

**MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING**

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

OCTOBER 24, 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 5:32 pm.

B. ROLL CALL

	Present	Absent
Jere Runciman	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>
Frances Davis	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>
Gretchen Saldana (5:42pm)	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>
Keisha Shabazz	<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 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-AB 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.

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.

Our current attendance rate is 97% which is a huge success. The tardies percentage have also decreased as well which we are very proud of our parents and students. We have implemented new strategies this year with raffles for our attendance and a trip to John's Incredible Pizza for the students with Perfect Attendance. It was suggested by the Board to include students who just missed 1 day in the next quarter Perfect Attendance trip.

Mr. Garcia invited Tania Sanchez our School Counselor to come up and do a report on Social Emotional Learning and Cultural Competence Instruction. She reviewed her statistics for students with the board and showed them a power point presentation.

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 Cultural Sensitivity Training that employees have been participating in which is taught by Fresno County Office of Education.

Report from Technology Director – Mr. Lek

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

Mr. Lek reported that the internet is up and running at approx. 1.8GB. We will also be installing out door WIFI provided by Fresno Unified.

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 September 26, 2024
- B. Approval of Financial Report and Warrant Report for September 2024.
- C. Approval of the Payroll Registers for September 2024.

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

IV. ITEMS SCHEDULED FOR ACTION

A. Approval of Resurfacing the Blacktop – Paid through ELOP

Jere asks for a motion to for the Approval of Resurfacing the Blacktop – Paid through ELOP ... Frances makes the motion to Approval of Resurfacing the Blacktop – Paid through ELOP 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 DISCUSSION

A. Recruitment Status

- We have a new team for Recruitment – Sprattling, Lek, Solis, Sanchez, Bennett, Bernal and Garcia, who meet weekly.
- Talked about drops – the reasons for leaving are normal, although we will start to track info. Board suggested that we send a letter to those families who leave.
- Brainstorm – After School Program is our golden egg and what we need to market to our new students.
- We have upped our Social Media advertisements and added Ms. Sanchez as our FaceBook and Instagram poster.
- We will be purchasing a Drone and camera equipment to help get more pictures of our students for marketing and reporting out on all the fun things that are done at EBCA.
- We will be reaching out to the local community and dropping off flyers at events and local businesses.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:17pm.

VII. NEXT MEETING: November 21, 2024