

**MINUTES  
REGULAR MEETING**

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

**AUGUST 29, 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](mailto: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 5:37pm.

**B. ROLL CALL**

	Present	Absent
Jere Runciman	<u>  X  </u>	_____
Frances Davis	<u>  X  </u>	_____
Gretchen Saldana	<u>  X  </u>	_____
Keisha Shabazz	<u>  X  </u>	_____
Brenda Paxton (5:42pm)	<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 approval of the agenda for the regular meeting and the special meeting to run simultaneously... Kesiha seconds the motion...request for discussion-none needed

Vote FD-Yes GS-Yes JR-Yes KS-Yes 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. – NONE

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.

Great Start in the few years – 1<sup>st</sup> day of School – 99% attendance – 1<sup>st</sup> Week of School – 98% attendance. We are focusing and promoting attendance this year. We met with parents with attendance programs before school started and put them on a contract. We have also implemented positive attendance phone calls for those kids who we see are improving from their past attendance. We are educating parents on what chronic absenteeism is.

Facilities improvements – GREEN grass! A 2-year process but they have updated our entire irrigation system. Security Gates are finished. Softball fields are finished.

Furniture – we have invested in new desks for all of 2<sup>nd</sup> grade. We have purchased new classroom furniture and equipment for our Computer Lab and Computer Science Specialist teacher Mr. Bernal. Approx. \$46,000 invested. We have new flooring and furniture in our ASP building.

Substitute Pool- We hired 1 Resident Sub and 13 regular Substitutes to create a Sub Pool – We are looking into a new System Frontline to communicate absences and Substitute positions available.

Back to School Night – 8/28/2024, Meet and Greet – 8/15/2024

Enrollment – 378 current – Room for Growth ~ Low enrollment in all grade levels, except 6<sup>th</sup> due to 2 teachers.

Hired a Reading Coach/Literacy Specialist – getting the reading lab going again. She is providing professional development on how to teach reading.

Brown Act training to come.

Report from Curriculum and Instruction Director – Mr. Sprattling

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

Reviewed our scores ~ we are re-evaluating our strategies. Working on running the math PD and being in the classroom due to a 70-point drop in 5<sup>th</sup> grade.

Reading Specialist is going to focus on the ELA portion – a recommendation from the board to have them record their instruction and send it to Admin to evaluate. Have data driven instruction and teaching. Teach Teachers on how to analyze data, and engagement.

Our scores landed us in the middle, we aren't satisfied with being in the middle. We also will be teaching our students how to review their scores.

Report from Technology Director – Mr. Lek

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

Fiber Upgrade – We have access to 10GB but utilizing only 2GB. Met the deadline of finishing before school starts. WE are cabled internet – AT&T is the provider. We also have a new rack full of equipment for the connection to the cabled internet.

**III. 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 June 13, 2024
- B. Approval of Financial Report and Warrant Report for June and July 2024.
- C. Approval of the Payroll Registers for June and July 2024.
- D. Resignations: Angelica Sangster - ASP
- E. New Hires: Reading Specialist – Eleanor Esqueda, Erreca Valdez – Substitute, Juan Carrillo – Substitute (also School Counselor Intern – unpaid), Melanie Carballo – Substitute, Gina Hergenroeder – Substitute, Ramona Hernandez Alvarez – Substitute, Susan Rodriguez – Substitute, Isabelle Dillsaver – Substitute, Johnny Sanchez – Substitute, Natasha Arnold – Substitute, Goar Mkrtychyan – Special Ed Instructional Aide (6hr), Precious Pizzaro – ASP, Kim Rush – ASP, Odalys Vasquez Chavez – BSP, Rebecca Ellard – BSP, Fatima Chavarria – Noon Time Assistant
- F. Short Term Staff Permit – Jazelle Rosales – Effective 9/1/2024 for Special Education Credential

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

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

**IV. ITEMS SCHEDULED FOR ACTION**

- A. Approve the Updated 2024-25 Local Control Accountability Plan

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

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

**V. ITEMS SCHEDULED FOR DISCUSSION**

A. None

**VI. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:15 pm.

**VII. NEXT MEETING: September 26, 2024**