

**MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING**

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

MAY 29, 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

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 5:48 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 (6:27pm)	<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... 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

E. PUBLIC HEARING ON THE LOCAL CONTROL ACCOUNTABILITY PLAN (LCAP) – Opened 5:49pm – Closed 5:50 pm – No comments received

F. PUBLIC HEARING ON THE DRAFT 2025-26 BUDGET (following the LCAP HEARING) – Opened 5:50 pm – Closed 5:51 pm – No comments received

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 complaint in accordance with our complaint policies and procedures.

Public Comments:

- Rodolfo Garcia – Executive Director/Principal
 - He provided an update on negotiations and where we stand on the tentative agreements.
 - He shared some concerns about the status and wanted to express his desire to return to the table in order do what is best for EBCA.
- LaTisha Harris – Fresno Teachers Association
 - She expressed concerns about the overall morale of the staff.
 - Tentative agreements did not include the concerns of the unit members.
- Fernando Calvillo – Teacher at EBCA
 - Retiring on 6/12/2025
 - Thank you to all the Board, Staff and Administration

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.

- Presented an Award to Fernando Calvillo honoring his service and retirement from Edison Bethune Charter Academy

Report from Curriculum and Instruction Director – Mr. Sprattling

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

- ELPAC testing is complete and SBAC testing – 6th grade is almost done and 3rd/4th/5th will be done next week.

Report from Technology Director – Mr. Lek

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

- Nothing to report.

III. CLOSED SESSION – 6:04 pm

A. Conference with Labor Negotiators

Agency designated representative: Sarah Cassady, Esq.

Employee organization: Fresno Teachers Association

IV. RETURN TO OPEN SESSION – 6:56pm

- A. Action taken: Board authorized Jere Runciman – Board President to send a clarification letter to our community, RE: Union Negotiations on behalf of the Board. Directive to continue to negotiate in good faith.

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

Motion Carried

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 April 24, 2025
- B. Approval of the Payroll Registers for April 2025.

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-Yes BP-Yes
Motion Carried

- C. Pull out the Financial Report by Jere for discussion. Approval of Financial Report and Warrant Report for April 2025. Question – if we are still on track for the large 1.2 million loss -Yes.

Jere asks for a motion to for the approval of the Financial Report and Warrant Report for April 2025... Brenda makes the motion to approve the Financial Report and Warrant Report for April 2025... Frances seconds the motion...request for discussion-none needed

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

VI. ITEMS SCHEDULED FOR ACTION

- A. Approval of the Reading Screener – Multitudes

Jere asks for a motion to for the approval of the Reading Screener – Multitudes ... Keisha makes the motion to the approval of the Reading Screener – Multitudes... Frances seconds the motion...request for discussion-none needed

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

- B. Approval of the 6th Grade Camp Contract for Feb. 2026

Jere asks for a motion to for the approval of the approval of the 6th Grade Camp Contract for Feb. 2026... Frances makes the motion approval of the 6th Grade Camp Contract for Feb. 2026... Keisha seconds the motion...request for discussion-none needed

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

VII. ITEMS SCHEDULED FOR DISCUSSION

A. None

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:22 pm.

IX. NEXT MEETING: June 18, 2025