



Environmental Charter Schools

Equity and Diversity Committee Meeting

Date and Time

Thursday October 17, 2019 at 4:30 PM PDT

Location

ECMS Auxiliary Office, 2625 Manhattan Beach Blvd, Suite 100, Redondo Beach, CA 90278

ECMS-I Members:

- Tashanda Giles Jones
- Danny Cristales

ECMS-G Members:

- Dr. Qiana O'Leary
- JaRon Crawley

ECMS Members:

- KC Fabiero
- Sara Diaz

Board Members:

- Jenina Ramirez
- Zena Fong

Home Office Members:

- Danielle Kelsick (chair)
- Alison Diaz

Equity & Diversity Taskforce Charter

The Equity & Diversity Taskforce promotes and supports ECS's work to develop a school culture that fosters equity, inclusion and an appreciation of the diversity within our community.

Recent events in our nation have drawn attention to structures and processes that have historically disadvantaged people of color and persist today. We acknowledge that ECS, as an educational institution, is situated within a historical context and is not immune to the biases and structural inequities that have disenfranchised the communities we serve. As a public education leader in Los Angeles, we have a powerful responsibility to respond proactively and to embrace opportunities to change the structures and processes within our institution that undermine our efforts to educate and empower ECS students.

We need to critically examine our practices with an eye to continual growth, modeling the lifelong learning and critical thinking that will empower our students to be quality stewards of their communities and our world.

History of this Work

The Taskforce will build upon the work already begun at our three campuses, including Arlene Ford's Great Minds Inquiry at ECHS in 2011-2014, the ongoing efforts of the ECHS Equity & Pedagogy Coalition and collaborative work of ECMS with Tyrone Howard in 2015-16.

Call to Action

The Equity & Diversity Taskforce will examine data on topics such as student achievement, school discipline, school climate and enrollment trends/retention; address the roots of bias; share insights and suggest possible resources or actions to ECS leadership. The Taskforce membership will include parent, student, teacher, staff, administration and Board representation. Community members may also serve on the Taskforce.

The goals of the Committee include:

- Provide a fresh perspective on ECS data sets, considering where data suggest there may be bias or structures/processes that are unfair.
- Support ECS leadership in identifying resources to help develop the ECS community's capacity to be inclusive and recognize and mitigate bias.
- Develop metrics or benchmarks to help measure effectiveness of equity initiatives.

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.

PUBLIC SPEAKERS AT STANDING COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Notice is hereby given that consistent with the requirements of the Ralph M. Brown Act, special presentations not mentioned in the agenda may be made at this meeting. However, any such presentation will be for information only. The public should be aware that the Committee is unable by law to deliberate or take action on items raised during the Presentations from the Floor section.

Environmental Charter Schools recognizes that it benefits greatly from public input and perspective. Individuals are invited to address the Committee on any topic or subject matter that falls within the Committee's purview. Speakers may sign up in person immediately prior to the beginning of the Committee meeting by speaking with the Committee Chair.

Should a member of the public wish to speak on matters not listed on the agenda, they may speak during the Presentations from the Floor section of the agenda. Speakers will be given a maximum of three (3) minutes each to address the Committee (non-English speakers utilizing translators will be given a maximum of six (6) minutes each). Please note that the Committee allows a maximum of 10 minutes to each subject as determined by the Committee Chair.

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Agenda

	Purpose	Presenter	Time
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I. Opening Items			4:30 PM
A. Record Attendance and Guests			1 m
B. Call the Meeting to Order		Dr. Beth Bernstein-Yamashiro	1 m
II. Approval of Agenda and Previous Meeting Minutes			4:32 PM
A. Approve the Agenda	Vote	Dr. Beth Bernstein-Yamashiro	1 m
B. Approve Previous Meeting Minutes	Approve Minutes		1 m
Approve minutes for Equity and Diversity Committee Meeting on June 6, 2019			
III. Presentation from the Floor			4:34 PM
A. Presentations from the Floor on Non Agenda Items	FYI		
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B. Presentation on the Agenda	FYI		
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IV. Discussion Items / Updates			4:34 PM
A. Opener	Discuss	Dr. Beth Bernstein-Yamashiro	10 m
B. Equity and Diversity Training	FYI	Dr. Beth Bernstein-Yamashiro	90 m
C. Next Steps	Discuss	Dr. Beth Bernstein-Yamashiro	15 m
V. Closing Items			6:29 PM
A. Adjourn Meeting	Vote	Dr. Beth Bernstein-Yamashiro	1 m