

AGENDA
REGULAR MEETING
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
EDISON-BETHUNE CHARTER ACADEMY

April 23, 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

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 _____.

B. ROLL CALL

	Present	Absent
Jere Runciman	_____	_____
Keisha Shabazz	_____	_____
Gretchen Saldana	_____	_____
Brenda Paxton	_____	_____
Fani Lou Taylor	_____	_____

C. FLAG SALUTE

D. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

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.

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.

Report from Curriculum and Instruction Director – Mr. Sprattling

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

Report from Technology Director – Mr. Lek

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

III. CLOSED SESSION

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)

B. PUBLIC EMPLOYEE DISCIPLINE/DISMISSAL/RELEASE

(Pursuant to § 54954.5(e))

IV. RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

A. Report out action taken in Closed Session, if applicable

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 Meetings:
 - a. Regular Board Meeting – March 26, 2026
- B. Approval of Financial Report and Warrant Report for March 2026.
- C. Approval of the Payroll Registers for March 2026.
- D. New Hires – Nathan Ruiz – BSP
- E. Employee Resignation – Iliana Toribio – BSP (Maternity)

VI. ITEMS SCHEDULED FOR ACTION

- A. Approval of Board Policies
 - BP-1 Classroom and School Volunteer, Visitation, and Removal Policy
 - BP-2 Education for Foster and Mobile Youth Policy
 - BP-3 Education for Homeless Children and Youth Policy
 - BP-4 School Sponsored Field Trips & Cultural Excursions Policy
 - BP-5 Uniform Complaint Policy - 11212019
 - BP-6 Title IX, Harassment, Discrimination, Intimidation, Bullying Policy
 - BP-7 Education Records (FERPA) Policy
 - BP-8 General Complaints Policy
 - BP-9 Immunization Policy
 - BP-10 Administration of Medication Policy
 - BP-11 Classroom Based Attendance Policy
 - BP-12 EBCA Field Trip Permission and Waiver Form
 - BP-13 2022 Independent Study Board Policy
 - BP-14 Edison Bethune IS Master Agreement
 - BP-15 Special Education Policy
 - BP-16 Suspension and Expulsion Policy and Procedure

- BP-17 Promotion and Retention Policy
 - BP-18 Student Technology Policy and Acceptable Use Agreement
 - BP-19 Student Wellness Policy
 - BP-20 Transportation Safety Plan
 - BP-22 Suicide Prevention Policy
 - BP-24 - English Language Learner Policy
 - BP-25 - Parent and Family Engagement Policy
 - BP-26 - Cell Phones, Smartphones, Pagers & Other Electronic Signaling Devices Policy
 - BP-27 - Policy Regarding Immigration Enforcement Activity
 - BP-28 - Student Freedom of Speech and Expression Policy
 - BP-29 - Section 504 - Policy, Procedures, and Parent Rights
 - BP-30 - Reading Difficulties Risk Screening Policy
- B. Approval of EBCA Safety Manual and Illness and Injury Prevention Program (IIPP)
- C. Approval of Truancy Mediation Liaison Job Description and Classification
- D. Approval of Title Change and Job Description for Executive Director/Principal to Superintendent/Principal
- E. Approval of 2025-26 P-2 Report of Attendance
- F. Approval of 2024-25 990 Tax Return
- G. Approval of Employee Handbook
- H. Approval of Student Handbook
- I. Approval of Comprehensive School Safety Plan
- J. Directive of Board for 2026-27 Budget Adjustments
- a. Reduction in Force – Classified
 - b. Reduction in Force - Administration
- K. Approval of Contracts for 2026-27 (with Board Directive applied)

VII. ITEMS SCHEDULED FOR DISCUSSION

- A. Charter Renewal – June 2027 Update
- B. Draft Budget for 2026-27
- C. Fresno Unified MOU Renewal

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at _____.

IX. NEXT MEETING: May 28, 2026