

**MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING**

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

JANUARY 25, 2024 – 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 5:31 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 with the adjustment of the year in the action items B and C – from 2023-24 to 2022-23 ... Brenda seconds the motion with the noted changes...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. – NONE

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.

Started January dealing with lots of different types of issues: crisis, trauma, and lock down. **We need to add the Board members to our Parent Square notification system so they can be informed when an emergency happens. Cameras have been a great asset to help investigation of incidents on campus.

We are working on the safety project update in the front of the school – almost finished with the gate. Also looking at a visitor system that requires visitors to scan their ID and check in when they come on campus.

Changed our morning system – due to the new gates in front. All students have to enter through gate on Hawes (not the front of the school). They are given a tardy slip until 8:30 in the back, and after 8:30 – they have to come through the office to get their tardy. We have opened up the gates on Delno as well to help students enter and exit. We will be adding additional cement pathways for these gates in the future.

HOPES Awards are on 1/30/2024 – with varied times by grade level.

Report from Curriculum and Instruction Director – Mr. Sprattling

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

Mr. Sprattling reviewed the Dashboard: Chronic Absenteeism – Yellow, Suspension Rates – Yellow (declined 2.8% from the prior year). English Learner Progress – Green, ELA – Orange – Maintained, Math – Yellow.

Report from Technology Director – Mr. Lek

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

Fiber project – Infinity is evaluating the proposal and we will bring it for approval next meeting.

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 December 14, 2023
- B. Approval of Financial Report and Warrant Report for December 2023.
- C. Approval of the Payroll Registers for December 2023.
- D. New Hire – Anna Padilla – 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 School Accountability Report Card 2022-23

Jere asks for a motion to for the approval of the School Accountability Report Card 2022-23... Frances makes the motion to approve the School Accountability Report Card 2022-23... Brenda seconds the motion...request for discussion-none needed

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

B. Approval of the ~~2023-24~~ 2022-23 Audit Report

Jere asks for a motion to for the approval of the 2022-23 Audit Report ... Frances makes the motion to approve the 2022-23 Audit Report ... 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 FCOE Corrective Action Form for the ~~2023-24~~ 2022-23 Audit Report

Jere asks for a motion to for the approval of the 2022-23 Audit Report ... Frances makes the motion to approve the 2022-23 Audit Report ... Brenda 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. Performance Evaluation Update – Evaluation of the Director as a whole Board

VII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:53 pm.

VIII. NEXT MEETING: February 22, 2024