

Notice of Annual Meeting and Proxy Statement

Annual Meeting of Shareholders Wednesday, July 2, 2025

# EDUCATIONAL DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION 5402 S 122nd E Ave Tulsa, Oklahoma 74146

May 22, 2025

To The Shareholders of Educational Development Corporation:

You are cordially invited to attend the 2025 annual meeting of shareholders of Educational Development Corporation on Wednesday, July 2, 2025. The meeting will be held at our Corporate Offices, 5402 S 122nd E Ave, Tulsa, Oklahoma, commencing at 10:00 a.m., Central Standard Time.

The notice of the annual meeting and proxy statement accompanying this letter provide information concerning matters to be considered and acted upon at the annual meeting. During the annual meeting we will provide a report on our operations, followed by a time for questions and answers.

Whether or not you plan to attend the annual meeting, we encourage you to vote as promptly as possible using the instructions provided in this filing so that your shares are represented at the meeting. Regardless of the number of shares you own, your vote is important.

Thank you for your continued interest and support.

Sincerely,

Craig M. White President, Chief Executive Officer, and Chairman of the Board

Craig Whit

Enclosures

Important Notice Regarding the Availability of Proxy Materials for the Shareholder Meeting to Be Held on July 2, 2025

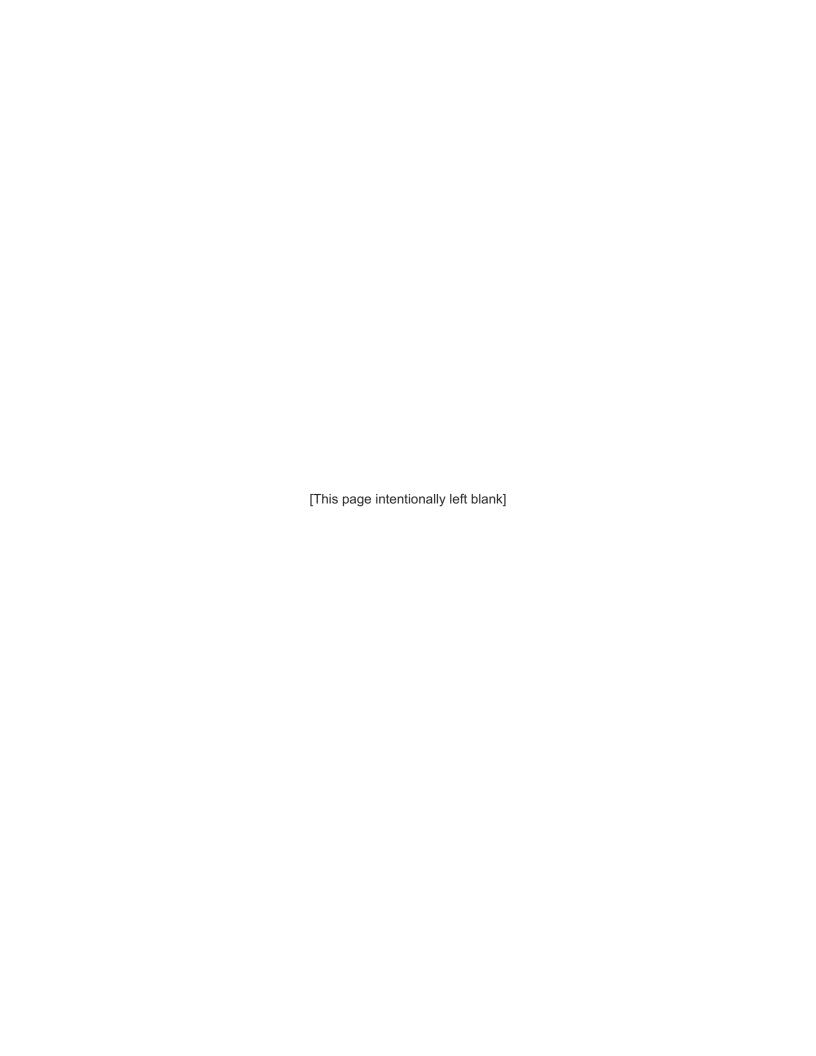
The proxy statement and annual report to shareholders are available at http://www.edcpub.com

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#### EDUCATIONAL DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

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#### NOTICE OF 2025 ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS

TIME AND DATE: 10:00 a.m. CST on July 2, 2025

PLACE: Educational Development Corporation

Corporate Offices, Executive Conference Room

5402 S 122nd E Ave Tulsa, Oklahoma

ITEMS OF BUSINESS: (1) To elect one Class III director.

(2) To ratify the appointment of HoganTaylor LLP as our independent registered public accounting firm for

the year ending February 28, 2026.

(3) To transact such other business as may properly come before the meeting or any adjournment or

postponement thereof.

WHO CAN VOTE: You are entitled to vote if you were a shareholder of record at the close of business on the record date,

May 12, 2025.

VOTING BY PROXY: Please submit a proxy as soon as possible so that your shares of our common stock can be voted at the

annual meeting in accordance with your instructions. For specific instructions on voting, please refer to

the instructions on the enclosed proxy card.

2024 ANNUAL REPORT: Our annual report to shareholders is available online at www.edcpub.com/CorporateFilings

DATE OF MAILING: On or around May 27, 2025, we will mail the Important Notice Regarding the Availability of Proxy

Materials (the "Notice") to all shareholders of record at the close of business on May 12, 2025 and post our proxy materials on our website at www.edcpub.com. As described in the Notice, you may request a printed set of the proxy materials, including our Annual Report and Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended February 28, 2025, if you do not wish to access the materials on our website. In addition, the Notice will provide information regarding how you may request to receive proxy materials by mail or by email

on an ongoing basis.

By Order of the Board of Directors

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Craig M. White,

President, Chief Executive Officer, and

Chairman of the Board Tulsa, Oklahoma

May 22, 2025

#### **QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS**

### WHO MAY ATTEND THE ANNUAL MEETING?

All shareholders who held shares of our common stock on May 12, 2025 may attend. If your stock is held in the name of a broker, bank, or other holder of record, often referred to as "in street name," bring a copy of your brokerage account statement or a proxy card which you can get from your broker, bank, or other holder of record of your stock.

#### WHAT IS A PROXY?

A proxy is your legal designation of another person to vote the stock you own. That other person is called a proxy. If you designate someone as your proxy in a written document, that document is also called a proxy or a proxy card. Craig M. White and Dan E. O'Keefe have been designated by the Company as proxies for the 2025 annual meeting of shareholders.

#### WHO CAN VOTE AT THE MEETING?

The record date for the 2025 annual meeting of shareholders is May 12, 2025. The record date was established by our Board of Directors. Shareholders of record at the close of business on the record date are entitled to:

- (a) receive notice of the meeting; and
- (b) vote at the meeting and any adjournments or postponements of the meeting.

On the record date, 8,583,201 shares of our common stock were outstanding. Each shareholder is entitled to one vote for each share of common stock held on the record date, except that cumulative voting is authorized with respect to the election of directors, as further described under "Voting Securities," in this Proxy Statement.

#### HOW DO I VOTE?

You may vote in person at the meeting, or you may appoint a proxy by mail, to vote your shares. If you return a signed card but do not provide voting instructions, your shares will be voted FOR the proposals to be voted on at the meeting.

