

**MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING**

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

1616 S Fruit Ave, Fresno, CA 93706

April 27, 2023 – 5:30pm

**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

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and upon request, the Edison-Bethune Charter Academy may furnish reasonable auxiliary aids and services to qualified individuals with disabilities. Individuals who require appropriate alternative modification of the agenda in order participate in Board meetings are invited to contact the Executive Director’s office in person or by calling (559) 457-2530. Please contact EBCA at least forty-eight (48) hours prior to a regular meeting or as early as possible prior to a special meeting to allow EBCA sufficient time to arrange for the provision of such auxiliary aids and services.

I. PRELIMINARY

A. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order by the Board Chair at 6:05 pm.

B. ROLL CALL

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

C. FLAG SALUTE

D. ADOPTION OF AGENDA – Due to timing the Board opted to move all action items to the beginning of the meeting.

Jere asks for a motion to for the approval of the agenda (as adjusted)... Gretchen makes the motion to approve adopt the agenda (as adjusted) ... Keisha seconds the motion...request for discussion-none needed

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

II. 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 compliant 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.

Mr. Garcia discussed ALICE Update – on training in the classroom and teachers implementing new changes. Talked about external rally points for evacuation purposes. Gretchen expressed concerns related to board meeting access through the hallway being left open – to implement new procedures. Having Police support during evacuation drills to provide support and feedback. Discussed need for emergency supplies such as “Go Bucket” and emergency radios for classrooms.

Report from Curriculum and Instruction Director – Mr. Sprattling

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

Mr. Sprattling reported on ELPAC testing and which has been completed for all grade levels from TK to 6th. Teachers are working hard to complete final ELA Interim performance tasks and benchmarks in preparation for the end of year state assessments. SBAC testing will begin 5/16 and end 6/1.

Report from Technology Director – Mr. Lek

The Technology Director will update the Board regarding technology on campus. – Mr. Lek was not in attendance – passed on report.

III. CLOSED SESSION – 6:06 pm

A. Conference with Labor Negotiators

Agency designated representative: Sarah Cassady, Esq.

Employee organization: Fresno Teachers Association

IV. RETURN TO OPEN SESSION – 6:17 pm

A. No action taken.

V. 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 March 30, 2023
- B. Approval of Warrant Report and Financial Report for March 2023.
- C. Approval of the Payroll Registers for March 2023.

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

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

VI. ITEMS SCHEDULED FOR ACTION

A. School Calendar – 2023-24

Jere asks for a motion to for the approval of the School Calendar – 2023-24... Frances makes the motion to approve the School Calendar – 2023-24... Keisha seconds the motion...request for discussion-none needed.

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

B. Review and possible adoption of the updated Collective Bargaining Agreement

Jere asks for a motion to for the approval of the Review and possible adoption of the updated Collective Bargaining Agreement... Gretchen makes the motion to approve the Review and possible adoption of the updated Collective Bargaining Agreement... Keisha seconds the motion...request for discussion-none needed.

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

C. Contracts and Compensation for Staff for the 2023-24 school year

- a. Certificated – 8% per CBA Approved Above
- b. Classified – 8% salary schedule adjustment (all except – Minimum Wage)
- c. Administration – 8% salary schedule adjustment

Jere asks for a motion to for the approval of the Contracts and Compensation for all Staff for the 2023-24 school year – 8% salary schedule adjustment... Frances makes the motion to approve the Contracts and Compensation for all Staff for the 2023-24 school year – 8% salary schedule adjustment... Keisha seconds the motion...request for discussion-none needed.

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

D. Declaration of Need for Fully Qualified Educators

Jere asks for a motion to for the approval of the Declaration of Need for Fully Qualified Educators ... Frances makes the motion to approve the Declaration of Need for Fully Qualified Educators ... Keisha seconds the motion...request for discussion- related to Special Education Teachers – to bring back more information at next meeting.

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

E. Panorama Survey – 3-year agreement

Jere asks for a motion to for the approval of the Panorama Survey – 3-year agreement... Frances makes the motion to approve the Panorama Survey – 3-year agreement...request for discussion- none needed.

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

F. Building Project – Security Fencing – cost share with FUSD 50%

Jere asks for a motion to for the approval of the Building Project – Security Fencing – cost share with FUSD 50%... Frances makes the motion to approve the Building Project – Security Fencing – cost share with FUSD 50%...request for discussion- none needed.

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

G. Irrigation Project – funded by EBCA

Jere asks for a motion to for the approval of the Irrigation Project – funded by EBCA... Frances makes the motion to approve the Irrigation Project – funded by EBCA...request for discussion- none needed.

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

VII. ITEMS SCHEDULED FOR DISCUSSION

- A. Seeking Board direction for dollar amount related to purchases Admin is authorized to spend prior to Board approval. – Discussed and \$20,000 would be appropriate.
- B. Board Calendar 2023-24 school year – Will bring back to next meeting.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:14 pm.

IX. NEXT MEETING: May 25, 2023