

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

January 26, 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 January 26, 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. Patricia Winder**
- 4. John Shelton**
- 5. Robyn Neal**
- 6. Megan Brown**

M. Christie called the January 26, 2026, meeting to order at 6:07 p.m.

Approval of Minutes

M. Christie called for a motion to accept November 17, 2025, minutes. The motion was made by N. Huffner and seconded by A. Patel. 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 that the 2nd Trimester Progress reports will be distributed to parents during the week of January 26.

The staff is truly thankful to the board for their generosity in hosting our wonderful holiday party at Columbus Inn.

Our first Saturday Academy will be held on January 24th. We are still recruiting students to attend and hope to have our largest group of students ever!

Our Bank at School program officially kicked off on January 15th. The students are excited to participate in the program, and we are thankful to the Brenda and Wesley Charity for Hope and Education, Inc and Mikkel, for making it all possible for our students.

DELREC (Delaware Law Related Education Center) presented two workshops this month to 2nd and 6th grade. The 6th graders learned how to “Argue like a lawyer” and the 2nd graders learned “What is a Lawyer.” DELREC has also worked with our 8th graders on “Know Your Rights.”

Our TECS School Store is now open and closes on Monday, February 9th. Order your TECS swag at <https://bit.ly/49z9lrv>.

New lockers were installed on the 3rd floor for the 7th and 8th graders. They are beautiful!

New drip pans were installed in the ceiling in the gym to prevent leaking on the gym floor.

New video monitors and outlets are being installed around the school.

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

School Financials Report by P. Winder

P. Winder reported, we are at our half year mark now. Revenues through December 31th are 10.7M. This is made up primarily of Unit Count funds (including transportation funding) of approximately \$6.1M, and district funds of approximately \$2.8M for the year. We had budgeted roughly \$5.7M for Unit Formula revenue; however, we have received approximately \$445,000 above what we had budgeted. We have received all of those funds from the state, so we aren't getting additional ones.

Year to date we received \$2.8M of local district funds. We are still waiting for final payments from Brandywine and Colonial School Districts totaling \$831,396. This brings total expected district funds to \$3.6M. We had budgeted for the school year \$3.3M. So, we will receive approximately \$300,000 above budget. In the month of December, we received the tuition tax payment of \$294,818 and those funds must be used for Special Education.

Expenses for the month of December are \$874,000, which is down from prior months due to school being closed for two weeks. We are expected to end the year at \$514,000 net excess.

A motion to accept the School Financials Report was made by M. Rabb and seconded by O. Johnson. The motion was approved by all and carried.

Board Financials Report by W. Cooper

M. Christie reviewed the Board financial accounts. End of the month balances were as follows: Board Foundation ending balance \$127,377; M&T Money Market ending balance \$504,516; M&T checking ending balance \$149,075; and the PNC Money Market ending balance \$250,183.

Operations Committee Report

Principal EL stated a comprehensive Operations Report will be submitted to the board.

Executive Committee Report, by M. Christie

M. Christie stated the National Charter Schools Conference (NCSC) will be held in New Orleans, Louisiana from June 24 through June 26, 2026. If interested in attending, please notify P. Winder or M. Christie.

Scheduling of the TECS Board Workshop. February/March depending on availability. Likely to be on a Saturday morning for 4-5 hours. Focus Areas: Relationship building, Discussion of individual strengths and interests, Goal setting, Strategic planning, and Committee structure.

Board Member Comments

New Business/Open Discussion

Principal EL discussed the importance of budgeting funds to focus on the areas of 1. Marketing, 2. Enrollment and 3. Fundraising. He has been talking to companies and will notify the board of costs.

Principal EL stated Board support will be requested for an upcoming chess trip. Details of the trip will be provided to the Board.

C. Cantelmi suggested a Casino Night as a possible fundraiser. She has contacts who have the equipment.

Motion to adjourn made by W. Cooper and seconded by M. Rabb.

Respectfully submitted,

A. Morris May, 2/17/2026