

**MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING**

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

NOVEMBER 16, 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 5:33pm.

B. ROLL CALL

	Present	Absent
Jere Runciman	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>
Frances Davis	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>
Gretchen Saldana	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>
Keisha Shabazz (5:40pm)	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>
Brenda Paxton	<u> </u>	<u> X </u>

C. FLAG SALUTE

D. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Jere asks for a motion to for the approval of the agenda... Frances makes the motion to approve to adopt the agenda ... Gretchen seconds the motion...request for discussion-none needed

Vote FD-Yes GS-AB JR-Yes KS-AB BP-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.

A. 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.

Thanksgiving break – we will be holding our Fall Academy for ELOP for 3 days. We will also be holding our Winter Academy for ELOP from Dec. 18-22 and January 2-5.

Specials – We have had a staff change for the Music class. Currently we are holding a Social Emotional Class during their class time. We are wanting to fly the current positions: Music Teacher, Foreign Language, and Computer Science. Hope that we can find the right teacher to fill this position.

We are holding Parent and Family Engagement Workshops – through our After School Program in the evening for set dates. We also held a very successful Donuts with Grownups on 11/9/2023 and had a very good turn out through our ELOP – Thanks to Stacy McCowan and her staff.

We are still holding the Student of the Week Recognition in the morning on the black top. Things are turning back to normal – and kids are getting sick and we are working on our attendance.

Fresno County Office of Education – Annual Charter Visit on 11/16/2023 – our next Charter Petition Renewal will be in June of 2027. They talked to us about the new rules and data that will be reviewed under the next renewal.

Report from Curriculum and Instruction Director – Mr. Sprattling

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

Staff have finished performance tasks and everyone gets practice on what they will need to do for the CAASPP in the Spring.

Report from Technology Director – Mr. Lek

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

Internet is working, Chromebooks are working.

If we hire a new Computer Science teacher, they will work with directly with Mr. Lek and we have enough Chromebooks for another classroom.

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 October 26, 2023
- B. Approval of Warrant Report for October 2023.
- C. Approval of the Payroll Registers for October 2023.
- D. Resignation – Leidie Barajas – Noon Time Assistant, Termination – Matthew Moorehead – Music Teacher
- E. New Hire – Michael Alfaro – Resident Substitute, Erin Hux-Gross – Resident Substitute, Yasslyn Delgadillo – Before School Program Paraprofessional

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

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

V. ITEMS SCHEDULED FOR ACTION

- A. Approval of First Interim Report – 2023-24

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

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

- B. Approval of Staff Retention Bonus

Jere asks for a motion to for the approval of the Staff Retention Bonus at 8.5% for all Staff... Gretchen makes the motion to approve the Staff Retention Bonus at 8.5% for all Staff ... Frances seconds the motion...request for discussion-none needed

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

VI. ITEMS SCHEDULED FOR DISCUSSION

- A. Fiber Upgrade Update – Paul told the Board about where we are with our contract with Infinity Communications and their help with the RFP and posting status.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:12pm.

VIII. NEXT MEETING: December 14, 2023 (3rd Thursday – Due to Christmas)