

**MINUTES  
REGULAR MEETING**

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
EDISON-BETHUNE CHARTER ACADEMY**

**September 22, 2022 – 5:30pm**

This meeting will be by teleconference pursuant to Government Code Section 54953(e).

The Board of Directors (“Board”) and employees of Edison-Bethune Charter Academy shall meet via the Zoom meeting platform. Members of the public who wish to access this Board meeting may do so at:

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**Access to Board Materials:** A copy of the written materials which will be submitted to the Board may be reviewed by any interested persons on Edison-Bethune Charter Academy’s website along with this agenda following the posting of the agenda at least 72 hours in advance of this meeting.

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## **INSTRUCTIONS FOR PRESENTATIONS TO THE BOARD BY PARENTS AND CITIZENS**

The Edison-Bethune Charter Academy (“EBCA”) welcomes your participation at the EBCA Board meetings. The purpose of a public meeting of the Board of Directors (“Board”) is to conduct the affairs of the EBCA in public. Your participation assures us of continuing community interest in our EBCA. To assist you in the ease of speaking/participating in our meetings, the following guidelines are provided:

1. Agendas are available to all audience members at the door to the meeting.
2. “Request to Speak” forms are available to all audience members who wish to speak on any agenda items or under the general category of “Oral Communications.” “Oral Communications” is set aside for members of the audience to raise issues that are not specifically on the agenda. However, due to public meeting laws, the Board can only listen to your issue, not respond or take action. These presentations are limited to three (3) minutes and total time allotted to non-agenda items will not exceed fifteen (15) minutes. The Board may give direction to staff to respond to your concern or you may be offered the option of returning with a citizen-requested item.
3. You may also complete a “Request to Speak” form to address the Board on Agenda items. With regard to such agenda items, you may specify that agenda item on your “Request to Speak” form and you will be given an opportunity to speak for up to five (5) minutes when the Board discusses that item.
4. When addressing the Board, speakers are requested to state their name and address from the podium and adhere to the time limits set forth.
5. Any public records relating to an agenda item for an open session of the Board which are distributed to all, or a majority of all, of the Board members shall be available for public inspection at 1616 S Fruit Ave, Fresno, CA 93706 or email: [info@myebca.com](mailto:info@myebca.com)

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**I. PRELIMINARY**

**A. CALL TO ORDER**

Meeting was called to order by the Board Chair at 5:32 pm.

**B. ROLL CALL**

	Present	Absent
Frances Davis -5:47	<u>  X  </u>	<u>      </u>
Gretchen Saldana	<u>      </u>	<u>  X  </u>
Open	<u>      </u>	<u>      </u>
Jere Runciman	<u>  X  </u>	<u>      </u>
Keisha Shabazz	<u>  X  </u>	<u>      </u>
Brenda Paxton	<u>  X  </u>	<u>      </u>
David Criner	<u>  X  </u>	<u>      </u>

**C. FLAG SALUTE**

**D. ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

Jere asks for a motion for the Adoption of Agenda.... David makes a motion for the Adoption of Agenda.... Keisha seconds the motion...request for discussion- none needed

Vote FD-AB GS-AB JR-Yes KS-Yes BP-Yes DC-Yes  
Motion Carried

**II. PRELIMINARY ITEMS SCHEDULED FOR ACTION**

**A. Approval of Board Findings Relating to Teleconference Meetings During State of Emergency:**

**Board findings pursuant to Government Code Section 54953(e)**

The Charter School Board of Directors determines, in accordance with Government Code Section 54953(e)(1)(B), that meeting in person would present imminent risks to the health or safety of attendees. Pursuant to Government Code Section 54953(e)(3), the Board has also reconsidered the circumstances of the State of Emergency declared by the Governor on March 4, 2020, and finds the State of Emergency continues to directly impact the ability of the Directors to meet safely in person and/or that State or local officials continue to impose or recommend measures to promote social distancing.

Jere asks for a motion for the Adoption of Resolution 2021-12 AB361 Finding Necessary to Permit Virtual Board Meetings.... David makes a motion for the Adoption of Resolution 2021-12 AB361 Finding Necessary to Permit Virtual

Board Meetings .... Keisha seconds the motion...request for discussion-none needed

Vote FD-AB GS-AB JR-Yes KS-Yes BP-Yes DC-Yes  
Motion Carried

### III. COMMUNICATIONS

- A. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS: Non-agenda items: no individual presentation shall be for more than three (3) minutes and the total time for this purpose shall not exceed fifteen (15) minutes. Ordinarily, Board members will not respond to presentations and no action can be taken due to California's public meeting laws. However, the Board may give direction to staff following a presentation.

The Board may not have complete information available to answer questions and may refer specific concerns to the Executive Director for attention. The Board requests that any person wishing to make complaints against EBCA or EBCA employees file the appropriate complaint form prior to this meeting. We appreciate your input and EBCA will respond to your complaint in accordance with our complaint policies and procedures.