#### WHAT ARE THE DIFFERENT METHODS THAT I CAN USE TO VOTE MY SHARES OF COMMON STOCK?

- (a) By Written Proxy: Shareholders of record can vote by marking, signing and returning the enclosed proxy card in a timely manner, or electronically over the internet following the voting instructions provided in the mailing. Street name or beneficial holders must follow the directions provided by their broker, bank, or other nominee in order to direct such broker, bank, or nominee how to vote.
- (b) *In Person*: All shareholders may vote in person at the meeting. Street name or beneficial holders must obtain a legal proxy from their broker, bank, or nominee prior to the meeting in order to vote in person.

#### HOW MANY VOTES MUST BE PRESENT TO HOLD THE MEETING?

A majority of our outstanding shares of common stock, as of the record date, must be present in order to hold the annual meeting and conduct business. This is called a quorum. Shares of our common stock are counted as present at the annual meeting if the holder of such shares:

- (a) is present and votes in person at the annual meeting; or
- (b) has properly submitted a proxy card.

#### HOW ARE ABSTENTIONS COUNTED?

Abstentions are counted as present for the purpose of determining the presence of a quorum. Abstentions do not count as votes cast and have no effect on the election of directors or any proposals requiring the majority vote of the shareholders. However, for the ratification of HoganTaylor LLP as our independent auditor, abstentions have the same effect as votes against the proposal.

#### HOW DO I REVOKE MY PROXY?

You have the right to revoke your proxy at any time before the meeting by:

- (a) notifying our corporate secretary in writing;
- (b) returning a later-dated proxy card; or
- (c) voting in person.

#### WILL MY STOCK BE VOTED IF I DO NOT PROVIDE MY PROXY?

Your stock may be voted if it is held in the name of a brokerage firm, even if you do not provide the brokerage firm with voting instructions. Brokerage firms have the authority under the rules of The NASDAQ Stock Market, Inc., or NASDAQ, to vote stock for which their customers do not provide voting instructions on certain "routine" matters. We believe that the ratification of our independent registered public accounting firm is a routine matter for which brokerage firms may vote stock that is held in the name of brokerage firms but do not have voting instructions from you.

#### WHAT IF A SHAREHOLDER DOES NOT SPECIFY A CHOICE FOR A MATTER WHEN RETURNING A PROXY?

Shareholders should specify their choice for each matter on the enclosed proxy. If no specific instructions are given, proxies that are signed and returned will be voted FOR the election of the director nominee and FOR the ratification of the independent registered public accounting firm and for the approval of the compensation of the Company's Named Executive Officers, with the executive compensation voted every two years.

#### WHAT HAPPENS IF I DON'T VOTE?

If you do not return your proxy, or vote in person or through a firm, your non-vote will have no effect on the outcome.

#### WILL ADDITIONAL PROPOSALS BE PRESENTED, OTHER THAN THOSE INCLUDED IN THIS PROXY STATEMENT?

We know of no matters to be presented at the annual meeting other than those included in this notice. By signing the proxy card you are also giving authority to the persons named on the proxy card to take action on additional matters that may properly come before the annual meeting. Should any other matter requiring a vote of shareholders arise, the persons named in the accompanying proxy card will vote according to their best judgment.

### HOW MANY VOTES ARE NEEDED TO APPROVE OUR PROPOSALS?

The affirmative vote of a plurality of the shares of common stock present in person or by proxy and entitled to vote is required for the election of a director. However, other matters that may properly come before the annual meeting may require a majority or more than a majority vote under our by-laws, the laws of the state of Delaware, our Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation, or other applicable laws.

# WHY DID I RECEIVE A NOTICE OF INTERNET AVAILABILITY OF PROXY MATERIALS INSTEAD OF A PAPER COPY OF THE PROXY MATERIALS?

In order to reduce the expense and environmental impact of mailing proxy materials, we have elected to use the SEC's "Notice and Access" model, which allows us to make the Proxy Statement, our 2025 Annual Report, and other proxy materials available on the Internet as the primary means of furnishing the proxy materials to stockholders. On or about May 27, 2025, we mailed to stockholders a Notice of Internet Availability of Proxy Materials containing instructions on how to gain access, free of charge, to the proxy materials and how to request a printed set of proxy materials. The Proxy Statement, Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended February 28, 2025, and Notice of Annual Meeting of Stockholders are available on the Company's website, at www.edcpub.com.

#### WHAT DOES IT MEAN IF I RECEIVE MORE THAN ONE PROXY CARD?

If your shares are registered differently and are in more than one account, you will receive more than one proxy card and proxy statement. Please sign and return all proxy cards to ensure that all your shares of common stock are voted. We encourage you to have all accounts registered in the same name and address whenever possible.

#### WHO BEARS THE COST OF THIS SOLICITATION?

This accompanying proxy is being solicited by and on behalf of our Board of Directors. We will pay the entire cost of preparing, assembling, printing, mailing, and distributing these proxy materials. Furthermore, we may reimburse banks, brokerage firms, and other custodians, nominees, and fiduciaries representing beneficial owners of shares of our common stock for their expenses in forwarding solicitation materials to such beneficial owners. In addition to sending you these materials, some of our directors, officers and employees may contact you personally or by mail, telephone, facsimile, email or other means of communication (electronic or otherwise). No additional compensation will be paid for such services, but out-of-pocket expenses may be reimbursed.

# WHAT IS THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN HOLDING STOCK AS A "SHAREHOLDER OF RECORD" AND HOLDING STOCK AS "BENEFICIAL OWNER" (OR "IN STREET NAME")?

Most shareholders are considered the "beneficial owners" of their stock, that is, they hold their stock through a broker, bank or other nominee rather than directly in their own name. As summarized below, there are some distinctions between stock held of record and stock owned beneficially or in "street name."

- (a) Shareholder of Record: If your stock is registered directly in your name with our transfer agent, you are considered the shareholder of record with respect to that stock and the Notice and Access Card or proxy materials, if you elected to receive a hard copy, are sent directly to you by us. As our shareholder of record, you have the right to grant your voting proxy directly to us or to vote in person at the annual meeting. We have enclosed a proxy card for your vote. Printed proxy materials and annual report can be mailed based on your request as identified above.
- (b) Beneficial Owner: If your stock is held in a stock brokerage account, by a bank or other nominee, you are considered the beneficial owner of shares held in street name, and the Notice and Access Card or proxy materials, if you elected to receive a hard copy, are being forwarded to you by your broker, bank, or nominee (who is considered the shareholder of record with respect to those shares). As the beneficial owner, you have the right to direct your broker, bank, or nominee on how to vote if you follow the instructions you receive from your broker, bank, or nominee. You are also invited to attend the annual meeting. However, since you are not the shareholder of record, you may not vote these shares in person at the annual meeting, unless you request, complete, and deliver the proper documentation provided by your broker, bank or nominee and bring it with you to the meeting.

