

## LONE STAR FURNISHINGS, LLC PREPARES FOR CONTINUED GROWTH: ANNOUNCES BEN HERRICK AS NEW PRESIDENT

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### *Brad Jones to Move into CEO Role*

**CARROLLTON, TX** – Lone Star Furnishings, LLC is pleased to announce changes designed to prepare the company for continued growth, beginning with the transition of Owner, Brad Jones, to Chief Executive Officer. Ben Herrick, who has significantly contributed to Lone Star Furnishings' success since joining the company in 2017, will assume the role of President.

"Ben brings an energy and passion to this company that will be integral to our growth strategy," said Jones, who, as CEO, will continue to focus on leading the company towards achieving strategic long-term objectives and helping transition Herrick to managing the day-to-day operation of the business. In his new role, Jones will also have more time to devote to philanthropic and faith-based priorities, which he has always considered a cornerstone of his purpose at Lone Star Furnishings

"Ben shares our vision for the future," Jones continued, "and his addition to our leadership team signifies our continued commitment to growing and expanding our service offerings across the state and well into the future. I'm blessed to be able to field such a strong leadership team. We built a great organization here at Lone Star Furnishings and I look forward to seeing Ben and Rhonda lead the team here at Lone Star Furnishings in the coming years!"

Ben Herrick, originally from West Michigan, has played a vital role in Lone Star Furnishings' success since he joined the sales team in 2017. From 1999 through 2010, Ben was learning the intricacies of furniture manufacturing in West Michigan, putting his bachelor's degree in Business Administration to quick use. Ben managed an independent furniture supply company, and by 2011, he began making a name for himself working as a regional manager for a company that manufactured educational furnishings.

Rhonda Ellington, Vice President of Sales, expressed her support for Herrick: "I am so excited for the future of Lone Star Furnishings with Ben in his new role. We have grown our business through good old fashioned hard work, developing strong relationships with customers and focusing on execution. I have a somewhat unique relationship with Ben that started as his customer before he joined our sales team. I enjoy the bond we have developed and have always considered him a valuable sounding board and collaborator. I admire his clear focus and dedication to serving his customers with integrity. That is exactly what Lone Star Furnishings needs as we prepare for the future."

Herrick looks forward to his new role at Lone Star Furnishings. "Having the opportunity to work directly with Rhonda, building upon the solid foundation established over the past decade, truly means a lot to me," he said. "I've always believed in the principles that Brad put into place. As a very focused, competitive individual, I look forward to establishing new stretch goals for the company and will bring a strong work ethic to challenge our organization to even greater achievements."

Brad Jones founded Lone Star Furnishings, LLC in 2008 with the express goal of serving customers with honesty and integrity. During the fourteen years that the company has been in operation, it has flourished by providing full-service turnkey furniture packages focused on the needs of growing Texas school districts, completing hundreds of full school projects and countless other orders of all sizes. With team members servicing the great state of Texas, the company is proud to partner with leading educational furniture manufacturers like VS America, Smith System, FomCore, Sico, Tesco, and SAFFE to design and deliver student-centered learning environments. Lone Star Furnishings looks forward to continued growth and clear vision in this new chapter.

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