

**Great Hearts Texas**  
**Resolution to Declare a Good Cause Exception for**  
**§61.1031(c), (1)- Map & Door Numbering Requirement**

WHEREAS, Title 19 Section 61.1031(c)(1) of the Texas Education Code requires the numbering of all instructional facilities with alpha-numerical characters on both side of each exterior door or on the wall immediately adjacent to or above the door which must comply with the International Fire Code §505, subject to a Good Cause exception.

WHEREAS, Section 37.353 of the Texas Education Code provides that if a school is unable to bring a district facility into compliance with a school facilities standard related to safety and security, the school may claim a good cause exception from the requirement to comply with that standard, including for a reason related to: (1) the age, physical design, or location of the noncompliant facility.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Directors of Great Hearts Texas hereby determines that the Great Hearts Texas, Great Hearts Monte Vista South is unable to number the main sanctuary doors to Temple Beth-El, 211 Belknap Place, San Antonio, TX.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Directors determines that:

The school's noncompliance is rooted in the historic significance of Temple Beth-El, which has served as a cornerstone of the Jewish community since its founding in 1874, making it the oldest synagogue in South Texas. Though it does not hold an official Texas Historical Landmark designation, its architectural and cultural value is widely acknowledged. Displaying visible door numbers on or near the main sanctuary doors would undermine efforts to preserve the temple's historical integrity and authentic architectural character. Further, the school has been informed that the Landlord will not consent to the alteration to the facility.

FINALLY, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Directors, having claimed a good cause exception, will develop and document an alternative standard with which the district is able to comply as best possible, in accordance with Section 61.1031(c)(1) of the Texas Education Code.

The adopted alternate standard is based on the unique appearance of the main temple access doors, distinguishing them from all other entry points to the Temple and the access ports for Great Hearts Monte Vista South campus. These primary access doors are large, wooden structures measuring approximately ten feet in height. Additionally, a pedestal sign will be placed outside, displaying the door number and a statement indicating that these doors are secured and do not provide building access.

Adopted this 11<sup>th</sup> day of June 2026 by the Great Hearts Texas Board of Directors Presiding Officer's

## GREAT HEARTS AMERICA - TEXAS

Members voting in favor of the Resolution:

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Jim Rahn, Chairman

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Jackie Moczygemba, Vice-Chairman

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Brandon Byrne, Secretary

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Olecia Christie, Director

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Kevin Hall, Director

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Jonathan Sanford, Director

[Absent](#)

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John Pritchett, Director

***The undersigned, being the Secretary of the Corporation, hereby certifies that the foregoing represents a true copy of a Resolution of the Directors of the Corporation, duly held on June 11, 2026 which Resolution is in full force and effect and has not been revoked or amended.***

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Secretary \_\_/\_\_/\_\_

March 23, 2026

Dr. Wade Dyke  
Superintendent

Re: Door Numbering Concern- Door 5 Main Sanctuary

Great Hearts Monte Vista South is housed within Temple Beth-El, located at 211 Belknap Place, San Antonio. The Wulfe Sanctuary is the spiritual and physical heart of Temple Beth-El, a Reform Jewish synagogue in San Antonio. During the 2025 TEA District Vulnerability Assessment (DVA) inspection, the sanctuary doors (5a, 5b, & 5c) were flagged for findings due to the absence of posted numbering on the interior and exterior of the temple. This requires the Great Hearts Texas Board of Directors to issue an exception to the Door Numbering requirement by board resolution. A resolution was approved in June 2025, for school year 2025 / 2026 and should be renewed for the 2026–2027 school year.

Temple Beth-El holds deep historical significance, having been established in 1874 as the oldest synagogue in South Texas, playing an integral role in the Jewish community. While it does not carry an official Texas Historical Landmark designation, its architectural and historical value is widely recognized.

The Temple Beth-El's leadership has advised that placing visible door numbers on the main sanctuary doors would compromise the preservation of Temple Beth-El's historical integrity and architectural authenticity. Additionally, restrictions on structural modifications exist to safeguard its historical presence, ensuring its legacy remains intact.

The main sanctuary doors are always secure during school hours and are never used by the school. It has been suggested that we secure all access points from the sanctuary into the school and not consider the sanctuary area as part of the campus. However, that will not work as there are multiple doors from the sanctuary into the school. The exterior sanctuary doors are very distinctive and could be cited as 'main Temple access.'

It is requested that the Great Hearts Texas Board of Directors to issue an exception to the Door Numbering requirement by board resolution for school year 2026–2027. A draft of the resolution is attached.

Sincerely,

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Wulfe Sanctuary, Temple Beth El, 211 Belknap Place, San Antonio Sanctuary access stairway. School access is on the east side of the Temple complex and the sanctuary on the west side of the Temple complex.



Main entrance into the Wulfe Sanctuary, Temple Beth-El.



Pedestal sign with door number.





Temple Sanctuary



Great Hearts Monte Vista – South building Temple Beth El, 211 Belknap Place.