#### **VOTING SECURITIES**

Our \$0.20 par value common stock is the only class of capital stock authorized by its Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation. The number of shares of our common stock which may be voted at the meeting, or any adjournment thereof, is 8,583,201 shares, which was the number of shares outstanding as of May 12, 2025, the record date. Each shareholder is entitled to one vote for each share of our common stock held, except that cumulative voting is authorized with respect to the election of directors. In other words, solely for the purpose of electing directors, each share of our common stock will entitle the holder thereof to a number of votes equal to the number of directors being elected and each shareholder may cast all of his votes for a single nominee or may distribute them among any two or more nominees. Votes will be tabulated by an inspector of election appointed by our Board of Directors.

#### PROPOSAL FOR ACTION AT THE ANNUAL MEETING

# Proposal One: ELECTION OF DIRECTORS

Our Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation and By-laws provide that the Board of Directors shall consist of three to fifteen directors, the exact number of which is determined by resolution of the Board of Directors or by the shareholders at the annual meeting. The Board of Directors has adopted a resolution establishing five (5) as the number of directors of the Company.

Our Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation and By-laws provide that the Board of Directors shall be divided into three classes, each consisting of as close to one-third of the total number of directors as possible. Each class of directors serves a three-year term expiring at the annual meeting of shareholders in the year listed in the table below:

Class III (2025)	Class I (2026)	Class II (2027)
Dr. Amy N. Emerson	Bradley V. Stoots	Craig M. White
	(Vacant)	Dr. Kara Gae Neal

Based on the recommendation of the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee, the Board of Directors has nominated Dr. Amy N. Emerson for election as a Class III director, to serve a three-year term to expire at the annual meeting of shareholders in 2028, or until successor(s) are duly elected and qualified.

Directors in Class II and Class II are not being re-elected this year and will continue in office for the remainder of their terms, as described above, unless such directors resign or their service as directors otherwise ceases in accordance with our Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation and By-laws.

The person named in the accompanying proxy card intends to vote such proxy in favor of the election of the nominees named below, who are currently directors, unless authority to vote for the director is withheld in the proxy. Although the Board of Directors has no reason to believe that the nominees will be unable to serve as a director, if a nominee withdraws or otherwise becomes unavailable to serve, the persons named as proxies will vote for any substitute nominee designated by the Board of Directors, unless contrary instructions are given on the proxy.

The affirmative vote of a plurality of the shares of our common stock present in person or by proxy at the meeting and entitled to vote is required for the election of the directors. Proxies for which authority to vote for the nominee is withheld and broker non-votes will be tabulated to compute the number of shares of our common stock present for purposes of determining the presence of a quorum for the meeting. They will have no effect on the outcome of the election of the directors.

### Your Board of Directors recommends you vote "FOR" the nominees.

Listed below is certain information with respect to the nominees for election as director and each continuing director.

#### **NOMINEES**

Name and Business Experience	<u>Age</u>	Class	Director <u>Since</u>
Dr. Amy N. Emerson	50	III	2024

Pediatrician specializing in developmental behavior and a consultant for several non-profits and named Director of Hope-Driven Parenting, which is initiative of Hope Rising Oklahoma. Presently serves as gubernational appointment to the board of Oklahoma's Office of Juvenile Affairs.

#### CONTINUING DIRECTORS

Name and Business Experience	<u>Age</u>	<u>Class</u>	Director <u>Since</u>
Bradley V. Stoots	64	I	2023

Retired Office Managing Partner - Tulsa, Grant Thornton LLP from 2002 to 2022. Previously, with Arthur Andersen from 1982 to 2002.

Craig M. White 55 II 2021

President and Chief Executive Officer of EDC since 2021, Chairman of the Board effective 2025. Previously, Chief Operating Officer of EDC from 2018 to 2021, Vice President – Information Technology of EDC from 1998 to 2018. Mr. Craig White joined the Company in 1994.

Dr. Kara Gae Neal 79 II 2011

Former Curriculum Director, School of Urban Education, The University of Tulsa from 2012 to 2015. Former Superintendent and CEO of Tulsa Technology Center, Tulsa, Oklahoma from 2008 to 2012.

#### **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

#### **BOARD RESPONSIBILITIES**

Our Board of Directors, which is elected by our shareholders, is responsible for directing and overseeing the business and affairs of the Company. In carrying out its responsibilities, the Board of Directors selects and monitors the top management of the Company, provides oversight of our financial reporting processes and determines and implements our governance policies.

#### **BOARD LEADERSHIP STRUCTURE**

Our Board of Directors is currently led by Craig M. White, who is the President, Chief Executive Officer, and Chairman of the Board. The Board has chosen Brad V. Stoots to serve as a lead independent director.

The Board currently believes that Mr. Craig M. White is the most qualified and appropriate individual to lead our Board as its Chairman. In making this determination, the Board has considered, among other factors, Mr. White's previous role as Chief Operating Officer of the Company from 2018 to 2021, his leadership skills, his extensive knowledge and experience regarding our operations and the markets in which we compete, as well as his ability to promote communication, to synchronize strategic objectives and activities between our Board and management, and to provide consistent leadership to both our Board and our Company as a whole. The Board also believes our current leadership structure ensures significant independent oversight of management, as our Board has an ongoing practice of holding executive sessions, without management present, as part of each regularly scheduled in-person Board meeting. Mr. Craig M. White is a member of the Board and also President and Chief Executive Officer of our Company who does not meet the independence criteria set forth in our director's independence guidelines and the independence criteria established by NASDAQ.

#### CORPORATE GOVERNANCE

The primary goal of our Board is to maximize shareholder value over the long term. Our Board of Directors and management are committed to good corporate governance to ensure that the Company is managed for the long-term benefit of our shareholders. During the past year, our Board of Directors and management performed a review of our corporate governance policies and practices. Our corporate governance policies and practices are in accordance with the requirements of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 and the rules and listing standards issued by the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC") and NASDAQ.

We have in place a variety of policies and practices to promote good corporate governance. Consistent with our Corporate Governance Guidelines, the majority of our Board of Directors are independent in accordance with the rules of NASDAQ and all members of the Audit Committee, Compensation Committee, and Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee also meet the NASDAQ guidelines for independence. The Compensation Committee, which evaluates our CEO's performance in light of corporate goals and objectives, approves the compensation of the CEO.

The Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee of our Board of Directors is responsible for reviewing the Corporate Governance Guidelines periodically and reporting and making recommendations to the Board concerning corporate governance matters. Among the matters addressed by the Corporate Governance Guidelines are:

- ♦ Director Independence Independent directors shall constitute at least a majority of our Board of Directors.
- ♦ Monitoring Board Effectiveness The Corporate Governance Guidelines require that the Board, led by the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee, conduct an annual self-evaluation of the functioning of the Board and the Board Committees.
- ♦ Executive Sessions of Independent Directors The non-employee directors have the opportunity to regularly meet without management present.
- ♦ Board Access to Independent Advisors Our Board of Directors as a whole, and each of its Committees separately, have authority to retain such independent consultants, counselors or advisors to the Board or its Committees as each shall deem necessary or appropriate.
- ♦ Board Committees All members of the Audit, Compensation, and Nominating and Corporate Governance Committees are required to be independent in accordance with NASDAQ Rules.

Copies of our Director Independence Standards, Code of Conduct and Ethics and Audit, Compensation and Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee charters can be found on our website at http://www.edcpub.com.

