

Great Hearts Texas Stakeholders,

An emergency Great Hearts Texas Board of Directors meeting was called for noon on October 20, 2023. A notice was made two hours prior to the start of the meeting. This meeting was called due to a reasonably unforeseeable situation. Specifically, the Great Hearts Texas board held an annual meeting on October 13, 2023, where it took lawful action to reappoint directors to the Great Hearts Texas board for another term. On October 20, 2023, Great Hearts America noticed a special meeting proposing action challenging the Great Hearts Texas board's legal authority, thus requiring the Great Hearts Texas board to consider immediately retaining legal counsel and authorize legal action. This emergency meeting complied with statute, caselaw and guidance from the Texas Attorney General. See e.g., *Markowski v. City of Marlin*, 940 S.W.2d 720 (1997) (recognizing as grounds for an emergency meeting the need for a Board to retain legal counsel when it finds itself in an "unexpected situation" before a public hearing or other meeting occurs. Also acknowledging that for reasons required under Govt. Code 551.071 a more detailed explanation would interfere with attorney-client privilege).

The board meeting was called to order and moved to an Executive Session. Once the Executive Session concluded, Board Chairwoman Shannon Davis expressed an apology for the short notice, explained that the emergency meeting was necessary, and expressed hope that she would be able to share more in the future regarding the current situation.

A motion was made, seconded and approved to retain legal counsel: Gonzalez, Chiscano, Angulo & Kasson, PC and also Finston, Friedman, Fisher Law Group LLP.

An additional motion was made and approved to take legal action as discussed in the Executive Session.

The meeting was adjourned.

In partnership,
Great Hearts Texas