



## AMERICA CAN! dba TEXANS CAN ACADEMIES CHARTER SCHOOLS BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING MINUTES – April 28, 2025

A special meeting was convened and conducted by the Board of Trustees of Texans Can Academies Public Charter School District at the District Office/Oak Cliff Campus at 325 West 12th Street, Dallas, Texas 75208. Dr. Thalia Matherson, Chair of the Board, was present to preside over the meeting.

**Virtual Attendees:** Sharon Burkley, Julissa Alcantar-Martinez, La Juana Sanford, Karren Hodge, Richard Evans, Steven Anderson, Retta Jones, Dr. Susan Tims, Dr. Tonia Howard, Tia

**In Person Attendees:** Dr. Thalia F. Matherson, Dr. James Ponce, Nockamury Coleman, Jennifer Kitchens, Dontel Washington

**Absentees:** Jeff Weekley, Antonio Soto

5:31pm-5:32 pm (1 minute) – Board Chair, Dr. Thalia F. Matherson, called the meeting to order

5:32pm-5:32pm (0 minutes) – Board Chair, Dr. Matherson inquired if there was a Public Forum. The Board Liaison, Nockamury Coleman, stated that there was no Public Forum.

5:32pm-6:10pm (38 minutes) – Board Chair, Dr. Matherson opened the floor to discuss and approve the Board of Trustees Community Outreach/Engagement topics for discussion during the community outreach/engagement events. The agenda outlining the discussion topics were provided to the board prior to the meeting.

The board agreed to include “to the community” in the Purpose statement, making the new Purpose:

*“To provide awareness of this fantastic opportunity to the community for students to be successful in obtaining a high school diploma, and even be prepared to go immediately into the workforce.”*

Make the Four Day School Week, Virtual Option, and Flexible School Day Schedule sub categories of Accelerated Academic Program.

Add the Theory of Action back to agenda. Community feedback is required before it can be finalized and board approved.

Utilize video clips of students sharing their stories to help tell the story of what makes Texans Can Academies unique. Put a student’s face with what we do. The video clips will push businesses to our website.

A suggestion was made to use the website, in place of a slide presentation, to navigate through the community meetings. Other suggestions included highlighting that we are a “FREE” charter, no lottery system, we have individualized learning styles for our students, SPED, we are bilingual and offer different examples of how our students defy statistics. It should also be clear that we have programs that lead to certifications.

The board was asked to focus in on what type of student we enroll and what the profile of that student.

A suggestion was made to replace “Our Mission” with the Theory of Action.



Highlight our Work Force Development programs and ask businesses to partner with us. The Work Force Development Programs include Baylor Scott and White, RHCA, etc.

The community engagement/outreach meetings should last no longer than 30 minutes. The board member will be required to contact the host to finalize the who, when, and what details.

6:10pm-6:11pm (1 minute) – Trustee Anderson moved to accept the items listed above to be included in the presentation for the Board of Trustees Community Outreach/Engagement Topics. Trustee Evans seconded the motion. It was approved by unanimous consent.

6:11pm- Meeting adjourned by Board Chair, Dr. Matherson

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Antonio Soto  
Board Secretary

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**LSG Time Use Tracker: 40 Minutes / Advocacy & Engagement or Synergy & Teamwork**