#### MEETINGS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Our Board of Directors held four meetings during fiscal year 2025. Directors can attend the meeting in person or via teleconference and the attendance of a majority of independent directors is required to have a quorum. The sufficient number of independent directors attended each meeting to establish a quorum at the Board meeting and the Board Committees on which they served in fiscal year 2025. Under our Corporate Governance Guidelines, directors are expected to be active and engaged in discharging their duties and to keep themselves informed about the business and operations of the Company. Although we have no formal policy, directors are expected to make every effort to attend the annual meeting of shareholders. Last year, all three of our independent directors attended our annual meeting.

#### CODE OF BUSINESS CONDUCT AND ETHICS

We have a Code of Conduct and Ethics that applies to all of our directors, officers and employees, including our Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer. During fiscal year 2025, no waivers were granted to any provision of the Code of Conduct and Ethics. A copy of our Code of Conduct and Ethics is available on our website at http://www.edcpub.com.

#### INDEPENDENCE OF DIRECTORS

The Board of Directors has determined that Dr. Kara Gae Neal, Bradley V. Stoots, and Dr. Amy N. Emerson are "independent" within the meaning of Rule 4200(a)(15) of the NASDAQ listing standards. A copy of our Director Independence Standards is available on our website at http://www.edcpub.com.

#### BOARD DIVERSITY

The following chart summarizes certain self-identified personal characteristics of our directors, in accordance with NASDAQ Listing Rule 5605(f). Each term used in the table has the meaning given to it in the rule and related instructions.

Board Diversity Matrix					
	As of May 22, 2025				
Number of Directors:	4				
	Female	Male			
Number of Directors who identify with the Categories Below:					
White	2	2			

#### SHAREHOLDER COMMUNICATIONS WITH THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

You may communicate with our directors, individually or as a group, by writing to Board of Directors, Educational Development Corporation, 5402 S 122nd E Ave, Tulsa, Oklahoma 74146. All such communications will be forwarded to the relevant director(s), except for solicitations or other matters not related to the Company.

#### NOMINATION PROCESS

The members of the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee (the "Nominating Committee"), other than incumbent director nominees, discuss the qualifications of the director nominees and the needs of the Company. The Nominating Committee will consider nominees recommended by our directors, officers and shareholders. In evaluating director candidates, the Nominating Committee considers factors that are in the best interests of the Company and its shareholders, including, but not limited to, the knowledge, experience, integrity and judgment of possible candidates for nomination as directors; the potential contribution of each candidate to the diversity of backgrounds, experience and competencies which the Nominating Committee desires to have represented on the Board of Directors, including familiarity with and experience in our specific industry; NASDAQ's requirements for directors, including any applicable independence standards and other qualifications and experience; each candidate's ability to devote sufficient time and effort to his or her duties as a director of the Company and, where applicable, prior service as a director of the Company. There are, however, no stated minimum criteria for director nominees. The Nominating Committee recommends candidates to the Board of Directors for election at the annual meeting of shareholders.

#### SHAREHOLDER NOMINATIONS FOR DIRECTORS

The Nominating Committee of the Board of Directors will consider candidates for director nominees that are recommended by shareholders of the Company in accordance with the procedures set forth below. Any such nominations should be submitted to the Nominating Committee of the Board of Directors in care of the Corporate Secretary, Educational Development Corporation, 5402 S 122nd E Ave, Tulsa, Oklahoma 74146 and accompany it with the following information:

- ♦ Appropriate biographical information, a statement as to the qualifications of the nominee and any other information relating to such nominee that is required to be disclosed pursuant to Regulation 14A under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (including such person's written consent to being named in the proxy statement as a nominee and to serving as a director if elected); and
- ♦ The name(s) and address(es) of the shareholder(s) making the nomination and the number of shares of the Company's common stock which are owned beneficially and of record by such shareholder(s).

The written recommendation should be submitted at least nine months prior to the next regularly scheduled annual meeting of shareholders in order to provide the Nominating Committee sufficient time to review the candidate and his or her qualifications and to make their recommendation to the Board of Directors.

#### FISCAL YEAR 2025 COMPENSATION OF DIRECTORS

Name	Fees earned or paid in cash(\$)	Stock awards(\$)	Option awards(\$)	Non-equity incentive plan compensation	Nonqualified deferred compensation earnings	All other compensation(\$)	Total(\$)
Dr. Kara Gae Neal	1,600	4,280					5,880
Dr. Amy N. Emerson	1,200	4,080	-	-	-	-	5,280
Bradley V. Stoots	1,600	4,280	-	-	-	-	5,880
Craig M. White	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Randall W. White (1)	_	_	-	_	_	-	_

(1) During Fiscal Year 2025, Randall W. White resigned. Mr. White's resignation did not result from any disagreements with the Company on any matters related to its operations, policies, or practices. His service as a member and Chairman of the Board of Directors has been appreciated by management and the Company as a whole.

As compensation for all services rendered as a director of the Company, the Company has a standard arrangement whereby a director who is not also an officer of the Company is paid \$400 for each directors' meeting attended in person or by telephone. Each director who is not also an officer of the Company and who is a member of and attends a meeting of the Committee of the Board of Directors, held separate from the Board of Directors meetings, is paid \$150 for such attendance.

From time to time the Board of Directors have received options and stock grants as part of their overall compensation. However, we do not have any formal policies or procedures relating to granting options or stock to the members of our Board of Directors as a part of compensating such members for their service. We granted 6,000 shares, or 2,000 shares per Director, for a total value of \$12,640 in fiscal year 2025.

#### COMMITTEES OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Executive Committee is responsible for assisting management in establishing long-term plans, budgets and marketing and development plans. The Executive Committee currently consists of Mr. Craig M. White and Mr. Bradely V. Stoots. No separate meetings of this Committee were held during the fiscal year ended February 28, 2025. All Executive Committee actions were taken by the Board of Directors, as a whole, during the regular Board of Directors meetings.

The Compensation Committee is currently composed of independent directors (as defined by NASDAQ) and is responsible for determining the compensation of our executive officers and administering our equity compensation plans. A written charter governs its activities. The Compensation Committee consists of Dr. Neal, Dr. Emerson, and Mr. Stoots. The Compensation Committee held one meeting during the fiscal year ended February 28, 2025 (see Compensation Committee Report elsewhere in this Proxy Statement).

The Audit Committee is currently composed of independent directors (as defined by NASDAQ). The Audit Committee consists of Dr. Neal, Dr. Emerson, and Mr. Stoots. Mr. Stoots serves as the Audit Committee's financial expert and chairman of the Committee and qualifies as independent under the NASDAQ listing standards. A written charter governs their activities. The Audit Committee is responsible for the compensation, appointment and oversight of the independent registered public accountants and reviews our financial statements and any audit reports from the independent registered public accountants. Annually, the Audit Committee considers the qualifications of the independent registered public accountants of the Company, as well as the impact of changing public accountants when assessing whether to retain the current public accountants and makes recommendations to the Board on the engagement of the independent registered public accountants. The Audit Committee held four meetings during the fiscal year ended February 28, 2025. At each of these meetings, the Audit Committee met with the independent registered public accountants (see Report of the Audit Committee elsewhere in this Proxy Statement) for the purpose of reviewing our quarterly and annual results.

The Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee is responsible for identifying individuals qualified to become Board members, reviewing candidates recommended by our shareholders, recommending to the Board the director nominees for the annual meeting of shareholders, developing, and recommending to the Board a set of corporate governance principles and playing a general leadership role in our corporate governance. One meeting of this Committee was held during the fiscal year ended February 28, 2025. The Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee is currently comprised of Dr. Neal, Dr. Emerson, and Mr. Stoots, each of whom qualifies as "independent" under the rules of NASDAQ, with Mr. Stoots serving as chairman. Their activities are governed by a written charter.

The Compensation Committee, Audit Committee, and Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee charters can each be found on our website at http://www.edcpub.com.

#### COMPENSATION COMMITTEE INTERLOCKS AND INSIDER PARTICIPATION

During fiscal year 2025, no member of the Compensation Committee was an officer or employee of the Company or any of its subsidiaries. None of our executive officers or members of our Board of Directors serves as a member of the board of directors or compensation committee of any entity that has one or more executive officers serving as a member of our Board of Directors or Compensation Committee.

# SECURITY OWNERSHIP OF CERTAIN BENEFICIAL OWNERS AND MANAGEMENT

The following table sets forth, as of May 12, 2025, the number of shares of our common stock held by any persons known to our management to be beneficial owners of more than 5% of our outstanding common stock, and the number of shares of our common stock beneficially owned by each of our directors, each of the executive officers named in the Summary Compensation Table, and by all directors and nominees and executive officers as a group.

	Shares Beneficially Owned (1)				
Name of Beneficial Owner	Number				
Needham Investment Management, LLC (2)	805,000	9.4%			
Columbia Management Investment Advisors, LLC (3)	561,387	6.5%			
Dr. Kara Gae Neal	4,529	*			
Dr. Amy N. Emerson	2,000	*			
Bradley V. Stoots	3,250	*			
Randall W. White	1,157,830	13.3%			
Craig M. White	626,443	7.0%			
Heather N. Cobb	159,396	1.9%			
Dan E. O'Keefe	180,338	2.1%			
All directors and executive officers as a group (6 persons)	2,135,708	25.0%			

- (1) The number of shares of Common Stock outstanding on May 12, 2025, with respect to a person or group includes (a) 8,583,201 shares outstanding on such date and (b) all options that are currently exercisable or will be exercisable within sixty (60) days of May 12, 2025, by the person or group in question.
- (2) Publicly reported as of December 31, 2024 by Columbia Management Investment Advisors, LLC and Ameriprise Financial, Inc. (parent holding company). The business address of Columbia Management Investment Advisors, LLC is 290 Congress Street, Boston, MA 02110.
- (2) Publicly reported as of December 31, 20243 by Needham Investment Management, LLC. The business address for Needham Investment Management, LLC is 250 Park Avenue, 10th Floor, New York, NY 10117.
- \* Less than 1%

# SECTION 16(A) BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP REPORTING COMPLIANCE

Under Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, our directors, executive officers, and any persons holding more than ten percent of our Common Stock are required to report their initial ownership of our Common Stock and any subsequent changes in that ownership to the SEC and to furnish the Company with a copy of each such report. Specific due dates for these reports have been established and we are required to disclose in this proxy statement any failure to file by these dates during and with respect to fiscal year 2025. To our knowledge, based solely on review of the copies of such reports furnished to us, during and with respect to fiscal year 2024, all Section 16(a) filing requirements were satisfied.

#### EXECUTIVE OFFICERS OF THE REGISTRANT

The name, age, period of service and title of each of our Executive Officers as of May 12, 2025, are listed below:

Craig M. White Age: 56	Chief Executive Officer ("CEO") President and Chief Executive Officer of EDC since 2021. Previously, Chief Operating Officer from 2018 to 2021 and Vice
	President – Information Technology from 1994 to 2018.
Dan E. O'Keefe	Chief Financial Officer and Corporate Secretary ("CFO")
Age: 56	Chief Financial Officer and Corporate Secretary of EDC since 2017. Prior to joining EDC, Mr. O'Keefe was the Vice
	President – Finance from 2015 through 2016 of Tulsa Inspection Resources, LLC, an oilfield services company. Mr. O'Keefe
	held the positions of Chief Financial Officer and Corporate Secretary of Tulsa Inspection Resources, LLC from 2010 to 2015.
Heather N. Cobb	Chief Sales and Marketing Officer ("CSMO")
Age: 49	Chief Sales & Marketing Officer of EDC since 2018. Previously, Vice President – UBAM from 2014 through 2018 and
	National Sales Manager - UBAM from 2011 through 2014. Prior to joining EDC, Ms. Cobb worked in the non-profit sector,
	both in health and the arts.

#### **EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION**

#### **Summary Compensation Table ("SCT")**

Name and principal position	Fiscal year	Salary (\$)	Bonus (\$) (1)	Stock awards (\$) (2)	Option awards (\$)	Non-equity incentive plan compensation	Nonqualified deferred compensation earnings	All other compensation (\$) (3) (4)	Total (\$)
Craig M. White	2025	270,000	-	-	-	-	-	14,900	284,900
CEO	2024	280,400	-	-	-	-	-	16,200	296,600
	2023	270,000	-	-	-	-	-	14,000	284,000
Dan E. O'Keefe	2025	230,000	-	-	-	-	-	12,400	242,400
CFO	2024	238,800	-	-	-	-	-	16,100	254,900
	2023	230,000	-	-	-	-	-	11,100	241,100
Heather N. Cobb	2025	220,000	-	-	-	-	-	11,300	231,300
CSMO	2024	228,500	-	-	-	-	-	12,300	240,800
	2023	220,000	-	-	-	-	-	10,800	230,800

- (1) The amounts reported reflect the annual cash bonus payments earned under the Company's Short-Term Incentive Plan for fiscal years 2025 and 2024. These bonuses are the amounts that are, or are expected, to be paid subsequent to year end and after the completion of the annual 10-K filing.
- (2) The amounts reported reflect the grant-date fair values of restricted share awards granted to each NEO, calculated in accordance with Financial Accounting Standards Board Accounting Standards Codification Topic 718, Compensation-Stock Compensation. For a discussion of the assumptions used to calculate the value of our restricted share awards, see Note 13 to our audited financial statements included in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended February 28, 2025. As explained in Note 13, these awards are expensed on a straight-line basis over the five-year vesting period and "cliff vest" after five years of continued employment. As of February 28, 2025 all outstanding shares were vested.
- (3) Does not include the value of perquisites or other personal benefits because the aggregate amount of such compensation, if any, did not exceed the lesser of \$25,000 or 10% of the annual salary and bonus in any of the fiscal years reported in the Summary Compensation Table.
- (4) The primary component in other compensation is the company match the employee received from participating in the Company's 401(k) plan.

