

**MINUTES**  
**Heritage Academy Charter Schools, Inc.**  
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**Heritage Academy**

**Date:** September 11, 2025

**Time:** 6:30 p.m.

**Location:** 1301 Waters Ridge Drive, Lewisville, Texas 75057

**Meeting Type:** Regular

**Attendees:** Ben Klingenstein, President; Kent Sparks, Vice President; Dr. Lisa Bowen, Secretary; Chuck Cook, CEO/Board Member; Rick Fengler, Board Member; Robert Davison, Board Member.

Delilah Lopez Loya, Board Member, was absent.

Ben Klingenstein, Board President, called the meeting to order at 6:39 p.m.

**1. Consent Items**

Motion: Rick Fengler moved to approve consent items 1-7 as presented.

Second: Chuck Cook

Vote: 6-0 in favor

1. Consider approving the Budget Amendments for the 2024-2025 School Year.
2. Consider approving the amended Budget for the 2025-2026 School Year.
3. Consider approving the Payment of Bills.
4. Consider approving the District Financial Reports
5. Consider approving the 2025-2026 District Improvement Plans.
6. Consider approving updated Board Policies.
7. Approve the minutes from the board meeting held on June 13, 2025.
8. Consider approving district contracts.
9. Consider approval of the 2025-2026 Parent/Student Handbook.
10. Consider approving the updated Early Childhood Literacy and Mathematics Plan.
11. Consider approving the updated College, Career, and Military Readiness Plan

**2. Closed Session**

The Board went into closed session at 6:41 p.m. pursuant to Texas Government Code §551.076.

The Board reconvened into Open Session at 6:49 p.m. and took the following action on items discussed in closed session.

**a. Good Cause Exception**

Motion: Rick Fengler moved to approve the annual submission of the Good Cause Exception.

Second: Kent Sparks

Vote: 6-0 in favor

**b. 2022-2025 Charter District Audit Report**

Motion: Ben Klingenstein moved to approve the submission of the three-year Safety & Security Audit.

Second: Dr. Lisa Bowen

Vote: 6-0 in favor

Board President, Ben Klingenstein, adjourned the meeting at 6:51 p.m.

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Ben Klingenstein, President

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Dr. Lisa Bowen, Secretary

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**HERITAGE ACADEMY  
RESOLUTION TO DECLARE A GOOD CAUSE EXCEPTION  
FOR HOUSE BILL 3  
ARMED SECURITY OFFICER REQUIREMENT**

WHEREAS, Heritage Academy, a Texas 501(c)(3) nonprofit corporation;

WHEREAS, Board of Directors ("Board") of Heritage Academy seeks to increase the choice of learning opportunities for students;

WHEREAS, Section 37.0814 of the Texas Education Code requires the board of trustees of each school district shall determine the appropriate number of armed security officers for each district campus;

WHEREAS, Section 37.0814(a) of the Texas Education Code requires the board to ensure that at least one armed security officer is present during regular school hours at each district campus;

WHEREAS, Section 37.0814(b) of the Texas Education Code requires that at least one armed security officer at each campus be a commissioned peace officer, namely a school district peace officer; a school resource officer; or a commissioned peace officer employed as security personnel under Section 37.081 of the Texas Education Code;


WHEREAS, Section 37.0814(c) of the Texas Education Code provides that if the board of trustees of a school district is unable to comply with this section, the board may claim a good cause exception if the district's noncompliance is due to the availability of funding or qualified personnel;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Directors ("Board") of Heritage Academy hereby determines that the School District is unable to ensure that at least one armed security officer, as defined by law, is present during regular school hours at each district campus;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board, does hereby determine that the District's good cause exception is due to lack of available funding and due to the lack of available qualified personnel.

FINALLY, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board, having claimed a good cause exception, will develop and document an alternative standard with which the district is able to comply, in accordance with Sections 37.0814(d) and (e) of the Texas Education Code.

By 6 to 0 majority vote of members of the Board, this resolution was (Check one.) ☒ approved ☐ disapproved at a lawfully called meeting on September 11, 2025, and as indicated by their signatures below.

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Ben Klingenstein, President

9/11/2025


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Larry Sparks, Vice President

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Dr. Lisa Bowen, Secretary

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Charles Cook

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Robert Davison

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Date

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Richard Fengler

9/11/2025

Date

Absent

Delilah Lopez Loya

Date