



# Environmental Charter Schools

## Board of Directors' Meeting

By Teleconference/Zoom

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**Date and Time**

Tuesday May 25, 2021 at 5:00 PM PDT

**Location**

Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/147466498?pwd=MnB5Vk4aG41OEZ1dDdtcWoxQjV0dz09>

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Dial-In: (669) 900-6833, Meeting ID: 147 466 498, Passcode: 133043

Two-way Teleconference Location: 2625 Manhattan Beach Blvd, Suite 100, Redondo Beach, CA 90278.

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| <u>ECS Board Members</u>  | <u>Term and End Date</u> |
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| Mr. Anthony Jowid, President.....                                     | 3 years June 30, 2022    |
| Mr. Ken Deemer, Vice President.....                                   | 3 years June 30, 2022    |
| Dr. Denise Berger, Secretary.....                                     | 3 years June 30, 2023    |
| Ms. Zena Fong.....  | 2 year June 30, 2023     |
| Ms. Jenina Ramirez.....   | 3 years June 30, 2021    |
| Dr. Hughie Barnes.....  | 3 years June 30, 2023    |
| Dr. Madhu Chatwani.....   | 3 years June 30, 2023    |
| Mr. Kennedy Hilario.....  | 3 years June 30, 2023    |
| Lawndale Elementary School District Representative, Rotating Position |                          |

ECS Staff

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Ms. Farnaz Golshani-Flechner, Chief Executive Officer/Executive Director  
Ms. Danielle Kelsick, Chief Academic Officer/Director of Curriculum and Instruction  
Ms. Alison Diaz, Director of Growth and Sustainability (Facilities)  
Ms. Kami Cotler, Director of Strategic Initiatives  
Dr. Beth Bernstein-Yamashiro, Director of Principal Development/Principal Coach  
Ms. KC Fabiero, Principal at ECHS-Lawndale  
Dr. Geneva Matthews, Principal at ECMS-Inglewood  
Mr. Dave Trejo, Principal at ECMS-Gardena

### **Mission:**

Reimagine public education in low-income communities of color to prepare conscious, critical thinkers who are equipped to graduate from college and create a more equitable and sustainable world.

### **Values:**

JUSTICE - We examine bias, racism, and prejudice. We deliver culturally-responsive curricula. We succeed when students' race and class cease to predict their level of achievement.

COMMUNITY - We care. We collaborate. We respect the rights and voices of our stakeholders.

CURIOSITY - We question. We explore. We innovate.

SUSTAINABILITY - We think globally and act locally. We adapt. We encourage systems thinking to create a sustainable future.

LEADERSHIP - We listen. We think critically. We advocate. We shift public discourse. We are our own superheroes.

### **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 BOARD 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 Board 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 Board on any topic or subject matter that falls within the Environmental Charter School's purview. Speakers may sign up in person immediately prior to the beginning of the Board meeting by turning in a Speaker Form (available at the check-in table in English and Spanish).

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 Board (non-English speakers utilizing translators will be given a maximum of six (6) minutes each). Please note that the Board allows a maximum of 10 minutes to each subject as determined by the Board's presiding officer.

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### **REASONABLE ACCOMMODATION WILL BE PROVIDED FOR ANY INDIVIDUAL WITH A DISABILITY**

Pursuant to the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, any individual with a disability who requires reasonable accommodation to attend or participate in this meeting of the Governing Board may request assistance by contacting ECS at (310) 214-3408, option 5.

### **FOR MORE INFORMATION**

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**Agenda**

|                         | Purpose | Presenter | Time           |
|-------------------------|---------|-----------|----------------|
| <b>I. Opening Items</b> |         |           | <b>5:00 PM</b> |

Opening Items

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| <b>A. Record Attendance and Guests</b> |  | Anthony Jowid | 1 m |
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- Travis Collier, Lawndale Elementary School District (LESD) Assistant Superintendent of [Educational Services](#) (attending as LESD board representative for this ECS board meeting).