#### ANNUAL BONUSES AND EQUITY AWARDS

#### SHORT-TERM INCENTIVE PLAN

The Short-Term Incentive Plan ("STI Plan") was initially approved by the Board of Directors by unanimous consent on January 9, 2018 and is updated and approved by the Compensation Committee each year. The current STI Plan has three measurement criteria for bonus accrual and payout based on factors that the Board deemed most important to the success of the Company:

- 60% is based on achieving target pre-tax profitability (Return on Sales)
- 25% is based on revenue growth during the year
- 15% is based on the individual participant's performance

STI Plan awards begin to accrue when the Company exceeds the minimum threshold for each measurement criteria, and each measurement criteria has a maximum payment level. STI Plan awards are paid out after the completion of the annual audit and approval by the Compensation Committee.

#### 2019-2021 and 2022-2023 LONG-TERM INCENTIVE STOCK PLANS

The 2019 Long-Term Incentive Plan ("2019 LTI Plan") was approved by the Board of Directors by a unanimous consent on May 25, 2018, and later approved by the shareholders on July 24, 2018. The 2019 LTI Plan covers an aggregate of 600,000 shares of the Company's Common Stock. Awards of stock pursuant to the 2019 LTI Plan must be granted and issued on or before February 28, 2022.

The 2019 LTI Plan provided for the awards of restricted stock based on the Company achieving three escalating annual Net Revenues targets over a three-year period. The first award of 200,000 shares of restricted stock were to be made for exceeding the initial annual Net Revenues target of \$100,000,000. The second award of an additional 200,000 shares of restricted stock were to be awarded for exceeding annual Net Revenues of \$112,500,000 up to the full award of shares for reaching the second targeted annual Net Revenues of \$130,000,000. The third award of 200,000 shares of restricted stock were to be awarded for exceeding annual Net Revenues of \$146,250,000 up to the full award of shares for reaching the third targeted annual Net Revenues of \$160,000,000. As the Company's annual Net Revenues exceeded \$160,000,000 in fiscal 2021, the 2019 LTI Plan resulted in the full award of the 600,000 shares of restricted stock which were issued. Net Revenues under the 2019 LTI Plan is defined as Gross Sales, less Discounts plus Transportation Revenue, similarly as presented on the Company's Statement of Operations.

The 2022 Long-Term Incentive Plan ("2022 LTI Plan") was approved by the Board of Directors by a unanimous consent on May 11, 2021, and later approved by the shareholders on July 7, 2021. The 2022 LTI Plan covers an aggregate of 300,000 shares of the Company's Common Stock. Awards of stock pursuant to the 2022 LTI Plan must be granted and issued on or before February 29, 2024.

The 2022 LTI Plan provides for the awards of restricted stock based on the Company achieving four escalating annual Net Revenues targets over a two-year period. The first award of 75,000 shares of restricted stock will be made for exceeding the initial annual Net Revenues target of \$225,000,000. The second award of an additional 75,000 shares of restricted stock will begin to be awarded for exceeding annual Net Revenues of \$237,500,000 up to the full award of shares for reaching the second targeted annual Net Revenues of \$250,000,000. The third award of 75,000 shares of restricted stock will begin to be awarded for exceeding annual Net Revenues of \$262,500,000 up to the full award of shares for reaching the third targeted annual Net Revenues of \$275,000,000. The fourth award of 75,000 shares of restricted stock will begin to be awarded for exceeding annual Net Revenues of \$287,500,000 up to the full award of shares for reaching the fourth targeted annual Net Revenues of \$300,000,000. Should the Company's annual Net Revenues exceed \$300,000,000 during the two years under the plan, the 2022 LTI Plan calls for the full award of the 300,000 shares of restricted stock to be issued. Awards of restricted stock will be made based on interpolation for years that Net Revenues exceed an established Net Revenues target but do not fully reach the next Net Revenues target. Net Revenues under the 2022 LTI Plan is defined as Gross Sales, less Discounts plus Transportation Revenue, similarly as presented on the Company's Statement of Operations.

The 2019 and 2022 LTI Plans ("LTI Plans") are intended to allow selected employees and officers to acquire or increase equity ownership, thereby strengthening their commitment to our success and stimulating their efforts on our behalf, and to assist us in attracting new employees and officers and retaining existing employees and officers. The LTI Plans are also intended to provide annual incentive compensation opportunities to designated executives that are competitive with those of other major corporations, to optimize our profitability and growth through incentives that are consistent with our goals.

The restricted share awards granted under the LTI Plans contain both service and performance conditions. The Company recognizes share compensation expense only for the portion of the restricted share awards that are considered probable of vesting. Shares are considered granted, and the service inception date begins, when a mutual understanding of the key terms and conditions between the Company and the employee have been established. The fair value of these awards is determined based on the closing price of the shares on the grant date. The probability of restricted share awards granted with future performance conditions is evaluated at each reporting period and compensation expense is adjusted based on the probability assessment. Any restricted shares granted under the LTI Plans will "cliff vest" after five fiscal years, including the year the restricted shares were granted.

Restricted share awards granted under the LTI Plans will be issued to participants or placed in an account with the Company's transfer agent on the employee's behalf, after the completion of the fiscal year and the completion of the annual audit. A participant receiving shares of restricted stock will have all of the rights of a shareholder, including the right to vote the shares and the right to receive any dividends on the shares. Any quarterly cash dividends declared after the restricted stock award is made but before the vesting period is completed, will be reinvested in Company shares through the purchase of treasury shares at the opening trading price on the dividend payment date. Shares purchased with quarterly cash dividends will also retain the same restrictions until the completion of the original vesting period associated with the awarded shares. Grantees may request removal of the restrictions on the stock certificates following the completion of five years of service from the start of the fiscal year in which the shares were granted. Any grantee failing to complete the required five years of service, subject to certain vesting exceptions, will forfeit their award.

During fiscal year 2019, the Company granted approximately 308,000 restricted shares under the 2019 LTI Plan with an average grant-date fair value of \$9.94 per share. 15,000 restricted shares from the fiscal year 2019 award were forfeited, along with the additional shares purchased with dividends. 10,000 of these forfeited shares were re-granted to participants in fiscal year 2023 with an average grant-date fair value of \$2.08 per share. On February 28, 2023, the 303,000 shares granted for fiscal year 2019 vested. All compensation expense for fiscal year 2019 awards has been recognized.

No shares were granted during fiscal year 2020.

During fiscal year 2021, the Company granted 297,000 restricted shares under the 2019 LTI Plan with an average grant-date fair value of \$6.30 per share. During fiscal year 2023, 18,000 restricted shares were forfeited, along with 760 additional shares purchased with dividends received from the original issue date. The 18,000 forfeited shares were re-granted to participants during fiscal 2023 with an average grant-date fair value of \$2.08. The 760 shares purchased with dividends were not reissued. During fiscal year 2024, 35,285 restricted shares were forfeited and regranted to participants with an average grant-date fair value of \$1.84. All compensation expense for the fiscal year 2021 awards has been recognized. These granted shares totaling 297,000 shares vested on February 28, 2025.

No shares were granted during fiscal years 2023, 2024 or 2025 under the 2022 LTI Plan.

