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State of Texas
County of Harris
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Alief Montessori Community School
AMCS Board of Directors Resolution

Resolution to Declare a Good Cause Exception for House Bill 3

Armed Security Officer Requirement

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

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 Trustees of Alief Montessori Community School hereby determines that the charter school 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 of Trustees determines that:

The charter school's noncompliance is due to lack of available funding.

1. *Hiring a qualified armed officer cost 2.5 times higher than an armed security officer from a private agency. While AMCS received school safety grants, funding is only sufficient to cover the 40% of the cost of a qualified commissioned peace officer required under Section 37.0814(c) of the Texas Education Code*

2. *AMCS exerted extensive time and effort to recruit officers or contract with other local governmental entities for SROs, but there is a shortage of personnel to hire. There were no applicants for the position.*

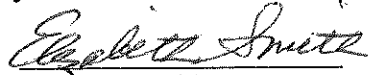
FINALLY, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees, having claimed a good cause exception, hereby adopts an alternative standard with which the district is able to comply, in accordance with Sections 37.0814(d) and (e) of the Texas Education Code, whereby:

AMCS will contract directly with security personnel or with a security services contractor to provide commissioned security officers as defined by Texas Occupations Code section 1702.322. This security personnel who is permitted to carry a firearm but is not a commissioned peace officer performing law enforcement duties as determined by the board, may not perform routine law enforcement duties, including making arrests, except during an emergency presenting a risk of death or serious bodily injury to someone at the campus.

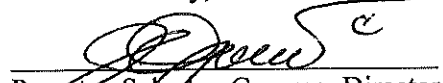
FINALLY, BE IT RESOLVED that the AMCS Board of Trustees, having claimed a good cause exception, will develop and document an alternative standard with which the district is able to comply, in accordance with Sections 37.0814(d) and (e) of the Texas Education Code.

Adopted this 30th day of March 2026 by majority vote of the Board of Trustees.


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**ALIEF MONTESSORI COMMUNITY SCHOOL
BOARD POLICY MANUAL GOVERNANCE
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Sec. 1. BOARD AUTHORITY

The Board of ALIEF MONTESSORI COMMUNITY SCHOOL (also, AMCS) may:

1. Employ or contract with security personnel;
2. Enter into a memorandum of understanding with a local law enforcement agency or a county or municipality that is the employing political subdivision of commissioned peace officers for the provision of school resource officers;
3. For the purposes of providing security personnel, contract with a security services contractor licensed under Chapter 1702, Occupations Code, for the provision of a commissioned security officer, as defined by Section 1702.002, Occupations Code, who has completed the Level II or III training course required by the Department of Public Safety; and
4. Commissioned peace officers to carry out Subchapter C, Chapter 37 of the Education Code.

Education Code 12.104(a-l), 37.081(a).

Sec. 2. ARMED SECURITY REQUIRED

The Board of Alief Montessori Community School shall determine the appropriate number of armed security officers for its charter school campus. The Board must ensure that at least one armed security officer is present during regular school hours at the charter school campus. *Education Code 12.104(b)(3)(V), 37.0814(a).*

A security officer described above must be:

1. A school district peace officer;
2. A school resource officer;
3. A commissioned peace officer employed as security personnel under Education Code 37.081;
4. A reserve deputy sheriff appointed under Local Government Code 85.004 who is a peace officer as described by Article 2A.001, Code of Criminal Procedure;
5. A reserve police officer appointed under Education Code 37.0816 who is a peace officer as described by Article 2A.001, Code of Criminal Procedure; or
6. An honorably retired peace officer, as defined by Government Code 614.121 who has:
 - (a) kept their commission as a peace officer in active status; and (b) fulfilled all applicable requirements under Occupations Code 1701.351, 1701.3525, and 1701.357.

Education Code 37.0814(b).

Sec. 3. GOOD CAUSE EXCEPTION

- a) *Good Cause Except for Inability to Comply*

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If the Board of Alief Montessori Community School is unable to comply with Section 2, above, the Board may claim a good cause exception from the requirement to comply if the noncompliance is due to the availability of:

1. Funding; or
2. Personnel who qualify to serve as a security officer described by Section 2.

Education Code 37.0814(c).

b) *Alternative Standard*

If the Board of Alief Montessori Community School claims a good cause exception, the Board must develop an alternative standard with which the school is able to comply, which may include providing a person to act as a security officer who is:

1. A school marshal; or
2. A school employee or a person with whom the school contracts who:
 - i. Either
 - a) Has completed school safety training provided by a qualified handgun instructor certified in school safety under Section 411.1901, Government Code; or
 - b) Not later than the 90th day after the date on which the employee or person begins duties as a security officer, completes training deemed appropriate by the school, in consultation with the school's police department, or, if the school does not have a police department, a local law enforcement agency, in:
 - (1) Active shooter response, which must be provided by an instructor certified by the Advanced Law Enforcement Rapid Response Training Center at Texas State University--San Marcos;
 - (2) School safety and emergency management;
 - (3) Crisis intervention;
 - (4) Incident command;
 - (5) First aid administration;
 - (6) Mental health; and
 - (7) Qualifications relating to the carrying or use of a firearm; and
11. Carries a handgun on school premises in accordance with written regulations or written authorization of the Board under Section 46.03(a)(1)(A), Penal Code.

