

**MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING**

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

**HELD IN ROOM 5
1616 S Fruit Ave, Fresno, CA 93706**

October 22, 2015

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.

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 5:40.

B. ROLL CALL

	Present	Absent
Frances Davis	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>
Gretchen Saldana	<u> </u>	<u> X </u>
Jamie Gearon	<u> </u>	<u> X </u>
Tony Smith	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>
Sonny Uwaoma	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>
Gloria Smith	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>
Rolinda Golden	<u> </u>	<u> X </u>

C. FLAG SALUTE

D. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Frances asks for motion to approve Agenda... Sonny makes motion to approve agenda...Tony seconds the motion...request for discussion-none needed
Vote FD-Yes GSM-Yes JG-Absent TS-Yes SU-Yes GS-Absent RG-Absent Motion Carried

E. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING OF October 22, 2015

Frances asks for motion to approve Minutes... Gloria makes motion to approve minutes...Tony seconds the motion...request for discussion-none needed
Vote FD-Yes GSM-Yes JG-Absent TS-Yes SU-Yes GS-Absent RG-Absent 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 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 updated the Board on current events on campus, including but not limited to our Parent Teacher Conferences and Book Faire. In addition, a report on question regarding the protocols for use of Confidential Closed Session Board Meetings for Personnel Matters. Reminder of FCOE employee of the year on 11/20/15 at Saroyan Theatre.

Report from Curriculum and Instruction Director – Mr. Sprattling

The Curriculum and Instruction Director will update the Board regarding student assessments and curriculum. Mr. Sprattling shared Professional Development happening in partnership with Fresno County.

Report from Truancy Mediation Liaison – Mr. Solis

The Truancy Mediation Liaison will update the Board regarding student attendance and discipline. Mr. Solis reported effort to reduce chronic absenteeism by 10% as expected by California Department of Education statewide. Compared to 2014 at the end of first quarter we had 41 students chronic and this year 2015 the number was reduced to 21 student. We will continue to monitor this and send letters to parents requiring them to attend a mandatory meeting with admin or face dismissal if attendance not improved. Mr. Solis also shared new weekly incentive trophy challenge for class with most days of perfect attendance for the week for all grade challenge.

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 Meeting of September 24, 2015
- B. Approval of Warrant Report for August and September

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Frances asks for motion to approve consent agenda... Tony makes motion to approve consent agenda...Gloria seconds the motion...request for discussion-none needed

Vote FD-Yes GSM-Yes JG-Absent TS-Yes SU-Yes GS-Absent RG-Absent Motion Carried

IV. ITEMS SCHEDULED FOR ACTION

- A. Approval of Complaint Policies
 - a. Uniform Complaint Policy
 - b. General Complaint Policy
 - c. Anti-Bullying Policy (Student Policy)
 - d. Policy Against Unlawful Harassment (Student and Employee)
 - e. Whistleblower Complaint Policy (Employee)

Frances asks for motion to Tables these policies until next Board meeting so board can have more time to review proposed policies... Tony makes motion to Table these policies...Gloria seconds the motion...request for discussion-none needed **Vote FD-Yes GSM-Yes JG-Absent TS-Yes SU-Yes GS-Absent RG-Absent Motion Carried**

V. ITEMS SCHEDULED FOR DISCUSSION

- A. None

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Frances asks for motion to adjourn meeting... Tony makes motion to adjourn...Sonny seconds the motion...request for discussion-none needed **Vote FD-Yes GSM-Yes JG-Absent TS-Yes SU-Yes GS-Absent RG-Absent Motion Carried**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:00.

VII. NEXT MEETING: November 19, 2015