

**MINUTES  
SPECIAL MEETING**

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

**FEBRUARY 26, 2026 – 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)

**ADA Compliance and Public Accommodation**

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and upon request, the Edison-Bethune Charter Academy (EBCA) may furnish reasonable auxiliary aids and services to qualified individuals with disabilities, including **qualified sign language interpreters** and **foreign language interpreters**.

Individuals who require appropriate alternative modification of the agenda or auxiliary aids and services to participate in Board meetings are invited to contact the Executive Director’s office in person or by calling (559) 457-2530.

**To ensure the availability of an interpreter or other auxiliary aids and services, please make your request at least forty-eight (48) hours prior to a regular meeting or as early as possible prior to a special meeting.** This allows EBCA sufficient time to arrange for the provision of such accommodations.

**I. PRELIMINARY**

**A. CALL TO ORDER**

Meeting was called to order by the Board Chair at 5:37pm.

**B. ROLL CALL**

	Present	Absent
Jere Runciman	<u>  X  </u>	_____
Keisha Shabazz	<u>  X  </u>	_____
Gretchen Saldana	<u>  X  </u>	_____
Brenda Paxton	<u>  X  </u>	_____
Fani Lou Taylor	<u>  X  </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... Brenda seconds the motion...request for discussion-none needed

Vote: GS-Yes JR-Yes KS-Yes BP-Yes FT-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.

**III. CLOSED SESSION – 6:20pm**

**A. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION**

Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to paragraph (2) or (3) of subdivision (d) of Section 54956.9: (1 case)

**IV. RETURN TO OPEN SESSION -7:17pm**

A. No action taken

**V. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:24pm.

**VI. NEXT MEETING: March 26, 2026**