

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

**September 16, 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 September 16, 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 September 16, 2024 meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.**

**Approval of Minutes**

M. Christie called for a motion to accept the August 17, 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

**Audit Report** presented by Chloe Kennedy and Frank DeFroda, CPA-Whisman Giordano

F. DeFroda stated there will be revisions to the audit due to the receipt of state allocation for pensions and other benefit plans allocations. A review was made of how the report is compiled. All items of the report were reviewed. The main opinion is Clean, Unmodified and No Findings which is the type of opinion that all organizations would like to obtain, high Professional Standards

M. Christie made a motion to accept the Audit based on what was reported and subject to revisions to be reviewed by the Finance Committee. The motion was seconded by O. Johnson, approved by all and carried.

## **School Report by Dr. Principal EL**

Dr. Principal EL reported the new school year is off to a great start! Back-to-School Night will be held on Thursday, September 12<sup>th</sup> from 5:15-6:30pm. We are looking forward to seeing our families and showcasing our amazing school.

Our Afterschool Program will begin on Monday, September 16<sup>th</sup>.

All teachers and staff are participating in the Statewide Professional Development on Tuesday, September 10<sup>th</sup>. We will focus on CKLA lesson plan internalization, the science of reading, special education requirements, and our specials teachers will be attending specific art, music, and PE professional development hosted by DDOE.

Viewpoint Productions will be here on Wednesday, October 2<sup>nd</sup> to shoot content for our 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary promotional video and advertisement/recruitment videos.

Our 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration is scheduled for Saturday, May 10, 2025 at the Chase Center on the Riverfront.

Calvert plumbing has finished the installation of the new water fountains.

The modular units should be ready for use in late September or early October.

New flooring has been installed in all 4 classrooms and the stage. Looks nice!

J. Shelton stated for the most part busses have been on time with only a few exceptions in the morning.

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

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

P. Winder reported, for July we received our first unit count formula payment. In July we always receive the 75% so we have approximately \$3,316,000. We also received approximately \$155,000 for transportation, both of those are 75% of what they actually have receiving for the 2024-2025 school year. The list shows all the districts our students are coming from as well as how many from each district and the billing is \$3.2M with the snapshot of 555 students. By October we should start receiving these district funds. In December we will true up with local funds and in October we true up with unit count district funds. Then we will know exactly where we are going to be with state and local revenues.

We are expected to end the year so far at a \$41,000 positive net excess.

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

### **Board Financials Report** by W. Cooper

W. Cooper reviewed the Board financial accounts. End of the month balances were as follows: Board Foundation ending balance \$121,592.69, M&T Money Market ending balance \$502,851, M&T checking ending balance \$97,092 and the PNC Money Market ending balance \$250,125.

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

### **Operations Committee Report** by E. Brown

E. Brown asked about the status of the score board. Principal EL stated the company that was contacted was not local and does not do installation. An appointment has been made with a local company and the Board will be updated.

E. Brown stated J. Warnick is looking into getting quotes for new lockers for the third floor.

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

Mr. Christie stated he is looking forward to the upcoming Anniversary Planning committee meeting and a reminder that there are open Board positions to be filled.

**Board Member Comments**

**New Business/Open Discussion**

P. Winder reminded the Board of the upcoming Toy Drive that they contribute to annually. The Board will be donating \$2,000.

Motion to adjourn the meeting made by E. Brown at 6:59pm. Motion was seconded by M. Christie approved by all and carried.

**Respectfully submitted,**

**A. Morris May, 10/17/2024**