

# Great Hearts Texas

## Minutes

Great Hearts Texas Board Meeting (9/18/2025 @ 6:00 pm CT)

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### Date and Time

Thursday September 18, 2025 at 6:00 PM

### Location

Great Hearts Lakeside  
7655 Harris Pkwy, Fort Worth, TX 76123,

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### Directors Present

B. Byrne, J. Rahn, J. Sanford, K. Hall, O. Christie (remote)

### Directors Absent

J. Moczygemba

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## I. Opening Items

### A. Welcome

### B. Record Attendance

### C. Call the Meeting to Order

J. Rahn called a meeting of the board of directors of Great Hearts Texas to order on Thursday Sep 18, 2025 at 6:02 PM.

### D. Introduction and Welcome from Great Hearts Live Oak Headmaster Berlanga

## **II. Great Hearts Texas Board of Directors hears comments from the public**

### **A. Written Public Comment**

J. Rahn opened the Public Written Comment period and stated that, pursuant to recent updates to SB12, the Board would take 3–5 minutes to review public comments submitted for the record. Packets of the submitted comments were distributed to Board members present in person and to those participating via Zoom.

### **B. Oral Public Comment**

J. Rahn opened the Public Comment period and announced that each speaker would be limited to three minutes. The Great Hearts Texas Board of Directors received and heard comments from members of the public.

## **III. Approval of Consent Agenda**

### **A. Approval of Consent Agenda**

- Approval of Minutes, Meeting of GHTX Board of Directors on June 12, 2025
- Approval of Great Hearts America - Texas, Credit Card Agreement
- Approval of Great Hearts America - Texas, Concussion Response Policy
- Approval of Great Hearts America - Texas, Prohibition Against Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) Practices or Duties Policy
- Approval of Great Hearts America - Texas, Parental Notification of Employee Misconduct Policy
- Approval of Great Hearts America - Texas, Parental Engagement Policy
- Approval of Great Hearts America - Texas, Personal Communication Devices Ban Policy
- Approval of Great Hearts America - Texas, Excused Absence to Attend Released Time Course Policy
- Approval of Great Hearts America - Texas, School Health Advisory Council (SHAC) Policy
- Approval of Great Hearts America - Texas, Travel Policy

J. Sanford made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda Great Hearts Texas Board Meeting (9/18/2025 @ 6:33 pm CT). B. Byrne seconded the motion. The board VOTED unanimously to approve the motion.

## **IV. Conservator Progress Report**

### **A. Update**

P. Pastorek reported that the HR issues he was asked to oversee have been resolved and remain in compliance. He will continue in his Conservator role to provide ongoing

support as requested by the TEA and commended GH Texas and GH America for their efforts to maintain compliance.

## **V. Superintendent Report**

### **A. Superintendent Update**

### **B. Academic Update**

- M. Lessner reported that there have been significant improvements to special education reporting. GHTX is almost at 100% compliant.
- A. Duininck presented the Spring 2025 STAAR results and the 2025 Fall MAP Projected Proficiency on STAAR.
- A. Duininck presented the Academic Improvement Plan stating that GHTX is strengthening instructional coaching, intervention systems, and curricular alignment in math and science, while advancing the Academic Improvement Process with increased monitoring and executive support.
- A. Duininck presented the District Improvement Plan

### **C. Finance Update**

K. Byrne presented the Finance Update, reporting that with 100% of enrollment targets met, tighter expense management, and reappropriation of excess bond funds, the financial outlook for GHTX is favorable. The draft Charter First rating is 98% (A).

## **VI. Executive Session (Closed to the Public)**

### **A. Pursuant Under**

- Pursuant to 551.074, Deliberate the appointment of a public officer to the Great Hearts America - Texas Board of Directors
- Pursuant to 551.074, Discussing conservator matters and consultation with conservator on HR and compliance matters
- Pursuant to 551.072, Deliberate the purchase, exchange, lease, sell or value of real property
- Pursuant to 551.076, Deliberations regarding security devices or security audits
- Pursuant to 551.071, Consultation with Legal Counsel regarding pending legal matters

Dr. J. Sanford made a motion to move to Executive Session. Mr. B. Byrne seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously at 7:12pm

Executive Session Entered at 7:12pm. The board VOTED unanimously to approve the motion.

K. Hall arrived at 7:26pm and joined the Executive Session.

Executive Session Closed at 8:51pm.

## **VII. Other Action Items**

### **A. Consider and take possible action on the appointment of a public officer to the Great Hearts America - Texas Board of Directors as discussed in closed session**

J. Sanford made a motion to nominate John Pritchett as a member to the Board.

O. Christie seconded the motion.

Motion carried at 8:55pm

The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

### **B. Consider and take possible action on real estate matters as discussed in closed session**

K. Hall made a motion to take possible action on re-allocating a portion of unspent proceeds of tax bonds.

J. Sanford seconded the motion.

Motion carried at 8:57pm

The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

B. Byrne made a motion to declare official intent of reimbursement of capital expenditures for the phase two expansions of Prairie View, Invictus and Monta Vista.

K. Hall seconded the motion.

Motion carried at 8:58pm

The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

### **C. Consider and take possible action on matters as discussed in closed session**

B. Byrne made a motion to Accept Superintendent Dyke's letter nominate Lisa Zerbonia, SVP of Operations, as the acting Superintendent during his 2 week absence for a medical procedure.

K. Hall seconded the motion.

Motion carried at 8:53pm

The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

## **VIII. Closing Items**

### **A. Adjourn Meeting**

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 8:59 PM

J. Sanford made a motion to Adjourn.

K. Hall seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.