Education Code 37.0814(d).

c) *Expiration and Renewal*

A good cause exception claimed by the Board of Alief Montessori Community School expires on the first anniversary of the date the exception is claimed. On the expiration of the exception, the Board must reevaluate whether the Board is able to comply with Section 2 of this policy and, if not, renew:

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1. The claim for an exception; and
2. The alternative standard developed.

Education Code 37.0814(d-1).

d) Documentation

The Board of Alief Montessori Community School must develop and maintain documentation of the school's implementation of and compliance with the armed security officer requirement, including documentation related to a good cause exception, and shall, if requested by the Texas Education Agency (TEA), provide that documentation to the TEA in the manner prescribed by the Agency.

Education Code 37.0814(e).

Sec. 4. JURISDICTION

The jurisdiction of a peace officer, a school resource officer, or security personnel shall be determined by the Board of Directors and may include all territory in the geographic boundaries of ALIEF MONTESSORI COMMUNITY SCHOOL and all property outside the boundaries of ALIEF MONTESSORI COMMUNITY SCHOOL that is owned, leased, or rented by or otherwise under the control of the School and the Board that employ or contract with, as applicable, the peace officer or security personnel or that enter into a memorandum of understanding for the provision of a school resource officer.

Education Code 37.0BJ(a-1)

Sec. 5. DUTIES

The Board shall determine the law enforcement duties of peace officers, school resource officers, and security personnel. The duties must be included in:

1. The district improvement plan under Education Code 11.252, if any;
2. The student code of conduct adopted under Education Code 37.001;
3. Any memorandum of understanding providing for a school resource officer; and
4. Any other campus or district document describing the role of peace officers, school resource officers, or security personnel in the district.

Education Code 37.081(d).

The Board shall coordinate with district campus behavior coordinators and other school employees to ensure that Security Officers are tasked only with duties related to law enforcement intervention and not tasked with behavioral or administrative duties better addressed by other School

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employees. *Education Code 37.081(d-4)*. The campus principal retains final authority to assign disciplinary consequences to students and staff.

a) Law Enforcement Duties

A peace officer, a school resource officer, or security personnel shall perform law enforcement duties for **ALIEF MONTESSORI COMMUNITY SCHOOL** that must include protecting:

1. The safety and welfare of any person in the jurisdiction of the peace officer, resource officer, or security personnel; and
2. The property of **ALIEF MONTESSORI COMMUNITY SCHOOL**

Specifically, to:

3. Foot patrol premises
4. Assist in ensuring the safety and welfare of any person in the AMCS jurisdiction.
5. Monitor and secure all school buildings and properties..
6. Monitor and assist in arrival and dismissal traffic flow.
7. Conduct door and hallway checks daily and update door sweep record.
8. Send electronic report of premise check sent to client after daily shift.
9. Be available as a resource within the educational setting to connect the school community to outside resources.
10. Establish healthy relationships within the school setting by working as a team with students, parents, and school staff.

Education Code 37.081(d-1).

A person permitted to carry a firearm on a **ALIEF MONTESSORI COMMUNITY SCHOOL** campus may not perform the routine law enforcement duties of a peace officer, including making arrests, unless the duty is performed in response to an emergency that poses a threat of death or serious bodily injury to a student, school employee, or other individual at the school campus. This limitation does not apply to a commissioned peace officer who is assigned law enforcement duties that are included in campus and district documents describing the role of peace officers in the district as required by Education Code 37.081(d).

Education Code 37.089.

b) Student Discipline and School Administration

ALIEF MONTESSORI COMMUNITY SCHOOL may not assign or require as duties of a commissioned school peace officer, a school resource officer, or security personnel:

1. Routine student discipline, behavioral or school administrative tasks; or
2. Contact with students unrelated to the law enforcement duties of the peace officer, a school resource officer, or security personnel.

Education Code 37.081(d-2).

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This limitation does not prohibit a chmier school peace officer, a school resource officer, or security personnel from informal contact with a student unrelated to:

1. The assigned security or law enforcement duties of the peace officer, a school resource officer, or security personnel; or
2. An incident involving student behavior or law enforcement.

Education Code 37.081(d-3).

Certified:



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President

Date: 3-30-2026



ELIZABETH SMITH

Secretary

Date: 3-30-2026