

**MINUTES  
REGULAR MEETING**

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

**FEBRUARY 27, 2025 – 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 5:30pm.

**B. ROLL CALL**

	Present	Absent
Jere Runciman	<u>  X  </u>	<u>      </u>
Frances Davis	<u>  X  </u>	<u>      </u>
Gretchen Saldana	<u>  X  </u>	<u>      </u>
Keisha Shabazz	<u>      </u>	<u>  X  </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... Gretchen seconds the motion...request for discussion-none needed

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

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.

We had a great 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Camp. We are currently doing a budget review and looking at field trips and other expenses. Our Frontline Sub System is working well, and helps to not create deployments. We are looking into fundraising to help support the cost of the overnight field trips.

Report from Curriculum and Instruction Director – Mr. Sprattling

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

We have the State testing scheduled for ELA and Math in May 2025. The ELPAC tests are scheduled for April 2025. The iReady Testing showed a lot of improvement. We have been pushing incentives, and have showed recognition for students with Growth by passing out certificates.

Report from Technology Director – Mr. Lek

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

No issues to report, and all laptops have been updated to Windows 11.

**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 January 30, 2025
- B. Approval of Financial Report and Warrant Report for January 2025.
- C. Approval of the Payroll Registers for January 2025.
- D. New Hires: Brissa Saavedra – After School Program Paraprofessional, Ashlynn Chisom – After School Program Paraprofessional, Steven Huerta – Substitute, and Sergio Mayares – Substitute
- E. Resignations: Rebecca Ellard – Before School Program Paraprofessional, Veronica Rodriguez – After School Program Paraprofessional

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

**V. ITEMS SCHEDULED FOR ACTION**

- A. Approval of FCOE Charter Corrective Action Audit Packet – 2023-24 Audit

Jere asks for a motion to for the approval of FCOE Charter Corrective Action Audit Packet – 2023-24 Audit... Frances makes the motion to approval of FCOE Charter Corrective Action Audit Packet – 2023-24 Audit... Gretchen seconds the motion...request for discussion-none needed

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

- B. Approval of the 2025-26 School Calendar

Jere asks for a motion to for the approval of the 2025-26 School Calendar ... Gretchen makes the motion to approval of the 2025-26 School Calendar ... Frances seconds the motion...request for discussion-none needed

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

- C. Approval of the 2024-25 2<sup>nd</sup> Interim Budget Report

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

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

**VI. ITEMS SCHEDULED FOR DISCUSSION**

- A. 2024-25 – LCAP Mid-Year Update – Reviewed with the board where we are currently with all our goals, outcomes and budget.  
B. Medical Insurance Renewal – May 2025 Cost Update – Reviewed the cost increase for next year’s renewal.

**VII. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:18 pm.

**VIII. NEXT MEETING: March 27, 2025**