

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF
THE THOMAS A. EDISON CHARTER SCHOOL OF WILMINGTON, INC.**

March 16, 2026

**THOMAS A. EDISON CHARTER SCHOOL
WILMINGTON, DELAWARE**

Upon notice to all directors and posting of public notice, a meeting of the Board of Directors (the “Board”) of the Thomas A. Edison Charter School of Wilmington, Inc. (the “School”) was held on March 16, 2026.

Directors	Present	Absent
Michael Baker	X	
Cathlyn Cantelmi	X	
Mikkel Christie	X	
Wayne Cooper	X	
Kathleen Cheadle	X	
Nicole Huffner	X	
Ollie Johnson	X	
Ami Patel	X	
Michael Rabb	X	

THERE WAS A QUORUM OF THE BOARD

The following people were also present:

- 1. Dr. Principal EL**
- 2. Liz Yates**
- 3. John Shelton**
- 4. Robyn Neal**
- 5. Megan Brown**

M. Christie called the March 16, 2026, meeting to order at 6:08 p.m.

Approval of Minutes

M. Christie called for a motion to accept February 23, 2025, minutes. The motion was made by A. Patel and seconded by M. Rabb. The motion was approved by all and carried.

Public Comments –

- Parent – No Comments
- Teacher – No Comments
- General Public – No Comments

School Report by Dr. Principal EL

Dr. Principal EL reported the 2nd Trimester ended on Friday, March 6th. Report Cards will be distributed to parents during the week of March 16th. Spring Break begins on Thursday, April 2nd and school resumes on Monday, April 13th.

We have had good attendance at each Saturday Academy session and we are continuing to recruit even more students to attend! There are two remaining Saturday Academy sessions scheduled.

We are in the beginning stages of planning for Teacher and Staff Appreciation Week, which will be held Monday, May 4th to Friday, May 8th.

We are preparing for our DeSSA Smarter Balance (SBAC) Math and ELA state testing for grades 3-8 which will begin the week of April 29th and May 5th. DeSSA Science (Grades 5 and 8) will be April 22nd and Social Studies (Grades 4-8) state testing will begin the week of May 12th.

TECS has been awarded a state-of-the-art STEM Center (valued at \$100,000) to be installed at no cost to the school, through a STEM education initiative led in partnership with the Exelon Foundation (Delmarva) and the Cal Ripken, Sr. Foundation. Ripken Foundation STEM Centers are designed to inspire minority and at-risk youth through hands-on, grade-free STEM learning, with an emphasis on teamwork, critical thinking, and problem -solving. Key components of the STEM tools and curriculum by experts and consultants, hands-on lessons aligned with Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS) and year-round program and technical support from the Ripken Family.

- We have installed Vape detectors in all bathrooms.
- Schoolyard parking lot was patched for potholes due to snow.
- Delcollo replaced high hat lights in the building and SU repaired some classroom units.

A motion to accept the School Report was made by N. Huffner and seconded by A. Patel. The motion was approved by all and carried.

School Financials and Board Accounts Reports by M. Christie

School Financials:

Revenues Feb 26 YTD \$11,034,906; Expenses Feb YTD \$7,765,529; Cash on Hand \$3,269,378; Anticipated Surplus/Def \$675,739.

Board Accounts:

M&T Checking \$117,865.65; M&T Money Market \$254,591.00; PNC Money Market \$250,186.94; FCCB Money Market \$275,012.41; **Total Assets \$897,656.00.**

A motion to accept the School Financials and Board Accounts Reports was made by A. Patel and seconded by N. Huffner. The motion was approved by all and carried.

Operations Committee Report

No Formal Report.

Executive Committee Report, by M. Christie

M. Christie discussed the current composition of the Board and made a recommendation to expand the Board with the goal to strengthen governance by: recruiting one Parent Board member; recruiting an additional Community Board member with strong finance experience; consider designating Mr. W Cooper as an Emeritus Board Member; and to also consider formally electing a Treasurer.

Each Board member would be expected to serve on at least one committee. Each committee should have one Chair, 2-4 members, touch base between Board meetings at least once and provide a brief written or verbal report at monthly Board meetings.

Also discussed were each Committee's (i.e. Finance, Operations, Personnel & School Support) purpose, responsibilities, recommended composition and future goals.

Suggested Committee and members:

Finance: M Christie, W Cooper, A Patel, P Winder (staff)

Operations: M Baker, O Johnson, J Warnick (staff)

Personnel: K Cheadle, N Huffner, M Rabb, C Cantelmi

Board Member Comments

M. Rabb suggested that a School Administrator be connected to each Committee. L. Yates will serve as administrative representative on the Personnel Committee.

A. Patel suggested: 1) a Board Governance Committee to create structures to ensure everything is running smoothly. 2) developing an evaluation tool which was a part of the renewal and could be the first project of the Governance Committee. 3) Marketing Advancement Communication (MAC) Committee which could really push School Choice, marketing the school and advancement within the school and providing communication to the school, parents, donors and supporters. 4) a monthly newsletter to donors and supporters could be used to connect to an Instagram post. 5) A Board Management Platform which would be a hub providing a centralized system for everything.

New Business/Open Discussion

Meeting adjourned at 7:00pm

Respectfully submitted,

A. Morris May, 4/15/2026