Thomas Edison Charter Schools
Governing Board Meeting
Date: June 3, 2026
Edison South: 1275 W 2350 S, Nibley, UT 84321

Meeting called to order at 5:33 pm by Lindsey Fowers
Board Members Present: Lindsey Fowers, Courtney Carpenter and Mikelshan Bartschi
Board Members Attending Electronically: Jeff Mason and Ester Israelsen
Board Members Absent and Excused: Ryan Reeves
Conducting: Lindsey Fowers
Pledge: Lindsey Fowers

1. Adoption of the Agenda
   The Board discussed reserving the option to move action items to the beginning of future agendas if quorum concerns arise.

   Motion to reserve the option to move all voting items to the beginning of the agenda based on quorum attendance: Lindsey Fowers
   Second: Courtney Carpenter
   Vote: Unanimously approved.

2. Public Comment
   No public comments were made.

3. Approval of Minutes
   The Board reviewed the minutes from the previous meeting. One correction was noted, changing "PHP" to "PEHP."

   Motion to approve the minutes as corrected: Lindsey Fowers
   Second: Courtney Carpenter
   Affirmative Vote: Lindsey Fowers, Courtney Carpenter, Ester Israelsen, and Jeff Mason
   Resolved: unanimous

4. Board Appointments: Lindsey Fowers

   Board Chair - Lindsey Fowers was nominated for Board Chair

   Motion to nominate Lindsey Fowers as Board Chair: Courtney Carpenter
   Second: Jeff Mason
   Affirmative Vote: Lindsey Fowers, Courtney Carpenter, Ester Israelsen, and Jeff Mason
   Resolved: Unanimous

   Board Vice Chair - Ester Israelsen was nominated for Board Vice Chair.

   Motion to nominate Ester Israelsen as Board Vice Chair: Lindsey Fowers
   Second: Courtney Carpenter

Affirmative: Lindsey Fowers, Courtney Carpenter, Ester Israelsen, and Jeff Mason
Resolved: Unanimous

Board Treasurer - Ryan Reeves was nominated for Board Treasurer

Motion to appoint Ryan Reeves as Board Treasurer: Lindsey Fowers
Second: Courtney Carpenter
Affirmative: Lindsey Fowers, Courtney Carpenter, Ester Israelsen, and Jeff Mason
Resolved: Unanimous

Board Secretary - Nichole Knudson was nominated to continue serving as Board Secretary.

Motion for Nichole Knudson to continue as Board Secretary: Lindsey Fowers
Second: Courtney Carpenter
Affirmative: Lindsey Fowers, Courtney Carpenter, Ester Israelsen, and Jeff Mason
Vote: Unanimously approved.

The Board approved the following sub-committee assignments:

Finance Committee:
- Ryan Reeves
- Jeff Mason
- Mikelshan Bartschi

Policies and Personnel Committee:
- Lindsey Fowers
- Ester Israelsen
- Courtney Carpenter

Motion to approve subcommittees as presented: Lindsey Fowers
Second: Courtney Carpenter
Affirmative: Lindsey Fowers, Courtney Carpenter, Ester Israelsen, and Jeff Mason
Vote: Unanimously approved.

Board meeting calendars for the 2026–2027 school year were distributed electronically via email. Jeff Mason was reminded to complete board forms with Nichole Knudson upon returning to town.

Board member Mikelshan Bartschi joins meeting in person at 5:39 pm

5. **Board Training - Brian Carpenter Podcast #3: Broken Promises- duties of loyalty, oversight, and obedience**
   The Board completed monthly board training, including a Brian Carpenter podcast focused on fiduciary responsibilities of governing boards, including duties of loyalty, oversight, and obedience.

6. **Board Training Discussion: Charter, Bylaws, Policies and Procedures Manual Section 1000**
   Board members receive the charter bylaws and Policy and Procedure Manual Section 1000 via email earlier in the month. There was no discussion regarding these documents.

7. **TECS Philosophy: Jim Peterson**

Jim Peterson provided information regarding the Spalding Method, including historical research supporting its implementation at Thomas Edison Charter School. Discussion included the importance of phonics, handwriting, cursive writing, and student literacy outcomes.

8. Financial Report: Jim Peterson

Fiscal Year 2026 Final Budget Approval
The Board reviewed the FY26 final budget for both campuses. Discussion included projected year-end cash surpluses and financial stability.

