AGENDA
REGULAR MEETING

BOARD OF DIRECTORS
EDISON-BETHUNE CHARTER ACADEMY

OCTOBER 22, 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 Superintendent'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	**_X____**	**_____**
OPEN	**_____**	**_____**
Brenda Paxton	**_____**	**__X___**
Fani Lou Taylor	**__X___**	**_____**
Ebony Hailey	**__X___**	**_____**

C. FLAG SALUTE

D. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Jere asks for a motion to for the approval of the agenda… Ebony makes the motion to approval of the agenda for the regular meeting… Fani seconds the motion…request for discussion-none needed

Vote JR-Yes BP-AB FT-Yes EH -Yes
Motion Carried

E. PUBLIC HEARING: Public Hearing on the Initial Collective Bargaining Proposal for the Fresno Teachers Association (FTA) and Edison-Bethune Charter Academy (EBCA) for a Successor Collective Bargaining Agreement.

Opened at 5:40apm – Closed at 5:41pm

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 Superintendent/Principal 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 Superintendent/Principal – Mr. Garcia

The Superintendent/Principal will update the Board on current events on campus, including but not limited to the events and important information around campus.

Events of September and October:

- Census Day – 10/7/2026 – Enrollment of 351 – Current enrollment 10/22/26 – 347 students
- Enrollment Campaign continues
- Hired a new 1st Grade Teacher – 10/1/2026
- Moved Mrs. Martin to Reading Specialist
- Training on 10/12/2026 – iReady Math Curriculum
- Parent Teacher Conferences – 10/13 – 10/16/2026
- 1st Quarter Perfect Attendance – over 100 kids got to go to John's Incredible Pizza
- 2 Classes who won the Attendance Challenge – 1st/Kindergarten to the Fresno Fair
- Trunk or Treat 10/30 – 5-8pm put on by ELP

Enrollment and Attendance Report – Mr. Solis

The Truancy Mediation Specialist will update the Board regarding enrollment and attendance.

- Attendance Challenge – is a bracket of classes that compete for best attendance percentage and ends with a reward for the winners.
- Attendance Sponsors – we have them come to celebrate with the students
- Currently we have a 95% attendance rate through the 1st Quarter
- Pushing different activities to encourage better attendance.

Report from Technology Director – Mr. Lek

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

- Phishing scam but we isolated and fixed the issues quickly.
- Internet went down from AT&T for one day and also another day when FUSD phone system went down.
- Looking for backup options for if there is a service outage, and possible solution of using FUSD as a backup.

III. 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 – August 13, 2026 (NOTE: September Meeting Cancelled due to Quorum)

B. Approval of Financial Report and Warrant Reports for July, August, September 2026.

C. Approval of the Payroll Registers for July, August, and September 2026.

D. New Hires: Crystal Lozano – 1st Grade Teacher, Bryanna Juarez – Special Ed Aide, Adrina Estrada – Special Ed Aide, Alaska Oliver – ASP Paraprofessional, Belen Doroteo-Gutierrez – BSP Paraprofessional, Nu-Chung Lee – BSP Paraprofessional

E. New Substitutes: Joaquin Ayon, Julie Booker, Cynthia Herrera, Ryan Johnson, Tom Moua, Marisol Salas-Juarez, Marisa Rosas, Iris Langarica, Emma Litchfield, Georgina Maravilla, Stephanie Shermer, Sarah Porter and Angel Martinez

Jere asks for a motion to for the approval of the consent agenda… Fani makes the motion to approval of the consent agenda with the change to exclude July warrant and payroll reports … Ebony seconds the motion…request for discussion-none needed

Vote JR-Yes BP-AB FT-Yes EH -Yes
Motion Carried

IV. ITEMS SCHEDULED FOR ACTION

A. Approval of Unaudited Actuals for 2025-26 School year

Jere asks for a motion to for the approval of Unaudited Actuals for 2025-26 School year… Fani makes the motion to approval of Unaudited Actuals for 2025-26 School year … Ebony seconds the motion…request for discussion-none needed

Vote JR-Yes BP-AB FT-Yes EH -Yes
Motion Carried

B. Sunshining of the Reopener Proposal clause for a Successor Collective Bargaining Agreement.

Jere asks for a motion to for the approval sunshining of the Reopener Proposal clause for a Successor Collective Bargaining Agreement.… Fani makes the motion to approval sunshining of the Reopener Proposal clause for a Successor Collective Bargaining Agreement.… Ebony seconds the motion…request for discussion-none needed

Vote JR-Yes BP-AB FT-Yes EH -Yes
Motion Carried

C. Approval to Opt-In to the California Community Schools Partnership Program (CCSPP) Funding for the 2026–27 School Year.

D. Jere asks for a motion to for the approval to Opt-In to the California Community Schools Partnership Program (CCSPP) Funding for the 2026–27 School Year… Fani makes the motion to approval to Opt-In to the California Community Schools Partnership Program (CCSPP) Funding for the 2026–27 School Year… Ebony seconds the motion…request for discussion-none needed

Vote JR-Yes BP-AB FT-Yes EH -Yes
Motion Carried

V. ITEMS SCHEDULED FOR DISCUSSION

A. Charter Petition Status
   a. Approval Meeting – 10/15/2026 – 1:30pm

Charter Petition was approved by the Fresno County Office of Education Board for 5 more years – 2027-2032. We are working on the MOU with FCOE and FUSD – to update for new charter term.

B. California Dashboard 2025-26 Results

Mr. Garcia reviewed the 2025-26 Dashboard results and how we compared to our neighboring schools and Districts. The only red category is English Learner. We will be addressing this with the Reading Coach position.

C. Board Training – Mandated Report and Ethics Training – Additional information will be sent to the Board about the required training.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:57pm .

VII. NEXT MEETING: November 19, 2026 (3rd Thursday due to Thanksgiving)