

**MINUTES
RESCHEDULED REGULAR MEETING**

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

APRIL 4, 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 5:34 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> X </u>	<u> </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 for the regular meeting and the special meeting to run simultaneously... Keisha makes the motion to approval of the agenda for the regular meeting and the special meeting to run simultaneously... Brenda seconds the motion...request for discussion-none needed

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

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.

4th Quarter has started – and we held our optional parent teacher conferences for parents who have students that are failing or if they request to have a conference. We held Spring Academy through our Extended Learning Opportunities program for 4 days. We continue to see increased enrollment from our first program in Summer 2023. Planning on holding dual enrollment for students to participate in both our Summer School and ELOP after summer school is over. Fresno Unified site improvement projects such as the softball fields, new security fence, and our updated Raptor Visitor system – we have received positive feedback from parents related to the increase in security. We are still working on getting the front gate finalized.

Report from Curriculum and Instruction Director – Mr. Sprattling

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

We are getting ready for ELPAC testing – we are training the teachers and the instructional aides. SBAC testing will be held the 2nd week of May.

Report from Technology Director – Mr. Lek

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

AMS Fiber Project – to start our fiber upgrade to start waiting on project manager and timeline.

C. Public Hearing:

The Charter School makes available for public comments its Initial Proposals for bargaining a collective bargaining agreement with the Fresno Teachers Association. FTA makes available for public comment its Initial Proposals regarding the same.

Opened – 5:47pm; Closed – 5:48pm (we had no public attending).

III. CLOSED SESSION – Open at 5:50 pm; Closed at 7:04 pm

A. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION

Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to paragraph (2) or (3) of subdivision (d) of Section 54956.9: (1 case)

B. Conference with Labor Negotiators

Agency designated representative: Sarah Cassady, Esq.
Employee organization: Fresno Teachers Association

IV. RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

- A. No Action taken during the closed session.

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 February 22, 2024
- B. Approval of Financial Report and Warrant Report for February 2024.
- C. Approval of the Payroll Registers for February 2024.
- D. Resignations – Maria Contreras – 6th Grade Teacher – Effective 6/6/2024, Anna Padilla – Noon Time Assistant – Effective 3/22/2024

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

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

VI. ITEMS SCHEDULED FOR ACTION

- A. Adoption of Initial Proposals from Edison Bethune Charter Academy (EBCA) bargaining for reopening (2024-25) of the current collective bargaining agreement with Fresno Teachers Association (FTA).

Jere asks for a motion to for the Adoption of Initial Proposals from Edison Bethune Charter Academy (EBCA) bargaining for reopening (2024-25) of the current collective bargaining agreement with Fresno Teachers Association (FTA)... Frances makes the motion to Adopt of Initial Proposals from Edison Bethune Charter Academy (EBCA) bargaining for reopening (2024-25) of the current collective bargaining agreement with Fresno Teachers Association (FTA)... Brenda seconds the motion...request for discussion-none needed

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

- B. Adoption of Initial Proposals from FTA bargaining for reopening (2024-25) of the current bargaining agreement with EBCA.

Jere asks for a motion to for the adoption of Initial Proposals from FTA bargaining for reopening (2024-25) of the current bargaining agreement with EBCA ... Brenda makes the motion to adoption of Initial Proposals from FTA bargaining for reopening (2024-25) of the current bargaining agreement with EBCA ... Frances seconds the motion...request for discussion-none needed

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

- C. Approval of Health Benefit Renewal Package – Open Enrollment 5/1/2024

Jere asks for a motion to for the approval of Health Benefit Renewal Package – Open Enrollment 5/1/2024... Frances makes the motion to approval of Health Benefit Renewal Package – Open Enrollment 5/1/2024... Brenda seconds the motion...request for discussion-none needed

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

- D. Approval of Updated ESSER III Spending Plan

Jere asks for a motion to for the approval of Updated ESSER III Spending Plan ... Frances makes the motion to approval of Updated ESSER III Spending Plan ... Brenda seconds the motion...request for discussion-none needed

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

- E. Approval of Form 990 Tax Return – 2022-23

Jere asks for a motion to for the approval of Form 990 Tax Return – 2022-23... Keisha makes the motion to approval of Form 990 Tax Return – 2022-23... Brenda seconds the motion...request for discussion-none needed

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

- F. Approval of the 2024-25 and 2025-26 School Calendar

Jere asks for a motion to for approval of the 2024-25 and 2025-26 School Calendar ... Keisha makes the motion to approval of the 2024-25 and 2025-26 School Calendar ... Brenda seconds the motion...request for discussion-none needed

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

G. Approval of ELOP – Chromebooks

Jere asks for a motion to for the approval of ELOP – Chromebooks ... Brenda makes the motion to approval of ELOP – Chromebooks ... Keisha seconds the motion... request for discussion-none needed

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

H. Approval of ELOP – Bleachers

Jere asks for a motion to for the approval of ELOP – Bleachers... Brenda makes the motion to approval of ELOP – Bleachers... Frances seconds the motion... request for discussion-none needed

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

I. Approval of ELOP Pavilion Student Benches

Jere asks for a motion to for the approval of ELOP Pavilion Student Benches... Frances makes the motion to approval of ELOP Pavilion Student Benches ... Keisha seconds the motion... request for discussion-none needed

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

VII. ITEMS SCHEDULED FOR DISCUSSION

A. None

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:28 pm.

IX. NEXT MEETING: April 24, 2024