



The University of Texas at Tyler **UNIVERSITY ACADEMY™**

UT Tyler University Academy Safety and Security Committee Meeting Minutes

Thursday, February 26, 2026, at 3:00 p.m.

Ornelas Activity Center
3402 Old Omen Rd
Tyler, TX 75707

ATTENDING

Voting Members:

Sammi Broussard
Tamara Childers
Elizabeth Clark
Dr. Aimee Dennis

Rachel Hawkins
Officer Henry
Andrew Kohls
Nurse Cori Mackey

Shelly Parsons
Eric Semlear
Assistant Chief Standerfer

Non-voting Members

Amanda Kaiser

1. Call to Order

The School Safety and Security Meeting was called to order at 3:00 p.m. by Dr. Dennis on Thursday, February 26, 2026. Dr. Dennis confirmed a Quorum.

2. Pledge

The Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag was said, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Texas Flag.

PUBLIC COMMENT

3. Open for Public Comment

Dr. Dennis confirmed that no one was registered to speak during public comment.

ACTION ITEMS

4. Consent Agenda for the previous minutes, [Thursday, November 13, 2025](#).

Officer Henry moved to approve the November 13, 2025, meeting minutes, seconded by Ms. Stroud. The motion was carried unanimously with Ms. Broussard, Mr. Buckland, Ms. Childers, Ms. Clark, Dr. Dennis, Ms. Hawkins, Officer Henry, Mr. Kohls, Nurse Mackey, Ms. Parsons, Mr. Semlear, and Assistant Chief Standerfer voting in the affirmative.

5. Executive Session, Dr. Dennis announced that the committee would go into an Executive Session under Texas Government Code 551.089 to address the School Safety & Security Committee review of:
 - a. District Vulnerability Assessment Full Report
 - b. Weekly Door Inspection Data
 - c. Safety Updates
 - i. UA Longview Campus Evacuation
 - ii. School Safety Standards Compliance Assessment SY 26

The Committee moved to executive session at 3:02 p.m., and returned to the regular meeting at 3:12 p.m.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

6. 2026-2027 School Safety and Security Meeting Dates/Times
 - a. Dr. Dennis presented the dates/times, commenting that they aligned with scheduled school board meetings. The meeting times will be updated to 3:00 p.m. instead of 2:45 p.m.
7. Threat Assessment Data Review
 - a. Tyler: Mr. Kohls stated that the Tyler campus has eight trained team members.
 - i. Twelve reports were identified. Eight were not imminent and did not need a referral plan. Four were not a threat but did require referral to a support plan. None of them resulted in a determination that an imminent threat existed.
 - b. Palestine: Ms. Parsons reported that the Palestine campus has six team members, all of whom are trained.
 - i. Two reports were made. One was not imminent and did not need a referral plan. One was imminent, and a case management plan was needed.
 - c. Longview: Ms. Hawkins reported that the Longview campus has five team members, all of whom are trained.
 - i. Three reports were made. None posed any threat to others, and all received an intervention plan and support.
8. Adjournment

Assistant Chief Standerfer moved to adjourn the meeting, and Ms. Stroud seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously with Ms. Broussard, Mr. Buckland, Ms. Childers, Ms. Clark, Dr. Dennis, Ms. Hawkins, Officer Henry, Mr. Kohls, Nurse Mackey,

Ms. Parsons, Mr. Semlear, and Assistant Chief Standerfer voted in the affirmative. The meeting was adjourned at 3:18 p.m.