting.

Invocation – Rabbi Jonathan Hodson

Rabbi gave a blessing over the individuals attending the meeting as well as JFSA and its operations.

Interim CEO Remarks – Randy Czarlinsky

Randy highlighted the activity of Jewish Federation of San Antonio over the past year.

Awards – Barbie Scharf-Zeldes

Barbie began by introducing a video for the Joel A. Toubin Award. She then awarded Barbara Baruch the 2025 Joel A. Toubin Award. Barbie then awarded Eleanor Gossen the 2025 Sylvia F.



And Harry Sugerman Young Leadership Award. Leslie Met, Sharon Mullen and Susan Butler presented a special, one time award called the “Righteous Heart Award” to Becky Hoag. Finally, James Rosenblatt awarded the 2025 Chair’s Award to Lauren Stanley.

Election of Officers – Lauren Stanley

Lauren began by de-installing the outgoing board members: Drew Glick, Rabbi Jonathan Hodson, Jason Miller-Goodman, Rachele Neuman, Kelly Petlin Beaty, Barbara Powell & Amy Saklad. She then presented the proposed slate of officers for the 2025-2026 Executive Committee:

Board Chair: James Rosenblatt

Chair Elect: Amy Benedikt

Immediate Past Board Chair (Voting, Ex-Officio): Lauren Stanley

Vice Chair, Community Planning and Allocation: Joe Patrick

Vice Chair, Philanthropy: Amy Benedikt

Treasurer: Marc Schnall

Secretary: Jonathan Starr

Chairs Choice (Voting, Ex-Officio): Elaine Kovner

The slate came as a recommendation from the Governance Committee and did not need a second motion. Lauren shared that the slate had been posted per the bylaws for review and that no formal requests for changes had been submitted and so they were accepted through acclamation.

Lauren then drew attention to the program where the proposed slate was printed and again asked if there were any objections to voting by acclamation. There were none and therefore, all were elected. Below is the slate.

3rd Term, 2nd Year, Expires June 30, 2026

Leslie Selig-Byrd

3rd Term, 1st Year, Expires June 30, 2027

Varda Ratner

2nd Term, 2nd Year, Expires June 30, 2026

Elizabeth Glazier

Raphael Sonsino

2nd Term, 1st Year, Expires June 30, 2027

Noah Barshop

Mina Lopez

Barbie Scharf-Zeldes

1st Term, 2nd Year, Expires June 30, 2026

Andy Cohen

Mel Cohen

Brian Feld



Eleanor Gossen
Jordana Pazin

New Board Members: 1st Term, 1st Year, Expires June 30, 2027

Yair Griver
Zane Gurwitz
Ayelet Kboudi
Kay Stein
Brette Wurzburg

Continuing Ex-Officio Voting Positions (of Subsidiary Programs)

Ben Gurwitz, Investment
Richard Planto, HMMSA
Barbie Scharf-Zeldes, Endowment & Trust

Joining as Ex-Officio Voting Positions (of Subsidiary Programs)

Hanah Cramer, JCRC
Hank Lipsitt, Israel & Overseas

Joining as Ex-Officio Non-Voting (Clergy Representative)

Rabbi Chaim Block – Chabad Center for Life & Learning

Staff

Randy Czarlinsky, Interim CEO
Cindy Campbell, CFO

J-LEV Cohort 3 Graduation – Daniel Laser

Daniel announced the graduating class which included Perry Aguilar, Eleanor Gossen, Rachel Gurinsky, Zane Gurwitz, Ross Halfant (not present), Lauren Laderman Bar Yadin, Micah Leonard, Ophir Ram, Jeffery Rollman, Jeremy Saklad, Zoe Stanley.

Chair Remarks – James Rosenblatt

James shared that the minutes from the 2024 JFSA Annual Meeting had been posted online for review and that no formal requests for changes had been submitted and so they were accepted through acclamation.

James then gave his report, reviewing his first year as Board Chair.

Keynote Speaker – Jay Sanderson

Jay Sanderson spoke to the Visions of 2050 and Shaping our Jewish Tomorrow.

Benediction – Rabbi Chaim Block

Rabbi gave a final prayer.

Adjournment – James Rosenblatt

James thanked everyone for joining and adjourned the meeting.



Respectfully submitted by Jill Jacobs, Chief of Staff on behalf of Jonathan Starr, JFSA Board Secretary.