

**MINUTES  
REGULAR MEETING**

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

**DECEMBER 19, 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 5:31 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> 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... Keisha makes the motion to approval of the agenda for the regular meeting... Frances 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.

- Winter Wonderland Dance – Approx. 100 – family members and students where they had raffles, dance, dinner and desserts.
- December Attendance Challenge whole class with 100% attendance took 3 classes from 3<sup>rd</sup> grade to the movies.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Qtr. Perfect Attendance to take to John’s Incredible for incentives.
- New enrollment flyer – New Enrollments from Dec – Mar → for TK to Kindergarten they will get an automatic enrollment in the ASP for 2025-26 school year.
- Spreading our flyers to recruit from surrounding areas in apartments and surrounding churches and also at the city college.
- Report cards go out on 12/20/2024

Report from Curriculum and Instruction Director – Mr. Sprattling

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

- Reviewed the State Dashboard data with the board.
  - ELA maintained an increase of 0.2 and maintained Orange.
  - Suspensions – declined 1.8% and was a Yellow.
  - Math – declined 5.8 and was an Orange.
  - EL Progress – declined 20% and was indicated as Red. – The Board asked about the Red status and it was discussed that we had more students who declined a level. We have a new methodology for the 2024-25 with our new Reading Specialist.
  - Chronic Absentee – declined 1.5% and was indicated as orange. – The Board asked about the African American and Students with Disabilities both were Red in Chronic Absenteeism and Suspensions. Nothing noteworthy related to the decrease.
- Incentives to Students – we are working on giving students incentives who meet their growth goals.
- Reviewed the Data for the EBCA and other schools in Fresno Unified and in Fresno County.
- Staff has a clear message for the 2024-25 that COVID is behind us and that Teachers need to teach to the grade level standards and believe they can bring up the students that are not at standard.

Report from Technology Director – Mr. Lek

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

Mr. Lek reported that all things are quiet. We had a power outage and we are working with our cloud storage in order to have backups. Currently we are good with our Chromebooks and the Internet – but we will need to do a refresh in 2026.

**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 November 21, 2024
- B. Approval of Financial Report and Warrant Report for November 2024.
- C. Approval of the Payroll Registers for November 2024.

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-Yes BP-Yes  
Motion Carried

**IV. ITEMS SCHEDULED FOR ACTION**

- A. Approval of 2023-24 Audit Report

Jere asks for a motion to for the approval of 2023-24 Audit Report ... Frances makes the motion to approval of 2023-24 Audit Report ... Brenda seconds the motion...request for discussion-none needed

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

**V. ITEMS SCHEDULED FOR DISCUSSION**

- A. None

**VI. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at \_\_\_\_\_ 6:12 pm \_\_\_\_\_.

**VII. NEXT MEETING: January 23, 2025**