



Environmental Charter Schools

ECS Board Meeting

Date and Time

Monday August 21, 2017 at 5:00 PM

Location

16315 Grevillea Ave., Lawndale, CA 90260 / 840 14th St., San Diego, CA 92101 / Zoom
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ECS Board Members

Term and End Date

Mr. Ken Deemer, President.....	3 years	June 30, 2019
Mr. Anthony Jowid, Vice President.....	2 years	June 30, 2019
Mr. Bruce Greenspon, Treasurer.....	1 year	June 30, 2018
Ms. Denise Berger, Secretary.....	3 years	June 30, 2020
Ms. Farnaz Golshani-Flechner.....	3 years	June 30, 2018
Mr. Jorge Arroyo.....	1 years	June 30, 2018
Ms. Jenni Owen.....	3 years	June 30, 2019

ECS Staff

Ms. Alison Diaz, Executive Director & Founder
Ms. Kami Cotler, Director of Strategic Initiative
Ms. Tracy Bondi, Director of Finance and Operations
Ms. Danielle Kelsick, Director of Curriculum and Instruction
Ms. Makeisa Gaines, Director of Talent Management
Mr. Jeremiah David, Special Projects and Operations Manager
Mr. Robert Gloria, Principal at ECMS - Gardena
Ms. Beth Bernstein, Principal at ECMS - Inglewood
Ms. KC Villoria, Principal at ECHS

Mission

To create and deliver vibrant, innovative, interdisciplinary learning opportunities using the environment to engage students and connect them to the wider world.

Vision

Our vision is that students are equipped with the knowledge and skills to graduate from college, inspired to discover their own sense of purpose and empowered to become quality stewards of their own communities.

THE ORDER OF BUSINESS MAY BE CHANGED WITHOUT NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the order of consideration of matters on this agenda may be changed without prior notice.

REASONABLE LIMITATIONS MAY BE PLACED ON PUBLIC TESTIMONY

The Governing Board’s presiding officer reserves the right to impose reasonable time limits on public testimony to ensure that the agenda is completed.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS MAY BE MADE

Notice is hereby given that consistent with the requirements of the Bagley-Keene Open Meeting Act, special presentations not mentioned in the agenda may be made at this meeting. However, any such presentation will be for information only.

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Agenda

	Purpose	Presenter	Duration
I. Opening Items			
A. Record Attendance and Guests		Alison Diaz/ Dani	1
Introduce Guests			
B. Call the Meeting to Order		Ken Deemer	1
C. Approve the Agenda	Vote	Ken Deemer	1
D. Approve Previous Meeting Minutes	Approve Minutes	Ken Deemer	1
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• ECS Board Meeting Minutes on June 5, 2017• ECS Special Board Meeting Minutes on August 2, 2017			

II. Presentations from the Floor

A. Presentation from the Floor on Non Agenda Items	FYI		3
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At this time any person wishing to speak to any item not on the agenda will be granted three minutes to make a presentation to the Board. Non-English speakers utilizing translators will be granted six minutes to make a presentation to the committee.

B. PRESENTATIONS ON AGENDA ITEMS	FYI		5
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Any person wishing to speak to any item on the agenda will be granted five minutes to make a presentation. Non-English speakers utilizing translators will be granted ten minutes to make a presentation to the committee.

III. Reports/Presentations

A. Introductions	FYI	Alison Diaz	5
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Board Pipeline

- Zena Fong - [bio linked here](#)

Visitors

- Ernie Levroney - [resume linked here](#)
- Grace Cruz - [resume linked here](#)
- Nelson Gray

New Team Members

- Jeremiah David - [bio linked here](#)
- Justin Thongsavanh - [bio linked here](#)

B. Executive Director Update	FYI	Alison Diaz	20
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- **Annual Update:**
 - [2017-18 Annual Update](#)
- **MCP updates:**
 - Board Membership
 - MCP Board meetings
- **Public Records Request**

IV. StudySession

A. Development Study Session	Discuss	Julie Vo	45
B. Governance Study Session: Objectives and Key Results Discussion	FYI	Ken Deemer	30

V. CommitteeReports

A. Finance Committee	FYI	Dorothy Lee/ Tracy Bondi	15
B. Facilities Committee	FYI	John Kim/ Alison Diaz	5
C. Development Committee	FYI	Julie Vo/ Denise Berger	
Included during study session.			
D. Governance Committee	FYI	Ken Deemer	
Provided during study session.			
E. Diversity and Equity Taskforce	FYI	Farnaz Golshani- Flechner/ Danielle	5
F. Academic Excellence Committee	FYI	Ken Deemer/ Kami Cotler/ Danielle K	5