- B. For Information:

This is a presentation of information which has occurred since the previous Board meeting. No action will be taken as the report is purely for informational purposes.

Report from Executive Director/Principal – Mr. Garcia

The Executive Director will update the Board on current events on campus, including but not limited to the events and important information around campus.

- Seems like we just started and now we are 2 weeks away from the end of Quarter 1 ending.
- Survived heat wave at the point where we had several AC units go out and had to relocate some classrooms but we all survived.
- Trying to get back to the new normal.
- Looking for Chaperones for our 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Ocean Pines trip – if you want to go, please call us.
- Busy October planned – BMX Assembly 10/9/22, Parent/Teacher Conference Oct. 11-14, Breast Cancer Jog-A-Thon 10/14, Red Ribbon Week – Oct. 24-28 with dress up days and Red Ribbon Rally 10/28, Halloween – 10/31.
- Both Flag Football and Volleyball won today against Addams Elementary.

Report from Curriculum and Instruction Director – Mr. Sprattling

The Curriculum and Instruction Director will update the Board regarding student assessments and curriculum.

- All English Learner Notifications have been sent
- All Initial ELPAC testing is complete
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Report from Technology Director – Mr. Lek

The Technology Director will update the Board regarding technology on campus.

- Update on the Fiber – we are still waiting on vendor information and FUSD confirmation related to the conduit.

**IV. CONSENT AGENDA**

All matters listed under the consent agenda are considered by the Board to be routine and will be approved/enacted by the Board in one motion in the form listed below. Unless specifically requested by a Board member for further discussion or removed from the agenda, there will be no discussion of these items prior to the Board votes on them. The director recommends approval of all consent agenda items.

- A. Approval of Minutes of Board Meeting of August 11, 2022
- B. Approval of Warrant Report for August 2022.
- C. Approval of the Payroll Registers for August 2022.
- D. New Hires

Jere asks for a motion to for the approval of the consent agenda... David makes the motion to approve the consent agenda ... Brenda seconds the motion...request for discussion-none needed

Vote FD-Yes GS-AB JR-Yes KS-Yes BP-Yes DC-Yes  
Motion Carried

**V. ITEMS SCHEDULED FOR ACTION**

- A. Ocean Pines – 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Science Camp – Cambria – Oct. 5<sup>th</sup> -7<sup>th</sup>  
Jere asks for a motion to for the approval of Ocean Pines – 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Science Camp – Cambria – Oct. 5<sup>th</sup> -7<sup>th</sup>... Brenda makes the motion to approve the Ocean Pines – 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Science Camp – Cambria – Oct. 5<sup>th</sup> -7<sup>th</sup> ... Keisha seconds the motion...request for discussion-none needed.

Vote FD-Yes GS-AB JR-Yes KS-Yes BP-Yes DC-Yes  
Motion Carried

- B. Parent/Student Handbook

Jere asks for a motion to for the approval of the Parent/Student Handbook... David makes the motion to approve the Parent/Student Handbook... Brenda seconds the motion...request for discussion-none needed

Vote FD-Yes GS-AB JR-Yes KS-Yes BP-Yes DC-Yes  
Motion Carried

- C. Employee Handbook -Tabled
- D. Independent Study Board Policy and Master Agreement – AB 181 Compliant

Jere asks for a motion to for the approval of the Independent Study Board Policy and Master Agreement – AB 181 Compliant... David makes the motion to approve the Independent Study Board Policy and Master Agreement – AB 181 Compliant... Keisha seconds the motion...request for discussion-none needed

Vote FD-Yes GS-AB JR-Yes KS-Yes BP-Yes DC-Yes  
Motion Carried

- E. Unaudited Actuals – 2021-22

Jere asks for a motion to for the approval of the Unaudited Actuals – 2021-22... David makes the motion to approve the Unaudited Actuals – 2021-22 ... Brenda seconds the motion...request for discussion-none needed

Vote FD-Yes GS-AB JR-Yes KS-Yes BP-Yes DC-Yes  
Motion Carried

- F. EPA Spending Plan  
Jere asks for a motion to for the approval of the EPA Spending Plan... David makes the motion to approve the EPA Spending Plan... Keisha seconds the motion...request for discussion-none needed

Vote FD-Yes GS-AB JR-Yes KS-Yes BP-Yes DC-Yes  
Motion Carried

## **VIII. ITEMS SCHEDULED FOR DISCUSSION**

- A. COVID Review – Mr. Garcia updated the Board on the how EBCA continues to provide the best protection for our students and staff.
- B. Board Policy Updated – Compliance with Handbook – Mrs. Bennett – indicated that this would be sent separately to the Board for further review.

## **IX. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:10 PM.

## **X. NEXT MEETING: October 27, 2022**