#### OUTSTANDING EQUITY AWARDS AS OF FISCAL YEAR ENDED FEBRUARY 28, 2025

									Equity
								Equity	incentive
			Equity					incentive	plan awards
			incentive plan					plan awards;	market or
			awards;					number of	payout value
	Number of	Number of	number of			Number of		unearned	of unearned
	securities	securities	securities			shares or	Market value	shares, units	shares, units
	underlying	underlying	underlying			units of	of shares or	or other	or other
	unexercised	unexercised	unexercised	Option	Option	stock that	units of stock	rights that	rights that
	options (#)	options (#)	unearned	exercise	expiration	have not	that have not	have not	have not
Name	exercisable	unexercisable	options (#)	price	date	vested (#)	vested (\$)	vested (#)	vested (\$)
Craig M. White	-	=	-	\$ -	N/A	-	\$ -	-	\$ -
Dan E. Okeefe	-	-	-	\$ -	N/A	-	\$ -	-	\$ -
Heather N. Cobb	-	-	-	\$ -	N/A	-	\$ -	-	\$ -

#### PAY VERSUS PERFORMANCE DISCLOSURE

The following table presents, for each of the two most recent years:

- Total compensation, as calculated in the Summary Compensation Table ("SCT"), for our CEO ("Principal Executive Officer" or "PEO")
  and an average for our other Named Executive Officers ("Non-PEO NEO");
- Compensation actually paid ("CAP") to the PEO and Non-PEO NEOs, an SEC prescribed calculation which adjusts total compensation for the items described below and which does not equate to realized compensation;
- Our cumulative total shareholder return since the last trading day before the earliest year presented; and
- Our net income (loss) as disclosed in our Form 10-K.

	Summary Compensation Table Total for	Compensation Actually	Average Summary Compensation Table Total for Non-PEO Name Executive	Average Compensation Actually Paid to Non-PEO Named	Value of Initial Fixed \$100 Investment Based on Total Shareholder	
Fiscal	PEO	Paid to PEO	Officers	<b>Executive Officers</b>	Return (\$)	
year	(\$) (1)	(\$) (1) (3)	(\$) (2)	(\$) (2) (3)	(4)	Net Income (Loss) (\$)
2025	284,900	268,600	236,900	220,600	39.40	(5,263,600)
2024	296,600	219,800	247,900	171,100	23.35	546,400
2023	284,000	(207,200)	236,000	(255,200)	26.78	(2,504,900)

- (1) For the fiscal year 2023, 2024 and 2025 presented, Craig M. White was our Chief Executive Officer.
- (2) Our Named Executive Officers presented for fiscal years 2023, 2024 and 2025 were Dan E. O'Keefe and Heather N. Cobb.
- (3) Compensation actually paid is presented pursuant to Item 402(v)(2)(iii)(C) of Regulations S-K with the following adjustments:

	FY 2025 PEO (\$)	FY 2024 PEO (\$)	FY 2025 Non-PEO (Average) (\$)	FY 2024 Non-PEO (Average) (\$)
SCT Total Compensation	284,900	296,600	236,900	247,900
Subtract: Grant date fair value of equity awards granted during the covered				
year	-	-	-	-
Add: Fair value as of end of covered year of equity awards granted during covered year that were outstanding and unvested as of end of covered year Add: Change in fair value from end of prior year to end of current year for	-	-	-	-
equity awards granted in prior years that were outstanding and unvested at end of current year	_	(76,800)	_	(76,800)
Add: Fair value as of vesting date of equity awards that were granted and vested in same year	-	(70,000)	-	-
Add: Change in fair value from end of prior year to vesting date of equity awards granted in prior years that vested in covered year	(16,300)	-	(16,300)	-
Subtract: Fair value at end of prior year of equity awards granted in prior years that failed to vest (forfeited) in covered year	-	-	-	-
Add: Dollar amount of dividends or other earnings paid on equity awards in covered year prior to vested date that are not included in total				
compensation for covered year		210,000		171 100
Compensation Actually Paid	268,600	219,800	220,600	171,100

(4) The value is based on a fixed investment of one hundred dollars in our common stock measured from the market close on February 29, 2024 (the last trading day prior to the earliest fiscal year presented) through and including the end of the fiscal year for each year reported in the table.

#### Analysis of the Information Presented in the Pay Versus Performance Table and Notes

Our Board and Compensation Committee generally seek to align the interests of shareholders with our named executive officers by establishing a base pay that is comparable to similar companies and incentivizing long-term performance with equity grants of restricted shares and short-term performance through the use of short-term cash incentives. Annual cash bonus payments and equity grants are based on factors tied to shareholder value, primarily revenue growth and profitability. Our executives are paid based on their position; therefore, we do not specifically align our performance measures with "compensation actually paid" (as computed in accordance with Item 402(v) of Regulation S-K) for a particular year and the Compensation Committee did not consider this information in making its executive compensation decisions.

#### Compensation Actually Paid and Cumulative Total Shareholder Return ("TSR")

We utilize several performance measures to align executive compensation with the Company's performance, but historically have not used financial performance measures such as total shareholder return. As described under the Annual Bonuses and Equity Awards section of this Proxy Statement, part of the compensation our NEOs are eligible to receive consists of annual performance-based cash bonuses and equity awards that are designed to provide appropriate incentives to our executives to achieve corporate goals. We align our performance metrics and payment of incentives to our NEOs based on revenue growth and pre-tax profit generation. The Board believes that these key performance measurements are the primary drivers that would impact the Company's enterprise valuation and therefore, ultimately, total stockholder return.

The NEOs have been granted shares in past years and are directly impacted, as shareholders, in share price fluctuations. As reflected in the TSR, our NEO's total compensation was decreased significantly when incorporating the impact of the change in the market value of our shares.

#### **Compensation Actually Paid and Net Income (Loss)**

The Company's short-term cash bonus and long-term equity grants are both tied to pre-tax profitability. During fiscal 2024, the Company generated a pre-tax gain of \$0.7 million, as minimum profitability was not achieved, no cash payments were awarded to the NEOs under the Company's short-term incentive plan. During fiscal 2025, the Company incurred a pre-tax loss of \$6.9 million, as minimum profitability was not achieved, no cash payments were awarded to the NEOs under the Company's short-term incentive plan. The Company's PEO and non-PEO NEOs received no short-term incentive payments or grants of stock during 2025 or 2024.

#### COMPENSATION COMMITTEE REPORT

The fundamental philosophy of our compensation program is to offer competitive compensation opportunities for our executive officers, based primarily on the individual executive's personal performance relative to his or her area of responsibility and the contribution to our short-term and long-term strategic objectives. This philosophy is further driven by the concept of rewarding the executive officers through a cash bonus program and an equity awards program when the Company meets certain performance requirements.

Each compensation package for the executive officers of the Company is reviewed annually by the Compensation Committee and submitted to the Board of Directors for their approval.

The foundation of our executive compensation program is based upon the promotion of our short-term and long-term business objectives, the creation of a performance-oriented environment and the enhancement of shareholder value through the greatest achievable profitability. The elements of our executive compensation program include base salary compensation, Short-Term Incentive Plan ("STI Plan"), the Fiscal Year 2019 Long-Term Incentive Plan ("2019 LTI Plan") and the Fiscal Year 2022 Long-Term Incentive Plan ("2022 LTI Plan").

