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# Great Hearts Texas

## Minutes

Great Hearts Texas Board Meeting (3/6/2025 @ 6:00 pm CT)

Great Hearts Arlington

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### Date and Time

Thursday March 6, 2025 at 6:00 PM

### Location

Great Hearts Arlington, 6701 S Cooper St, Arlington, TX 76001;  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81602785409?pwd=kb6EY8Z6sG1luAqPFBMPnEBo0gOaNI.1>

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### NOTICE AND AGENDA OF A PUBLIC MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF GREAT HEARTS TEXAS

Pursuant to Section 551.041 of the Open Meeting Act, notice is hereby given to members of the Board of Directors ("Board") and to the general public that the Board will hold a regularly scheduled meeting in open session on Thursday, March 6, 2025, at 6:00 p.m.. The Board meeting will be held at Great Hearts Arlington, 6701 S. Cooper St., Arlington, TX 76001. It is the intent of the Board to have a quorum physically present at the above address. Board members not physically present may participate by live two-way video and audio feed in accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act. If a quorum of the Board cannot be physically present at the above address, it is the intent to have the presiding officer physically present at the above address. If you require accommodations or have questions about how to access the meeting, please contact Jennifer Osborn at 210-888-9475 select 0, or email [info@greatheartstxschools.org](mailto:info@greatheartstxschools.org).

Items will not necessarily be discussed or considered in the order they are printed on the agenda below. If, during the course of the meeting, discussion of any item on the agenda should be held in an executive or closed session, the Board will convene in such executive or closed session as

permitted by and in accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Code Chapter 551.

Pursuant to Sec. 551.007(b), the Board will allow members of the public who desire to address the Board regarding a specific item on the agenda, before or during the Board's consideration of the item at the meeting.

Persons desiring to address the Board verbal in-person, verbally via Zoom, or in writing may register for public comment or submit their written public comment by completing the [Public Comment Sign-Up Form](https://forms.gle/YsWDE7Dh9sSMAJRHA) (<https://forms.gle/YsWDE7Dh9sSMAJRHA>).

**The deadline to register to address the Board is 5:00 p.m. CST on March 6, 2025.** The Great Hearts Texas Public Comment agenda item will be limited to 45 minutes in total. Members of the public may have up to two (2) minutes to speak; however, depending on the number of speakers, the board meeting chair may limit the time allotted to fewer than two minutes in order to allow as many registered members of the public to be heard during the agenda item.

The speaking order will be determined on a first-come, first-served basis and according to the timestamp of when the individual registers. No individual presentation shall exceed two (2) minutes. In the event an individual uses a non-simultaneous translator when addressing the Board, the individual shall be permitted twice the allotted time to make his or her presentation.

This notice was posted on the 28th day of February 2025 at 3:00 p.m. Great Hearts Texas Office, 12500 San Pedro Avenue, Suite 500 in San Antonio, Texas 78216, and on the Great Hearts Texas website:

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Megan Freeman, Chief of Staff

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### Directors Present

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

### Directors Absent

None

### Guests Present

C. Freeman, C. Pastorek (remote), D. Cornish, Director of Assessment & Data Michael Linville (remote), E. Lessner (remote), J. Doughty (remote), K. Durney (remote), M. Marissa Rodriguez (remote), P. Braeutigam, S. Dyke, S. Zerbonia, V. Byrne

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## I. Opening Items

### A. Welcome

Welcome from the Chairman of the Board, Mr. Jim Rahn.

**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 Mar 6, 2025 at 6:02 PM.

**D. Introduction and Welcome from Great Hearts Arlington Headmaster Duininck and Headmaster Franco**

**II. Public Comment**

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

Mr. Rahn opened Public Comment and shared that all the written comments submitted were distributed to the board and read in advance of the meeting. Ms. Freeman shared the time allotted as approved by the Chairman, 2.5 minutes. The Great Hearts TX Board of Directors listened to the comments from the public.

**III. Approval of Consent Agenda**

**A. Consent Agenda**

- Meeting Minutes from January 23, 2025
- Enrollment Policy Revision to align with the Texas Commissioner's Rule Lifting Boundary Requirements
- TEKS Certification and Allotment Survey Ratification
- Updated Special Education Policies 6.3 and 6.16
- Credit Line Increase

B. Byrne made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda including Enrollment Policy Revision, TEKS Certification and Ratification, Updated SPED Policies, Credit Line Increase, and the Meeting Minutes from A PUBLIC MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF GREAT HEARTS TEXAS on 01-23-25.

J. Sanford seconded the motion.

Motion Carried 6:25 p.m.