VI. ConsentAgenda

A. Part A Approve Consent Agenda Items (without contract renewals)	Vote	Alison Diaz	5
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1. **Accept Minutes** from each of the committees. **(Minutes are attached in the committee reports section.)**
 1. Diversity and Equity Taskforce Minutes on June 12, 2017
 2. Academic Excellence Committee Meeting on July 27, 2017
 3. Facilities Committee Meeting Minutes on July 31, 2017
 4. Development Committee Meeting Minutes on August 9, 2017
 5. Finance Committee Meeting Minutes on August 18, 2017 (meeting is this Friday)
2. **ECS Board Membership**
 1. Approve Cathy Creasia ([bio](#)) as an ECS board member for a three-year term beginning August 21, 2017, and ending on June 30, 2020 as recommended by the Governance Committee
 2. Approve Jenni Taylor as the ECS Treasurer for one year term as recommended by governance committee
 3. Accept Resignation of Bruce Greenspon effective August 30, 2017
3. **ECS Committees**
 1. Approve members for each ECS committees
 2. Approve calendar of ECS committee meetings
4. **Policies**
 1. Approve Capital Improvement policy as recommended by Facilities at the May 2017 meeting
 2. Approve Suicide Prevention Policy with edits as approved by the Board at the June 2017 meeting
5. **Approve Check Register**
 1. May 2017
 2. June 2017
 3. July 2017
6. **Approve Private Donations**
 1. April 2017
 2. May 2017
 3. June 2017
7. **Approve Consolidated Application for each school site.**
 1. ECHS Con App
 2. ECMSG Con App
 3. ECMSI Con App

B. Part B Approve Consent Agenda Contract Renewals Only	Vote	Alison Diaz	5
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- **ECS:**
 - Approve the ECS Preferred Meals Contract Renewal
- **ECHS:**
 - Approve ECHS Woodcraft Rangers Contract Renewal
- **ECMSI:**
 - Approve ECMSI Woodcraft Rangers Contract Renewal
- **ECMSG**
 - Approve 2017-2018 ECMSG NatureBridge Contracts

VII. Action Items

A. Approve the UCLA Math Project contract to provide professional development, coaching and support	Vote	Danielle Kelsick	3
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- [MQI Coaching Contract \(math\)](#) - ECHS

B. Approve MQI coaching Agreement offered by the Center for Education Policy Research at Harvard Univ	Vote	Danielle Kelsick/ KC Villoria	3
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- [UCLAMP](#) - ECS

C. Approve ECMSG Woodcraft Rangers Contract	Vote	Robert Gloria	3
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Woodcraft Rangers - ECMSG 			
D. Approve ECHS revised LCAP	Vote	Kami Cotler	3
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Summary of LCAP changes - ECHS 			
E. Approve Revised Yukon Sublease Agreement	Vote	Tracy Bondi	3
Yukon sublease			
F. Approve 2017-2018 Contract for Susan McDonal	Vote	Kami Cotler	2
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Susan McDonald (Speech / Language Pathologist) - ECS 			
G. Approve Revisions to the 2017-2018 Parent Student Handbook for each site ECMSI, ECMSG, and ECHS	Vote	Kami Cotler	2
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Revisions to the 2017-2018 Parent Student Handbook for each site - ECMSI, ECMSG, and ECHS 			
H. Approve FY 16/17 Unaudited Actuals: ECHS, ECMSG, ECMSI	Vote	Tracy Bondi	2
See Fiscal Report in EdTec Report.			
I. Approve declaration of need for fully qualified educators	Vote	Mak Gaines	2
<p>California is facing a teacher shortage. It's not always easy to find fully qualified teachers. Accordingly, from time to time we have a need to hire highly qualified people without full credentials. In these instances, we need a form articulating the need approved by the board. Form linked here.</p>			
J. Approve Master Contract with SW Selpa fro Special Ed Sevices	Vote	Alison Diaz	2
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Master Contract with SW Selpa for Special Ed Services NPSA - ECS 			
K. MOU with LACOE for ECMSG and ECMSI	Vote	Alison Diaz	2
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MOU with LACOE - ECMSG and ECMSI 			

VIII. Upcoming Dates

A. Next ECS Board Meeting	FYI	Alison Diaz
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • September 25, 2017 • November 27, 2017 		
B. Next ECS Committee Meetings	FYI	Alison Diaz
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Governance Committee Meeting on September 6, 2017 • Development Committee Meeting September 12, 2017 • Facilities Committee Meeting on October 11, 2017 • Academic Excellence Committee on December 11, 2017 • Equity Taskforce Meeting TBD 		

- Finance Committee Meeting TBD

C. Student Led Tours FYI Alison Diaz

- Thursday, August 17th at 2PM
- Tuesday, August 29th at 10AM
- Tuesday, September 12th at 10AM
- Thursday, Sept. 28th at 2PM

D. Upcoming Events FYI Alison Diaz

- Lobster Feast on September 23, 2017
- Career Day ECHS on October 20, 2017
- Harvest Festival & Ribbon Cutting ECMSI on November 4, 2017

IX. Closing Items

A. Adjourn Meeting Vote Ken Deemer 1