Base salary compensation is intended to compensate the executive officers at a level commensurate with their responsibilities and their contribution to the short-term and long-term objectives of the Company. The Compensation Committee further considers the local and general economic conditions, future business prospects, and length of employment with the Company. The STI Plan and the 2019 and 2022 LTI Plans are based upon key metrics including pre-tax profitability of the Company, sales growth, and individual performance metrics.

In its annual review of executive officer compensation for fiscal year 2025, the Compensation Committee considered the base salary and STI Plan bonus for the Company's Chief Executive Officer, Craig M. White, Chief Financial Officer, Dan E. O'Keefe, and Chief Sales and Marketing Officer, Heather N. Cobb, in light of the Company's overall performance for fiscal year 2025 and the performance of these executives relative to the long-term objectives of the Company. Based on that review, no STI Plan cash bonus amounts were authorized. No awards were granted for fiscal year 2025 under the 2019 or 2022 LTI Plans.

Dr. Kara Gae Neal Bradley V. Stoots Dr. Amy N. Emerson

#### REPORT OF THE AUDIT COMMITTEE

The Audit Committee of the Board of Directors is comprised of the directors named below. Each member of the Audit Committee is an independent director as defined by NASDAQ rules. A written charter adopted by the Board of Directors governs the Audit Committee's activities. The Audit Committee has reviewed and discussed our audited financial statements with management, which has primary responsibility for the financial statements.

HoganTaylor LLP is responsible for expressing an opinion on the conformity of our audited financial statements with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. The Audit Committee has discussed with HoganTaylor LLP the matters required to be discussed by Statement on Auditing Standards No. 61, "Communication with Audit Committees," as amended, which includes, among other items, matters relating to the conduct of an audit of our financial statements. The Audit Committee has received the written disclosures and the letter from HoganTaylor LLP required by Independence Standards Board Standard No. 1, "Independence Discussions with Audit Committees" and has discussed with HoganTaylor LLP their independence from the Company. Based on the reviews and discussions referred to above, the Audit Committee recommended to the Board of Directors that the audited financial statements be included in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended February 28, 2025, and in our fiscal year 2025 Annual Report to Shareholders.

Submitted by the members of the Audit Committee of the Board of Directors,

Dr. Kara Gae Neal Bradley V. Stoots Dr. Amy N. Emerson

#### OTHER INFORMATION

The following table sets forth the aggregate fees billed to the Company for the fiscal year ended February 28, 2025 and February 29, 2024 by our independent registered public accountants HoganTaylor LLP.

	al Year 025	Fiscal Year 2024	
Audit fees (1)	\$ 209,800	\$	200,000
Audit-related fees (2)	-		22,300
Tax fees (3)	17,200		16,400
All other fees (4)	-		-
Total	\$ 227,000	\$	238,700

- (1) Audit fees consisted of audit work performed by the independent auditor associated with the annual audit, the reviews of the Company's quarterly reports on Form 10-Q and other work generally only the independent auditor can reasonably be expected to provide.
- (2) Audit-related fees primarily consisted of audit work performed by the independent auditor for the Company's 401(k) Plan and associated 11-K filing.
- (3) Tax fees consist of tax compliance, including the preparation, review and filing of tax returns, tax planning or tax advice.
- (4) All other fees principally include support and advisory services.

#### INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS

Our Board of Directors, upon recommendation of the Audit Committee, has appointed HoganTaylor LLP as our independent registered public accounting firm for the year ending February 28, 2026. HoganTaylor LLP was our independent accountant for the year ended February 28, 2025 and has served as our auditor since 2005.

Although the selection and appointment of an independent registered public accounting firm is not required to be submitted to a vote of shareholders, the Board of Directors has determined to ask our shareholders to approve this appointment.

#### PROPOSAL FOR ACTION AT THE ANNUAL MEETING

# Proposal Two: RATIFICATION OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM

Approval of Proposal Two to ratify the appointment of HoganTaylor LLP as our independent registered public accounting firm for the year ending February 28, 2026, will be determined from "votes cast." "Votes cast" means all shares that are voted "for," "against," "withhold," or "abstain" with respect to the proposal. Abstentions will have the effect of a vote against the proposal and broker non-votes will be treated as not present and will not be considered in determining the "votes cast" either for or against Proposal Two.

Representatives from HoganTaylor LLP are expected to be present at the annual meeting of shareholders. These representatives will be given the opportunity to make a statement, if they so desire, and will be available to respond to any appropriate questions.

The Audit Committee is responsible for appointing, setting compensation and overseeing the work of our independent registered public accountants. The Audit Committee has established a policy regarding pre-approval of all audit and non-audit services provided by our independent registered public accountants. On an ongoing basis, our management presents specific projects and categories of service, including services that will generate fees classified as "tax" and "all other fees," to the Audit Committee for which advance approval is requested. The Audit Committee reviews those requests and advises management if the Audit Committee approves the engagement of our independent registered public accountants for such services. On a periodic basis, our management reports to the Audit Committee regarding the actual spending for such projects and services compared to the approved amounts.

Your Board of Directors recommends that you vote "FOR" the ratification of the appointment of HoganTaylor LLP as our independent registered public accounting firm for the year ending February 28, 2026.

#### SHAREHOLDER PROPOSALS

The rules of the SEC govern when a company must include a shareholder's proposal in its proxy statement and identify the proposal in its form of proxy when the company holds an annual or special meeting of shareholders. Under these rules, proposals that shareholders would like to submit for inclusion in our proxy statement for our 2026 annual meeting of shareholders should be received by our Corporate Secretary no later than March 3, 2026. Only those shareholder proposals eligible for inclusion under the rules of the SEC will be included in our proxy statement.

In addition, if a shareholder wishes to present a proposal at the 2025 annual meeting that will not be included in our proxy statement and the Company is not notified prior to March 3, 2025, then the proxies solicited by our management for the 2025 annual meeting will include discretionary authority to vote on the proposal in the event that it is properly brought before the meeting.

#### ANNUAL REPORT AND FORM 10-K

The proxy statement is accompanied by the Annual Report of the Company for its fiscal year ended February 28, 2025. Shareholders are referred to this Annual Report for information about our business and activities, but such Annual Report is not incorporated in this Proxy Statement and is not deemed to be a part of the proxy soliciting material.

Copies of our Annual Report on Form 10-K filed with the SEC pursuant to Section 13 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, will be provided without charge to record or beneficial owners of shares of our common stock entitled to vote at the meeting. Written requests for copies of said report should be directed to Craig M. White, President and Chief Executive Officer of the Company, at our corporate headquarters located at 5402 S 122nd E Ave, Tulsa, Oklahoma 74146.

Important Notice Regarding the Availability of Proxy Materials for the Shareholder Meeting to Be Held on July 2, 2025

The proxy statement and annual report to shareholders are available at http://www.edcpub.com

#### **OTHER MATTERS**

Management does not intend to present and does not have any reason to believe that others will present at the annual meeting any item of business other than as stated in the Notice of Annual Meeting of Shareholders. If, however, other matters are properly brought before the meeting, it is the intention of the persons named as proxies in the accompanying form of Proxy to vote the shares of our common stock represented thereby in accordance with their best judgment and discretionary authority to do so.

By order of the Board of Directors

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Craig M. White President, Chief Executive Officer, and Chairman of the Board

Tulsa, Oklahoma May 22, 2025



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