Great Hearts Texas

Minutes

Regular Board Meeting (9/17/2026 @ 6pm CT)

Date and Time
Thursday September 17, 2026 at 6:00 PM

Location
Great Hearts Forest Heights
5538 Research Rd.
San Antonio, TX 78240

Directors Present
B. Byrne (remote), J. Pritchett, K. Hall, O. Christie (remote)

Directors Absent
J. Sanford

I. Opening Items

A. Attendance

B. Call the Meeting to Order

Mr. John Pritchett called this meeting of the Board
of Directors of Great HeartsTexas to order on Thursday Sep 17, 2026 at 6:02 PM.

C. Opening Remarks

Mr. John Pritchett introduced himself as the new Great Hearts Texas Board President and gave a quick summary of the board work from over the summer. Mr. Pritchett read the Great Hearts Texas mission.

II. Public Comment

A. Written Public Comment

Mr. Brandon Aniol distributed the written public comment for the board to review at 6:05 PM. The board concluded their review of the written comment at 6:07 PM.

B. Oral Public Comment

Mr. Pritchett opened the meeting for Oral Public Comment at 6:08 PM. Two members of the public spoke via Zoom. One member of the public spoke in person. Mr. Pritchett allowed additional time for each speaker due to having only three speakers. Public Comment concluded at 6:26 PM.

III. Approval of Consent Agenda

A. Approval of Consent Agenda

- Approval of Great Hearts America - Texas, Board of Directors Annual Meeting Minutes for June 11, 2026
- Approval of District Emergency Operations Plan (EOP) for the 2026–2027 Academic Year
- Approval of Great Hearts America-Texas, Use of Artificial Intelligence (A.I.) Policy
- Approval of Superintendent Annual Certification of Compliance (SB 12) Required Under Texas Education Code §39.008 for the 2026–2027 School Year
- Consider and Take Possible Action to Approve Resolutions Designating Ten (10) Additional Non-Business Days for Calendar Years 2026 and 2027 for Purposes of Calculating Deadlines Under the Texas Public Information Act, Pursuant to Texas Government Code § 552.0031(f)

J. Pritchett made a motion to approve the consent agenda and the minutes from Annual Board Meeting (6/11/2026 @ 5pm CT) on 06-11-26.
K. Hall seconded the motion.
The motion passed at 6:27 PM.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

IV. Superintendent Report

A. Superintendent Update

Superintendent, Dr. Wade Dyke introduced the Great Hearts Forest Heights Headmasters, Mrs. Terri Monteverdi and Ms. Ann-Kathleen Borushko. They each gave an overview of their campus, Great Hearts Forest Heights. Dr. Dyke thanked the Headmasters for their emphasis on truth, beauty and goodness.

B. Academic Update

Executive Directors, Mr. Samuel Heisman and Mrs. Monet Lessner, along with Interim Executive Director, Mr. Andrew Ellison present the board with an academic update that included achievement data from the previous year. They expressed a goal to achieve a 67% proficiency rate in Math by 2030. Efforts will include using Blue Bonnet math lessons, evaluating curriculum options and instructional practices, consulting support and hiring staff with math specific expertise.

Dr. Olecia Christie and Mr. Pritchett asked questions about curriculum evaluation and implementation timelines.

The Academic Update concluded at 6:50 PM.

C. Operations Update

1. Great Hearts America Update: Great Hearts Co-Founder, Dr. Dan Scoggin reinforced the importance of improving teacher instruction and teacher quality, and how Great Hearts America is fully aligned in the curriculum work that needs to be done in Texas.

Dr. Scoggin, Mr. Ryan Travis and Ms. Christine Jagge gave an update on the Education Freedom Tax Credit.

- Potential scholarship opportunities for families.
- Partnership planning with ACE Scholarships, and
- Development of implementation strategies.

2. Senior Vice President of Operations Ms. Lisa Zerbonia reported:

- Enrollment exceeded budget at approximately 101% of target on the 11th day of school.
- Open enrollment for the upcoming school year scheduled to begin November 2.
- Invictus Phase II construction remains on schedule.
- Prairie View Phase II completed early and under budget.
- Successful opening of the Koehler House facility for the San Antonio Home Office and the Monte Vista South campus.

The Operations Update concluded at 7:10 PM.

D. Finance Update

Interim CFO, Mr. Stacey Lawrence presented a financial update, including:

- Preliminary Charter FIRST rating of "B" (88 points).

• Review of fiscal year 2025-2026 financial performance.
• Positive enrollment trends and attendance indicators.
• Continued monitoring of cash reserves and bond covenant compliance.
• Ongoing annual audit process.
• Launch of a search for a permanent Chief Financial Officer.

The Finance Update concluded at 7:19 PM.

V. Executive Session (Closed to the Public)

A. Executive Session

A. Consultation with Legal Counsel Regarding Pending Legal Matters, Pursuant to Texas Government Code § 551.071
B. Deliberation Regarding Real Property, Including Acquisition, Lease, Value, or Related Financing Considerations, Pursuant to Texas Government Code § 551.072
C. Deliberation of Personnel Matters Regarding Public Officers of the Great Hearts America - Texas Board of Directors, Pursuant to Texas Government Code § 551.074
D. Deliberation of Personnel Matters, Conservator Matters, and Consultation with Conservator on HR Compliance Matters, Pursuant to Texas Government Code § 551.074
E. Deliberation Regarding Public School Student Discipline or Formal Complaint, Pursuant to Texas Government Code § 551.082

K. Hall made a motion to move to Executive Session.
O. Christie seconded the motion.
Motion passed at 7:21 PM.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

VI. Reconvene in Open Session

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The Board reconvened to Open Session at 8:43 PM.

B. Report of the Governance Committee

K. Hall made a motion to adopt a resolution to enter into a Local On-System Improvement Project agreement with the Texas Department of Transportation for the design and construction of roadway improvements on SH 16 in Helotes, Bexar County, Texas.
B. Byrne seconded the motion.
Motion passed at 8:44 PM.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

C. Consider and take possible action on Board Resolution for Compliance with Texas Education Code Section 11.005 (Prohibition on DEI Duties) and Section 28.0022 (Certain Instructional Requirements and Prohibitions)

J. Pritchett made a motion to adopt a resolution for compliance with Texas Education Code 11.005, prohibition on DEI duties and section 28.0022 pertaining to certain instructional requirements and prohibitions.
K. Hall seconded the motion.

The motion passed at 8:45 PM.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

D. Consider and Take Possible Action on Matters Discussed in Closed Session

No motion was made to take action on a parent grievance appeal.

VII. Closing Items

A. Adjourn Meeting

K. Hall made a motion to adjourn.
O. Christie seconded the motion.
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 8:46 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
B. Byrne