

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

February 23, 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 February 23, 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 February 23, 2026, meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

Approval of Minutes

M. Christie called for a motion to accept January 26, 2025, minutes. The motion was made by N. Huffner and seconded by W. Cooper. 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 ends on Friday, March 6th. Report Cards will be distributed to parents during the week of March 16th.

Our NCTM coach was onsite to facilitate Professional Learning Communities (PLCs) and conduct K-8 classroom walkthroughs/visits. We also leveraged classroom videos from TECS teachers to highlight and reinforce effective instructional practices already taking place across our school.

Our Amplify/CKLA instructional coach was onsite to lead PLC sessions with grades 3-8, observe instruction, and support planning. The coach also co-planned and co-taught with our 6th-grade teacher, providing 7th and 8th grade teachers an opportunity to observe the lesson and strengthen implementation of the curriculum.

Due to the snow and cold temperatures, we had to postpone Saturday Academy. Our first Saturday Academy will be held on February 21st. We are still recruiting students to attend and hope to have our largest group of students ever! We already have over 100 signed up.

Our Bank at School program is in full swing. We have 64 students signed up so far.

TECS was awarded \$263,000 from the Bridge to Practice Grant aimed at helping us strengthen our Early Literacy (K-3) initiatives through training and support.

The motor for the heating unit in the cafeteria was replaced.

Sobieski repaired and/or replaced fire alarms and smoke heads in the building.

New video monitors have been installed. We have started with Black History Messages.

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 revenues collected in January were approximately \$456,000. This brings year-to-date revenues collected to \$11.8M, which is more than we budgeted for. Revenues are primarily made up of the Unit Count, Unit Formula and the district funding of which in January we received the final payment for the year from Colonial School District. We have received all state and local funds for the Unit Count and school billings. We have approximately \$5M in cash to live on until the end of the year. This does not include Federal funds that we will receive as they are spent.

The expenses were approximately \$6.7M, which went up from prior months because of December being a short month due to the holidays and some items that would have been paid at the end of December were paid in January. We are expecting a net excess at the end of the year of approximately \$560,000.

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

Board Financials Report by M. Christie

M. Christie reviewed the Board financial accounts and discussed the advantage of moving funds to FCCB with a rate of 2.8%. End of the month balances were as follows: Board's Foundation M&T Checking balance \$137,377; M&T Market Advantage balance \$504,559; M&T Commercial Money Market Savings balance \$21,639.68; and the PNC Money Market ending balance \$250,186.

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

Operations Committee Report

No Formal Report.

Executive Committee Report, by M. Christie

M. Christie stated the Board Retreat will be on Saturday, March 7, 2026; 8:00am-1:00pm at the Christiana Hilton. Facilitator will be Dr. Malik Muhammad.

Board Member Comments

New Business/Open Discussion

P. Winder stated if anyone is interested in attending the National Charter School conference to please let her know. She also stated the Board Manuals are ready.

Principal EL stated he is looking into local chess tournaments. Bad weather disrupted previously scheduled tournaments.

There was a discussion on questions raised by M. Rabb regarding how individual Board Committees operate and how committees are supported by school leadership.

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

Respectfully submitted,

A. Morris May, 3/1/2026