Motion to approve the 2026 final budget: Mikelshan Bartschi
Second: Lindsey Fowers
Affirmative: Mikelshan Bartschi, Lindsey Fowers, Courtney Carpenter, Ester Israelsen, and Jeff Mason
Resolved: Unanimous

Fiscal Year 2027 Preliminary Budget Approval
The Board reviewed the FY27 preliminary budget, including projected staffing, enrollment assumptions, revenues, and expenditures. A correction was noted regarding counselor salary calculations on the North Campus budget.

Motion to approve the projected fiscal year 27 budget with the correction presented: Lindsey Fowers
Second: Courtney Carpenter
Affirmative: Lindsey Fowers, Courtney Carpenter, Mikelshan Bartschi, and Ester Israelsen
Resolved: Unanimous

Financial Report
The Board reviewed the May financial report and budget graphs. Financial performance remained favorable, with expenditures trending below projections and positive cash surplus expected at year-end.

9. Strategic Outcomes Report: Angela Williams
Angela Williams presented the annual Strategic Outcomes Report. Highlights included:
- Significant student growth in math proficiency and academic performance.
- Strong student progress metrics exceeding state expectations.
- Positive stakeholder survey results, though employee and parent satisfaction scores were identified as areas for improvement.
- Citizenship goals narrowly met and identified as an area for continued focus.
- Continued enrollment and waitlist challenges at both campuses.
- Strong financial performance and projected ability to pay off the South Campus bond ahead of schedule.

The Board discussed citizenship expectations, consistency between campuses, attendance, and enrollment trends.

10. Library Report: Noelle Harrild
The annual library report highlighted:
- Completion of five Library Review Committee categories at 100%.
- Increased parent volunteer involvement.
- Addition of Yoto audiobook players through community support.

- Increased participation in literacy challenges.
- Future goals including improved organization, parent engagement, and equitable library access.

11. Counseling Department Report: SaraAnn Delaney

    The North Campus School Counselor presented updates regarding the Mental Health Grant and counseling programs.
    Key updates included:
    - Fourteen students regularly received therapy services.
    - Reduced student suicide ideation cases compared to prior years.
    - Counseling initiatives focused on attendance, mental health, and student access to counseling services.
    - Data projects showed increased student comfort accessing counseling support.

12. Mental Health Grant: SarahAnn Delaney

    The school does not need approval until the fall for the Mental Health Grant.

13. Teacher Student Success Act (TSSA) Grant Approval

    The Board reviewed the proposed Teacher and Student Success Act (TSSA) Grant allocation for the upcoming year totaling $381,958.32, including teacher compensation, personnel retention, unrestricted funds, technology, and data analysis support.

    Motion to approve the TSSA grant as written: Lindsey Fowers
    Second: Courtney Carpenter
    Affirmative: Lindsey Fowers, Courtney Carpenter, Mikelshan Bartschi, and Jeff Mason
    Resolved: Unanimous

14. Keystone Academy Articulation Agreement: Melani Kirk

    The Board reviewed a proposed articulation agreement with Keystone Academy, a proposed charter high school. Discussion included enrollment preference, school philosophy, long-term expansion considerations, and agreement termination provisions.

    Motion to sign the articulation agreement: Courtney Carpenter
    Second: Mikelshan Bartschi
    Affirmative: Lindsey Fowers, Courtney Carpenter, Mikelshan Bartschi, and Jeff Mason
    Resolved: Unanimous

15. Principal Reports

    Administrators provided brief principal reports including:
    - Enrollment updates and recruitment efforts.
    - Building improvements and construction updates.
    - Staffing updates and personnel notifications.
    - Student activities, events, and end-of-year celebrations.

16. Vendor Requests

    South –
    Bosk Media

Administration reported that the school ended its marketing contract with Target River early after determining the investment did not produce meaningful enrollment results, despite regular activity reports and significant expense. To continue marketing efforts, administration proposed hiring Jesse Mullen of Bosk Media at a cost of $2,500 per month plus a $3,000 marketing budget, totaling approximately $5,500 monthly—similar to the prior contract—with clearer accountability for marketing expenditures.
Conflict of Interest Disclosure: Administration disclosed that Jesse Mullen is the assistant principal's spouse but noted that his familiarity with the school and close connection to its mission could be beneficial. The proposed agreement would be month-to-month and could be ended at any time if results are not satisfactory. Questions regarding conflict of interest were discussed, with administration indicating that Jesse is not related to governing board members, is not a school employee, and would be supervised by the school principals.

Motion to approve Bosk Marketing in the amount of $5,000 a month: Lindsey Fowers
Second: Mikelshan Bartschi
Affirmative: Lindsey Fowers, Courtney Carpenter, Mikelshan Bartschi, and Jeff Mason
Resolved: Unanimous

17. **Adjournment at 7:05 pm**