

**BOARD RESOLUTION
OF
WINFREE ACADEMY CHARTER SCHOOLS**

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of Winfree Academy Charter Schools (the "Board"), charter holder of Winfree Academy Charter Schools holds the physical safety of its students and staff as its highest priority; and

WHEREAS, the Board, in consultation with the Superintendent and the School's legal counsel, have considered options under federal and state law for the placement of competent and qualified armed security personnel at its campuses; and

WHEREAS, the Board endeavors to prevent any physical injury or loss of life resulting from an active shooter incident or similar tragedy such as recently experienced in public schools, hospitals, and churches within the State of Texas and beyond; and

WHEREAS, Section 37.0814 of the Texas Education Code requires the Board to determine the appropriate number of armed security officers for each campus;

WHEREAS, Section 37.0814 of the Texas Education Code requires at least one armed security officer during regular school hours at each Winfree Academy Charter Schools campus, specifically an armed security officer who is a school district peace officer, a school resource officer, or a commissioned peace officer employed as security personnel at each campus; and

WHEREAS, Section 37.0814(c) of the Texas Education Code authorizes the Board to claim a good cause exception to the requirement to place an armed security officer who is a peace officer at each campus if Winfree Academy Charter Schools is unable to comply due to lack of available funding and/or qualified personnel; and

WHEREAS the Board is authorized by Sections 12.107 and 45.105 of the Texas Education Code to expend funds for purposes necessary in the conduct of the public schools as determined by the Board; and

WHEREAS, the Board has determined that Winfree Academy Charter Schools lacks adequate funding to employ or contract for at least one peace officer commissioned by the school, a school resource officer, or a commissioned peace officer employed as security personnel to serve as an armed security officer at each campus; and

WHEREAS, the Board has determined that there is a lack of available qualified personnel in the areas surrounding Winfree Academy Charter Schools campuses for the School to employ or contract for at least one peace officer commissioned by the school, a school resource officer, or a commissioned peace officer employed as security personnel to serve as an armed security officer at each campus; and

WHEREAS, the Board desires that the School continue to pursue and make effort to employ armed security personnel to provide adequate coverage for its campuses, but given the difficulties in staffing such positions, the Board must necessarily claim a good cause exception to the requirement that each campus have an armed security officer during regular school hours as provided under the new Texas Education Code section 37.0814(c) due to the unavailability of funding and/or unavailability of personnel who qualify as a school district peace officer, school resource officer, or a commissioned peace officer employed as security personnel; and

WHEREAS, Section 37.814(d) of the Texas Education Code requires Winfree Academy Charter Schools to develop an alternative standard with which it is able to comply; and

WHEREAS, the Board may authorize an individual to carry firearms and handguns on school premises in accordance with written regulations or written authorization under Texas Penal Code section 46.03(a)(1)(A); and

WHEREAS, the Board has, pursuant to its authority under Texas Penal Code section 46.03(a)(1)(A), established a Guardian Program for armed security officers; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors has determined that the expense for security including armed security personnel is necessary in the conduct of the public schools for the hardening of the public schools within its jurisdiction for the protection of human life; and

WHEREAS, Winfree Academy Charter Schools has implemented various safety measures designed to prevent physical injury or loss of life resulting from an active shooter incident or similar tragedy including a Multi-Hazard Emergency Operations Plan ("MEOP") addressing prevention, mitigation, preparedness, response, and recovery as defined by the Texas School Safety Center;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board of Directors of Winfree Academy Charter Schools, at a lawfully called meeting of the Board, held in compliance with the Texas Open Meetings Act, do hereby adopt the following Resolutions:

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED THAT:

- The Board hereby determines that Winfree Academy Charter Schools is unable to ensure that at least one armed school district peace officer, school resource officer, or a commissioned peace officer is present during regular school hours at each campus due to lack of available funding and/or lack of available qualified personnel.
- The Board determines it is necessary to claim and hereby does claim a good cause exception under Section 37.0814(c) of the Texas Education Code.
- The Board has developed and approved an alternative standard with which it is able to comply in accordance with Section 37.0814(d) of the Texas Education Code.
- The Board hereby authorizes the Superintendent or designee to take all necessary actions to implement and comply with the alternative standard outlined above.

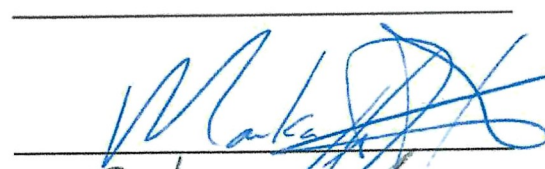
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- Armed security officers present on campus in accordance with this alternative standard are authorized to possess firearms and handguns on Winfree Academy Charter Schools campuses in a manner consistent with their professional license and certifications as issued by the Texas Department of Public Safety, the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement, or other licensing agency or authority and as set forth in any applicable Winfree Academy Charter Schools policies and procedures.
- Winfree Academy Charter Schools is authorized to enter into interlocal agreements with local law enforcement agencies under Govt. Code Chapter 791 to provide school resource officers and other law enforcement support for campuses.
- The Board hereby authorizes the Superintendent to engage a security guard company to provide security officer support for campuses.
- The Superintendent shall continue efforts to secure additional funding and to source, hire, employ, or contract with security personnel for the campuses.
- The Superintendent shall oversee the staffing and planning/scheduling for security personnel covering the School's campuses.
- The Superintendent shall work with the Regional Education Service Center and Texas School Safety Center to continue pursuit of additional resources, training, and safety and security policies, procedures, and practices.
- The Superintendent or designee is authorized to prepare and maintain documentation of the School's good cause exception and implementation of policies, procedures, alternative arrangements for security and safety.

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PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE MAJORITY OF MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF WINFREE ACADEMY CHARTER SCHOOLS ON THE 23RD DAY OF JUNE 2026.

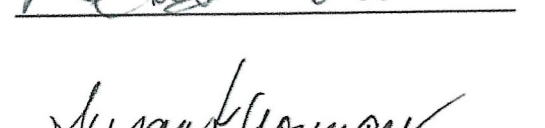
Members Voting in Favor of Resolution:



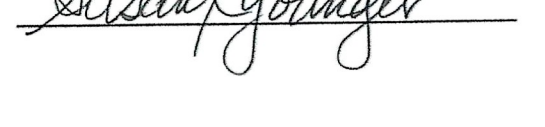
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CHAIR



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VICE CHAIR-OPERATIONS



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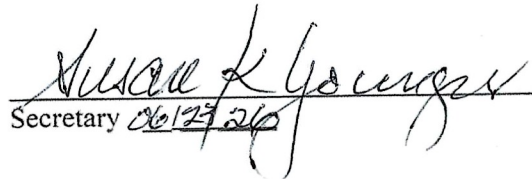


Susan Younger
SECRETARY

Greg Ward
TREASURER

CERTIFICATION

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 23, 2026 which Resolution is in full force and effect and has not been revoked or amended.


Secretary 06/23/26