

WINFREE ACADEMY CHARTER SCHOOLS
MEETING MINUTES
OF THE NON-PROFIT BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Administration Building
1840 Hutton Drive Suite 130
Carrollton, Texas 75006

February 25, 2026
5:00 pm

The Board of Directors met in a special meeting at the Winfree Academy administration building on February 25, 2026, convening at 5:04 pm. A quorum was present. Vice Chair, Mark Hoffman, as the Presiding Officer, called the meeting to order.

Board Members Present: Mark Hoffman, Gabrielle McCormick, Susan Younger

Board Members Absent: Mikeela Hudson, Greg Ward

Administrators Present: Brandy Schott, Carrie Alexander, Deirdre Staples

School Staff Present: DJ Elkin, Morgan Przybylski

Public Comments: None

Consent Agenda

Consider Approval of the Consent Agenda which includes the Minutes for January 13, 2026. Motion by Susan Younger to approve the Consent Agenda. Gabrielle McCormick seconded the motion. In favor, Mark Hoffman, Gabrielle McCormick, Susan Younger. None Opposed. **Motion Carried.**

Reports

Mrs. Staples presented the Texas Academic Performance Reports: 2024-2025 Texas Academic Performance Reports; 2023-2024 PEIMS Actual Financial Data; 2022-2023 High School Graduates' Enrollment and Academic Performance in Texas Public Higher Education in Fiscal Year 2024; Report on Violent or Criminal Incidents by Campus for 2024-2025.

Action Agenda

1. Consider Approval of amending the 2024-2025 budget. Presentation by Carrie Alexander. Motion by Susan Younger to approve amending the 2024-2025 budget. Gabrielle McCormick seconded the motion. In favor, Mark Hoffman, Gabrielle McCormick, Susan Younger. None Opposed. **Motion Carried.**
2. Consider Approval of the Annual Financial Report for the year ending June 30, 2025. Presentation by Heather La Point, Audit Director representing audit firm. Motion by Susan Younger to approve the Annual Financial Report for the year ending June 30, 2025. Gabrielle McCormick seconded the motion. In favor, Mark Hoffman, Gabrielle McCormick, Susan Younger. None Opposed. **Motion Carried.**
3. Consider Approval of amending Board Policy Group 3, - Grading and Student Assessment

(LOCAL). Presentation by Morgan Przybylski. Motion by Susan Younger to approve amending Board Policy Group 3, - Grading and Student Assessment (LOCAL). Seconded by Gabrielle McCormick. In favor, Mark Hoffman, Gabrielle McCormick, Susan Younger. None Opposed. **Motion Carried.**

4. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Prayer and Reading of Religious Text. Presentation by Brandy Schott. Motion by Mark Hoffman to consider and approve the Resolution and Policy regarding prayer and reading of religious text. No second. None in favor. **Motion Fails.**
5. Consider Approval of Resolution authorizing employee pay during emergency closure. Motion by Susan Younger to approve Resolution authorizing employee pay during emergency closure. Seconded by Gabrielle McCormick. In favor, Mark Hoffman, Gabrielle McCormick, Susan Younger. None Opposed. **Motion Carried.**
6. Consider Approval of the 2026-2027 Certification of Provision of Instructional Materials. Motion by Mark Hoffman to approve the 2026-2027 Certification of Provision of Instructional Materials. Seconded by Gabrielle McCormick. In favor, Mark Hoffman, Gabrielle McCormick, Susan Younger. None Opposed. **Motion Carried.**
7. Consider Approval of Resolution authorizing a full-time virtual program for an existing campus. Motion by Susan Younger to approve the Resolution authorizing a full-time virtual program for an existing campus. Seconded by Gabrielle McCormick. In favor, Mark Hoffman, Gabrielle McCormick, Susan Younger. None Opposed. **Motion Carried.**
8. Consider and take action on matters discussed in executive session.

Mark Hoffman closed for an executive meeting of the Board at 6:53 pm specifically related to Texas Government Code Section(s) 551.072 Real Property, 551.074 Personnel Matters, and 551.076 Security Devices.

Executive Session

Closed Session pursuant to Texas Government Code Sections 551.071, 551.072, 551.073, 551.074, 551.075, 551.076, 551.082, 551.084, pertaining to any item listed on this agenda, as permitted by applicable law.

Mark Hoffman reconvened the open meeting at 7:44 pm. **No action taken** from closed session.

Superintendent Report

Brandy Schott provided an update to enrollment, attendance, and learner retention. Additionally, she conducted a review of the 2024-2025 District Improvement Plan that the Board will consider approving at a future meeting and before the end of July 2026.

Mark Hoffman adjourned the meeting at 7:53 pm.

If during the course of the meeting covered by this Notice, the Board should determine that a closed or executive meeting or session of the Board is required, then such a closed or executive meeting or session as authorized by the Texas Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Code Section 551.001 et seq., will be held by the Board at the date, hour, and place given in this Notice or as soon after the commencement of the meeting covered by this Notice as the Board may conveniently meet in such closed or executive session concerning any and all purposes permitted by the Act, including, but not limited to the following sections and purposes:

Texas Government Code Section:

- 551.071 Consultation with Attorney; Closed Meeting
- 551.072 Deliberation Regarding Real Property; Closed Meeting
- 551.073 Deliberation Regarding Prospective Gift; Closed Meeting
- 551.074 Personnel Matters; Closed Meeting
- 551.075 Conference Relating to Investments and Potential Investments
Attended by the Board of Trustees of Texas Growth Fund; Closed Meeting
- 551.076 Deliberation Regarding Security Devices; Closed Meeting
- 551.082 School Children, Employees, Disciplinary Matter or Complaint;
Closed Meeting
- 551.084 Investigation; Exclusion of Witness from Hearing

Should any final action, final decision, or final vote be required in the opinion of the Board with regard to any matter considered in such closed or executive meeting or session, then the final decision, or final vote shall be either:

- a) in the open meeting covered by the Notice upon the reconvening of the public meeting or,
- b) at a subsequent public meeting of the Board upon notice thereof; as the Board shall determine.

This agenda is part of the Notice of Meeting in accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Code Chapter 551. The order of items posted on the agenda may be changed by the Board Members. This meeting will exclusively address items. No other items will be discussed. This notice was posted in compliance with the Texas Open Meetings Act on February 19, 2026 @ 5:00 pm.


Executive Director of Compliance

with the Texas
551. The order
consensus of
posted agenda
posted in
February 19,