

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

**November 18, 2024**

**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 October 21, 2024.

<b>Directors</b>	<b>Present</b>	<b>Absent</b>
Emile Brown	<b>X</b>	
Mikkel Christie	<b>X</b>	
Wayne Cooper	<b>X</b>	
Nicole Huffner	<b>X</b>	
Kathleen Cheadle	<b>X</b>	
Ollie Johnson	<b>X</b>	
Ami Patel	<b>X</b>	

**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**

**M. Christie called the November 18, 2024 meeting to order at 5:50 p.m.**

**Approval of Minutes**

M. Christie called for a motion to accept the October 21, 2024 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 Thanksgiving break begins on Tuesday, November 26<sup>th</sup>.

The International Literacy Association (ILA) has selected to sponsor Thomas Edison! This partnership will provide us with extensive resources on literacy –from articles, videos, magazine subscriptions and ILA journals!

The 1<sup>st</sup> trimester ends on Friday, December 6<sup>th</sup>. Report Cards will be distributed to parents at Parent/Teacher conferences on December 18<sup>th</sup> and December 19<sup>th</sup>.

SAVE THE DATE: Our TECS holiday party will be held on Thursday, December 19<sup>th</sup> at Columbus Inn in Wilmington at 6:00pm. Planning continues for our 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary gala on May 10, 2025.

The choice application is now open for the 2025-2026 school year! Choice applications close on Wednesday, January 10, 2024. We are planning to host “Kindergarten Sneak a Peek” sessions until the applications close for perspective kindergarten families.

Our second Parent Camp sessions will be held on Thursday, December 5<sup>th</sup> from 5:15 to 7:30pm.

We have begun collecting wrapped toys for our annual toy drive. Toys will be distributed to students the week of December 16<sup>th</sup>.

We have started setting up two of the three modular (Furniture and technology) and hope to be fully operational with them by the end of the week. They look good and we would love you to see them.

We will officially change over to heat from A/C for the winter this week.

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

## **School Financials by P. Winder**

P. Winder reported, as of October 31<sup>st</sup> \$6.3M has been received in revenue. This is primarily made up of the first payment of the Unit Count in the amount of \$3.3M. We did receive all of the first 35% payments on all local funds on all districts. That is approximately \$1.3M collected year to date. The majority of the rest would be the \$1M received in federal funds.

Year to date as of October 31 we have spent \$3.8M. The majority of that is salary and other employment costs. We have \$1.1M in debt services which is pretty much a fixed cost and payments to vendors such as Blackstar, the auditors, professional services and things like that. At this point we are expecting to end the year with \$16,000.

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

**Board Financials Report** by W. Cooper

No Formal Report

**Operations Committee Report** by E. Brown

No Formal Report

**Executive Committee Report**, by M. Christie

No Formal Report

**Board Member Comments**

**New Business/Open Discussion**

Principal El stated the new scoreboard has been shipped and awaiting a date for installation.

Principal El stated the busses have been pretty good. The mornings have been better because we made some bus stop changes and added an additional bus. Most busses are in by 8:40-8:45.

Motion to adjourn the meeting made by E. Brown at 6:06pm. Motion was seconded by N. Huffner approved by all and carried.

**Respectfully submitted,**

**A. Morris May, 1/23/2025**