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

**IV. Conservator Progress Report**

**A. Update**

Great Hearts Texas has made the HR changes as required by the TEA, but Mr. Pastorek will remain as Conservator to continue to ensure that the HR functions are in accordance with TX law. Mr. Pastorek also supports other matters, including the Nova contract between Great Hearts Texas and Great Hearts America regarding online education.

## **V. Superintendent Report**

### **A. Great Hearts Arlington**

Compliments to the Arlington Team for juggling construction as we look forward to the completed addition.

### **B. Safety Updates**

- TEA Safety Audit March 25, 2025
- Behavior Threat Assessment Program
- TEA Sentinel Program Pilot

### **C. Looking Ahead**

- STAAR Testing
- Enrollment
- Finance
- TX Legislative Session
  - Facilities Funding
  - Teacher Raises
  - Teacher Incentive Allotment
  - School Security
  - Special Education Funds

## **VI. Academic Updates**

### **A. Family Survey**

- GHTX Annual Family Survey - completed
- Network promoter score increased in both Lower and Upper Schools

### **B. Academic Performance- District Improvement Plan Updates**

Updates:

- Additional Singapore Training (Math)
- IXL licenses to campuses (Math)
- AIP Campus Support in data analysis and intervention (Math and Reading)
- After-school tutoring (using Lexia) for Emergent Bilingual students (Reading)
- Continue to score higher than region and state (Reading)

### **C.**

**Public hearing for public discussion of the annual Texas Academic Performance Report (TAPR). 19 TAC 61.1022 (c)**

***Public Hearing Opened at 6:53 pm.***

TAPR 2024 Review (report available online)

- Attendance
- CCMR results from the Class of 2023
  - 4-Year Graduation Rate
  - College, Career, Military Readiness
  - SAT/ACT Benchmark Performance
- 23-24 STAAR Performance

Additional Data: 2025 Spring STAAR Interim

***Public Hearing Closed at 7:19 p.m.***

**VII. Finance Update**

**A. Review YTD Financial Report and Budget Update**

- Enrollment by month
- Average Daily Attendance
- Statement of Activities-December 2024
- Statement of Financial Position
- Statement of Cash Flows
- FY26 Proposed Enrollment

**VIII. Closed Meeting/Executive Session**

**A. Pursuant under:**

- Pursuant to 551.071, Consultation with Legal Counsel regarding pending legal matters
- Pursuant to 551.074, discussing conservator matters and consultation with conservator on HR matters
- Pursuant to Section 551.072, To deliberate the purchase, exchange, lease, sell or value of real property
- Pursuant to 551.076, Deliberations Regarding Security Devices or Security Audits
  - Discussion related to Intruder Detection Audit (IDA)
  - Standard Operating Procedures (SOP)

- Pursuant to 551.082, Review discipline of a public school child

J. Sanford made a motion to move to Executive Session.

K. Hall seconded the motion.

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

**Executive Session Entered at 7:26 p.m.**

**Executive Session Closed at 8:33 p.m.**

## **IX. Other Action Items**

### **A. Standard Operating Procedures (Front Desk and Campus Safety and Security)**

J. Sanford made a motion to approve SOPs 3/6/2-25 and direct the Superintendent to update and amend as needed with annual review and ratification by Board.

B. Byrne seconded the motion.

Motion carried 8:34 p.m.

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

### **B. Great Hearts Texas Cedar Park, TX Property**

B. Byrne made a motion to declare the Great Hearts Texas property located in Cedar Park, TX be declared a surplus property and to authorize the Superintendent to negotiate and execute all documents and instruments necessary to effectuate and complete the sale of that property, following approval by legal.

J. Sanford seconded the motion.

Motion carried 8:34 p.m.

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

### **C. Nova-State Affiliate GH TX Direct Services Contract**

J. Sanford made a motion to approve the NOVA state affiliate Great Hearts Texas Direct Services Contract subject to the resolution of outstanding budget matters to the satisfaction of our Superintendent.

B. Byrne seconded the motion.

Motion carried 8:35 p.m.

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

## **X. Closing Items**

### **A. Adjourn Meeting**

J. Sanford made a motion to adjourn.

B. Byrne seconded the motion.

Motion carried 8:38 p.m.

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

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 8:38 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,  
B. Byrne

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**Great Hearts Texas Board of Directors**

Jim Rahn, Chairman

Jackie Moczygemb, Vice Chairman

Brandon Byrne, Board Secretary

Olecia Christy, Board Director

Jonathan Sanford, Board Director

Kevin Hall, Board Director

The undersigned, being the Secretary of the Corporation, hereby certifies that the foregoing represents a true copy of the March 6, 2025 Meeting Minutes of the Great Hearts Texas Board of Directors. Meeting Minutes were approved by the Great Hearts Texas Board of Directors June 12, 2025.