

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

April 16, 2018

**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 April 16, 2018.

Directors	Present	Absent
Hal Blocksom	X	
Emile Brown	X	
Mikkel Christie	X	
Wayne Cooper	X	
Erica Dorsett		X
Nicole Huffner	X	
Ron Pinkett	X	
Roopa Sabesan	X	
Joseph Till	X	
Jerry Velazquez		X
Valarie Waters		X

THERE WAS A QUORUM OF THE BOARD

The following people were also present:

- 1. Principal EL**
- 2. Patricia Winder**
- 3. John Shelton**
- 4. Courtney Wynn**

5. Robyn Neal

6. Amanda Morris May

Mr. Christie called the April 16, 2018 meeting to order at 6:10 p.m.

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Christie called for a motion to accept the March 2018 minutes. The motion was made by Mr. Brown and seconded by Mr. Blocksom. The motion was approved by all and carried.

Public Comments –

- Parent – None
- Teacher – Mrs. Huffner stated that everyone is really excited about the upcoming Leadership Day. Mr. Christie encouraged Board members to attend and to invite guests.
- General Public – None

School Report by Principal EL

Principal EL reported the Saturday School sessions were a great experience for students, staff and parents. The last scheduled session ended with a cookout, students had a great time!

Staff and students are excited about Leadership Day. The Keynote speaker is well known motivational speaker Daryl “Coach” Andrews.

The Chess Team competed for National Championship in Atlanta, Georgia from April 6th-8th. Edison had 3 different teams and they won 2nd, 4th, and 8th place! There were 300 teams and 1200 players from over 40 states!

The Third Trimester progress reports will be distributed the week of April 23rd.

Students in grades 3-8 will begin taking the Smarter Balanced Tests on May 2nd.

The 8th grade students will be attending a field trip to Junior Achievement Finance Park on Friday, April 13th.

Principal EL thanked Mr. Blocksom, Mr. Brown and their teams as well as Mr. Pinkett and Mr. Warnick for their contributions to the basement clean up. Mr. Blocksom stated he would like to acknowledge the students who volunteered to help with the clean up by giving them certificates and sending letters to their school Principal.

Mr. Christie asked about the expenses for the Chess team. Mrs. Winder responded that due to a large donation made at the end of last year, there are still available funds. Principal EL stated a Golf Tournament has selected the Chess Team for an award which they will accept in June.

Mr. Brown called for a motion to accept the School Report. A motion was made by Mr. Brown and seconded by Mrs. Huffner. The motion was approved by all and carried.

School Financials by P. Winder

Mrs. Winder reported we are coming in to the end of the year, only one more quarter. All funds have been received except for Federal funds which we must use to get. We are watching expenses to ensure that we end the year in a decent manner. If all goes well and there are no surprises we will end the year, June 30, with \$231,000.

Mr. Christie called for a motion to accept the School Financial Report. A motion was made by Mr. Cooper and seconded by Mr. Brown. The motion was approved by all and carried.

Board Financials Report by W. Cooper

Mr. Cooper reviewed the Statement of Accounts for February. He reported that TECS is now listed on Amazon Smile to receive donations.

Mr. Blocksom stated Phase 5 owns the building and TECS pays rent. As part of a renovation agreement TECS also has a mortgage which will soon be paid off.

Mr. Cooper invited Mr. Lucas, President of Phase 5 to attend Leadership Day. He is trying to set up a meeting to get a better understanding of Phase 5 and its relationship with TECS.

Mr. Christie called for a motion to accept the Board Financial Report. A motion was made by Mr. Pinkett and seconded by Mr. Brown. The motion was approved by all and carried.

Achievement Committee Report by W. Cooper

No Formal Report.

Mr. Cooper stated the Personal Integrity training is scheduled for April 26.

Personnel Committee Report by R. Pinkett

No Formal Report.

Operations Committee Report by H. Blocksom

Mrs. Winder stated the Food Services RFP has been circulated to the Board and comments have been received. Mr. Velazquez requested a correction be made to page 6 of the RFP and if the Board agrees she will make the change and post the RFP.

Mr. Brown made a motion to go forward with the RFP for Food Services. Motion withdrawn by Mr. Brown.

Ms. Sabesan proposed deleting #5 all together on page 6 and lifting the language from page 3 as it should not be under the responsibility of the school but under the responsibility of the vendor and the language must be consistent.

Mr. Brown made a motion to accept the Food Services RFP with changes proposed by Ms. Sabesan. The motion was seconded by Mr. Blocksom, approved by all and carried.

Executive Committee by M. Christie

Mr. Christie met with the Charter School office and put together a progress report for meeting conditions. He listed every condition individually and progress made and the Charter School went through and amended.

Current bylaws were reviewed by Potter Anderson and Mr. Christie discussed a few of their suggestions.

1. For consistency terms be adjusted for Faculty Director and Parent Director to be nominated the same term as Community Director.
2. Typically, officers are not required to be elected yearly but serve at the pleasure of the Board and make a change when the Board sees fit.

3. In order to permit a subsection of the Board to act, the Board should vote a Standard Committee and authorize specific actions of such committee at the pleasure of the full Board and the Board would vote on that as a whole.

Mr. Christie recommended 1 and 2 and a term limit of 4 consecutive terms.

Mr. Christie made a motion that Thomas Edison adjust the terms of the Faculty and Parent Directors to be the same nominated terms as Community Directors and all Directors have a term limited to 4 consecutive 3 year terms. The motion was seconded by Mr. Blocksom, approved by all and carried.

Mr. Christie stated the DANA training is being rescheduled.

Mr. Pinkett requested information be sent regarding Integrity Training.

Board Member Comments

None

New Business/Open Discussion

None

Mr. Blocksom made a motion to adjourn the Board Meeting at 7:04pm. The motion was seconded by Mr. Cooper, approved by all and carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. Amanda Morris May

5/7/2018