

**MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING**

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

DECEMBER 14, 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 5:34 pm.

B. ROLL CALL

	Present	Absent
Jere Runciman	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>
Frances Davis	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>
Gretchen Saldana	<u> </u>	<u> X </u>
Keisha Shabazz	<u> </u>	<u> X </u>
Brenda Paxton	<u> X </u>	<u> </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 ... Brenda seconds the motion...request for discussion-none needed

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

Presentation from Karl Yoder – Via Zoom – from Key Charter Advisors, LLC (KCA) Karl Yoder retired from Delta Managed Solutions (DMS) and developed a Charter Cash Management System. EBCA worked with Karl to set up a loan in 2014 to fund our withdrawal from Edison Learning – and become independent.

To Invest excess cash in a Money Market account and earning interest of approx. 4.7%. Karl review the investment policy (see Item for Action: B below) and discussed that the Money Market funds give the best rate and lowest risk

investments. US Bank (holder of the funds) and KCA receive a fee of 0.3%

Recommendation to take our excess cash and invest it to receive additional interest revenue to benefit the school. These funds would be non-federal money, as that type of funding requires the interest earned to be sent back to CDE. He also recommended that Susan Bennett help set up the accounts needed to make this happen. See Item for Action: C below.

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.

Mr. Garcia – allowed Karl Yoder to present during his report.

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 that the California State Dashboard will go live on 12/15/2023, and that he would have reports on our status and progress in the January meeting. Based on the embargoed information we were able to determine that we are not eligible for Differentiated Assistance, as that has additional requirements and could possibly affect our Charter Renewal in 2027. He spoke to continuing the message to the staff is to: step up the rigor.

Report from Technology Director – Mr. Lek

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

Request For Proposal (RFP) – we will be posting the bid for the Fiber Project at the end of December 2023. We will bring the vendor list to approve in February.

New Computer Science Teacher to work closely with Mr. Lek – and make sure students are taught about Do's and Don'ts of Cyber Bullying.

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 November 16, 2023

- B. Approval of Warrant Report for November 2023.
- C. Approval of the Payroll Registers for November 2023.
- D. Resignation – Sidney Woessner – After School Program
- E. New Hire – Moises Bernal – Computer Science Specialist, Janeece Tene – Noon Time Assistant

Jere asks for a motion to for the approval of the consent agenda... Frances 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-AB BP-Yes
Motion Carried

V. ITEMS SCHEDULED FOR ACTION

- A. Approval of Extended Learning Opportunity Program Plan (ELOP)

Jere asks for a motion to for the Approval of Extended Learning Opportunity Program Plan (ELOP)... Brenda makes the motion to Approval of Extended Learning Opportunity Program Plan (ELOP)... Frances seconds the motion...request for discussion-none needed

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

- B. Approval of Edison Bethune Investment Policy

Jere asks for a motion to for the Approval of Edison Bethune Investment Policy ... Frances makes the motion to Approval of Edison Bethune Investment Policy ... Brenda seconds the motion...request for discussion-none needed

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

- C. Approval of Board Resolution 2024-01 – Approval to Participate in the Charter Cash Management Program and Related Actions

- D. Jere asks for a motion to for the Approval of Board Resolution 2024-01 – Approval to Participate in the Charter Cash Management Program and Related Actions... Brenda makes the motion to Approval of Board Resolution 2024-01 – Approval to Participate in the Charter Cash Management Program and Related Actions... Frances seconds the motion...request for discussion-none needed

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

VI. ITEMS SCHEDULED FOR DISCUSSION

- A. Federal Program Monitoring Status – we have the California Department of Education on site on February 13 – 15, 2024. They will be reviewing Title I, Title III, and Title IV and Extended Learning Plan.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:39pm.

VIII. NEXT MEETING: January 25, 2024