

MINUTES
Heritage Academy Charter Schools, Inc.
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Heritage Academy

Date: November 14, 2025

Time: 12:00 p.m.

Location: 1301 Waters Ridge Drive, Lewisville, Texas 75057

Meeting Type: Regular

Attendees: Ben Klingenstein, President; Kent Sparks, Vice President; Chuck Cook, CEO/Board Member; Rick Fengler, Board Member; Delilah Lopez Loya, Board Member; Robert Davison, Board Member.

Dr. Lisa Bowen, Secretary; Board Member, was absent.

Ben Klingenstein, Board President, called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m.

1. Consent Items

Motion: Chuck Cook moved to approve consent items 1-6 & 8 as presented. Item #7 was struck from the agenda.

Second: Delilah Lopez Loya

Vote: 6-0 in favor

1. Consider approving the payment of bills 9/1/2025 - 10/31/2025.
2. Consider approving the 2025-2026 school calendars.
3. Consider approving a waiver of 19 TAC §89.1207, which states the LEA does not have the appropriately certified educators for their required bilingual or English as a second language (ESL) program.
4. Consider approving the 2025-26 Campus Improvement Plans.
5. Approve the minutes from the board meeting held on September 11, 2025.
6. Consider approving district contracts.
- ~~7. Consider approving the Student Health Advisory Council.~~
8. Consider approving the Special Education Policies.

2. Sepatare Items

a. Presentation of the 2024-25 Financial Integrity Rating System of Texas (FIRST)

Motion:

Second:

Vote: No vote taken

b. New Board Member

Motion: Delilah Lopez Loya moved to approve the addition of a new board member, Amie Giacumakis, to the board beginning January 2026.

Second: Rick Fengler

Vote: 6-0 in favor

3. Closed Session

The Board went into Closed Session at 12:08 p.m. pursuant to Texas Government Code §551.076 to discuss the Intruder Detection Audit Report Findings, MEOP, and active Threat Annex. And Tex. Gov't Code §551.074 to deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer or employee, to consider the hiring of a lone candidate for the position of Superintendent.

The Board reconvened into Open Session at 12:16 p.m. and took the following action on items discussed in closed session.

a. New Superintendent

Motion: Rick Fengler moved to approve Kalese Whitehurst as the new Superintendent for Heritage Academy.

Second: Delilah Lopez Loya

Vote: 6-0 in favor

Board President, Ben Klingenstein, adjourned the meeting at 12:17 p.m.

Ben Klingenstein, President

Date

Dr. Lisa Bowen, Secretary

Date

MINUTES
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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 1-11 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.

Ben Klingenstein, President

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Dr. Lisa Bowen, Secretary

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**BOARD RESOLUTION
OF HERITAGE ACADEMY CHARTER SCHOOLS, INC.
CHARTER HOLDER OF HERITAGE ACADEMY**

WHEREAS, Heritage Academy Charter Schools, Inc., a Texas nonprofit corporation, seeks to increase the choice of learning opportunities within the Texas public schools systems;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Heritage Academy Board of Directors requests a waiver of 19 TAC 89.1207, which states the LEA does not have the appropriately certified educators for their required bilingual or English as a second language (ESL) program.

By 6 to 0 majority vote of members of the Board, this resolution was (Check one.) ☒ approved ☐ disapproved at a lawfully called meeting on November 14, 2025, and as indicated by their signatures below.

Ben Klingenstein, President

Date 11/14/2025

Kent Sparks, Vice President

Date 11/14/2025

Absent

Dr. Lisa Bowen, Secretary

Date

Charles Cook

Date 11/14/2025

Robert Davison

Date 11/14/2025

Delilah Lopez Loya

Date 11/14/2025

Richard Fengler

Date 11/14/2025