

**MINUTES  
RESCHEDULED REGULAR MEETING**

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

**MARCH 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 5:30 pm.

**B. ROLL CALL**

	Present	Absent
Jere Runciman	<u>  X  </u>	<u>      </u>
Frances Davis	<u>  X  </u>	<u>      </u>
Gretchen Saldana 5:37pm	<u>  X  </u>	<u>      </u>
Keisha Shabazz	<u>      </u>	<u>  X  </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... Frances makes the motion to approval of the agenda for the regular meeting... Brenda seconds the motion...request for discussion-none needed

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

- 3<sup>rd</sup> Qtr – this week is the Parent Teacher Conference week – this week designed for student are receiving D’s and F’s
- We are currently at 94% ADA – we will be taking 2 trips to John’s Incredible Pizza for perfect attendance – there are 133 students who qualify.
- Free Dress Incentives for students who came to school during the calendar issue with the staff development

Report from Curriculum and Instruction Director – Mr. Sprattling

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

- After Spring Break we will take the last iReady test.
- ELPAC testing will be starting through the beginning of May.

Report from Technology Director – Mr. Lek

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

- Nothing to report, and the internet is working and all devices working

**III. CLOSED SESSION – 5:40 pm**

- A. Conference with Labor Negotiators  
Agency designated representative: Sarah Cassady, Esq.  
Employee organization: Fresno Teachers Association

**IV. RETURN TO OPEN SESSION – 6:32 pm**

- A. Report out action taken in Closed Session, if applicable. – No Action Taken

**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 27, 2025  
B. Approval of Financial Report and Warrant Report for February 2025  
C. Approval of the Payroll Registers for February 2025  
D. New Hires: LieLisa Foreman – Substitute, Brian Thomas – Substitute, Thomas Mao – Substitute, and Vennesa Ceja – Substitute

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-Yes JR-Yes KS-AB BP-Yes – Motion Carried

**VI. ITEMS SCHEDULED FOR ACTION**

- A. Review and possible adoption of the updated Collective Bargaining Agreement for 2025-26 with Fresno Teachers Association

Jere asks for a motion to for the approval of the updated Collective Bargaining Agreement for 2025-26 with Fresno Teachers Association 4 Articles – Art. VIII Evaluation Summary, Art. XI Work Year Day, Art. XVI Healthcare, Art. XXII Labor Management ... Gretchen makes the motion to approval of the updated Collective Bargaining Agreement for 2025-26 with Fresno Teachers Association 4 Articles – Art. VIII Evaluation Summary, Art. XI Work Year Day, Art. XVI Healthcare, Art. XXII Labor Management ... Frances seconds the motion...request for discussion-none needed

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

- B. Approval of Health Benefit Renewal Package – Open Enrollment 5/1/2025

Jere asks for a motion to for the approval of Health Benefit Renewal Package – Open Enrollment 5/1/2025... Brenda makes the motion to approval of Health Benefit Renewal Package – Open Enrollment 5/1/2025... Gretchen seconds the motion...request for discussion-none needed

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

- C. Approval of Form 990 Tax Return – 2023-24

Jere asks for a motion to for the Approval of Form 990 Tax Return – 2023-24 ... Frances makes the motion to Approval of Form 990 Tax Return – 2023-24 ... Brenda seconds the motion...request for discussion-none needed

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

- D. Approval of the Auditor Selection Form – FCSS

Jere asks for a motion to for the Approval of the Auditor Selection Form – FCSS – Borchardt, Corona, Faith and Zakarian... Gretchen makes the motion to Approval of the Auditor Selection Form – FCSS– Borchardt, Corona, Faith and Zakarian... Brenda seconds the motion...request for discussion-none needed

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

## **VII. ITEMS SCHEDULED FOR DISCUSSION**

- A. None

## **VIII. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:42 pm.

## **IX. NEXT MEETING: April 24, 2025**