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| <b>B. Call the Meeting to Order</b> |  | Anthony Jowid | 1 m |
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| <b>C. Approve the agenda</b> | Vote | Anthony Jowid | 1 m |
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| <b>II. Presentations from the Floor</b> | <b>5:03 PM</b> |
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| <b>A. Presentations from the floor on non-agenda Items</b> | FYI |
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| <b>B. Presentations from the floor on agenda items</b> | FYI |
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| <b>III. Public Hearing</b>   |                 |  | <b>5:03 PM</b> |
| <b>A. Public Hearing: Local Control and Accountability Plans for all sites</b>   | FYI             | Public                                 | 10 m           |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Public Hearing Notice - Local Control and Accountability Plans is <a href="#">here</a> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ LCAP 19-20 and LCP 20-21 Annual Updates <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ ECHS-Lawndale is <a href="#">here</a></li> <li>▪ ECMS-Gardena is <a href="#">here</a></li> <li>▪ ECMS-Inglewood is <a href="#">here</a></li> </ul> </li> <li>◦ LCAP 2021-24 Year 1 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ ECHS-Lawndale is <a href="#">here</a></li> <li>▪ ECMS-Gardena is <a href="#">here</a></li> <li>▪ ECMS-Inglewood is <a href="#">here</a></li> <li>▪ ECHS-Gardena is <a href="#">here</a></li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> </ul> |                 |  |                |
| <b>IV. Study Session</b>   |                 |  | <b>5:13 PM</b> |
| <b>A. Expanded Learning Opportunities Grant Funding and 2021/22 Budgets, LCAPs, ECS Priorities Study Session</b>   | Discuss         | Farnaz Golshani-Flechner & Kami Cotler | 60 m           |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Federal and State Funding (LCAP &amp; ELO) is <a href="#">here</a></li> <li>• LCAP Budget Actions 21-22: <a href="#">ECHS-L</a>, <a href="#">ECMS-G</a>, <a href="#">ECMS-I</a>, <a href="#">ECHS-G</a></li> </ul>  |                 |  |                |
| <b>V. Consent Items A-B</b>  |                 |  | <b>6:13 PM</b> |
| <b>A. Approve previous meeting minutes for May 3, 2021 special board meeting</b>   | Approve Minutes | Jeremiah David                         | 1 m            |
| Approve minutes for Special Board of Directors' Meeting on May 3, 2021   |                 |  |                |
| <b>B. Approve following contracts</b>  | Vote            | Jeremiah David                         |                |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• EdTec Back-Office Services 21/22 contract renewal <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Contract is <a href="#">here</a></li> </ul> </li> </ul>  |                 |  |                |

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Staff analysis: 2-year renewal at same per-student rate. Increased costs based on ECHS-G projected new student enrollment in years 1 and 2.</li> </ul>   |         |           |      |
| • School Nutrition Plus vended meals for students 21/22 contract renewal  |         |           |      |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Contract is <a href="#">here</a> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Staff analysis: 3% increase from previous year, based on the Consumer Price Index for foods consumed outside of the home from last year. The increase is completely independent from COVID 19-related expenses and mainly covers mandatory increases in minimum wage, as well as food cost increases.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> |         |           |      |
| • Mac Greine Energy Corp solar panel installation and lease   |         |           |      |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Contract with lease agreement is <a href="#">here</a></li> <li>◦ Product Data Sheets is <a href="#">here</a></li> <li>◦ ECHS-L site plan is <a href="#">here</a></li> </ul>  |         |           |      |

## VI. Action Items

**6:14 PM**

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| <p><b>A.</b> Approve Expanded Learning Opportunity Grant Plans for ECHS-Lawndale, ECMS-Gardena. ECMS-Inglewood</p> | <p>Vote</p> | <p>Farnaz Golshani-Flechner</p> | <p>3 m</p> |
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- Executive Summary is [here](#)
  - ECHS-Lawndale, ECMS-Gardena, and ECMS-Inglewood ELO Grants Plans is [here](#)

## VII. Upcoming Dates/Announcements

**6:17 PM**

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| <p><b>A.</b> Next ECS Board Meeting</p> | <p>FYI</p> | <p>Farnaz Golshani-Flechner</p> | <p>1 m</p> |
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- June 24, 2021 at 5pm
  - All board members: Brown Act self-paced online training module completion due on June 23, 2021.

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| <p><b>B.</b> Appreciations</p> | <p>Discuss</p> | <p>All Attendees</p> | <p>3 m</p> |
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| <b>VIII. Transition to Closed Session</b>  |         |               | <b>6:21 PM</b> |
| <b>A. Adjourn to Closed Session</b>  | Vote    | Anthony Jowid | 1 m            |
| <b>IX. Closed Session</b>  |         |               | <b>6:22 PM</b> |
| <b>A. PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION</b>                                 | Discuss | Anthony Jowid | 10 m           |
| • Title: Chief Executive Officer / Executive Director                            |         |               |                |
| <b>B. Conference with Labor Negotiator (Government Code section 54957.6)</b>     | Vote    | Anthony Jowid | 5 m            |
| • Agency Negotiator: Anthony Jowid   |         |               |                |
| • Unrepresented Employee: Chief Executive Officer/Executive Director             |         |               |                |
| <b>X. Report Out of Closed Session</b>   |         |               | <b>6:37 PM</b> |
| <b>A. Oral Recommendation Regarding CEO's/ED's Salary and/or Fringe Benefits</b> | FYI     | Anthony Jowid | 2 m            |
| <b>B. Ratification of CEO's/ED's Employment Agreement</b>                        | Vote    | Anthony Jowid | 1 m            |
| <b>XI. Closing Items</b>   |         |               | <b>6:40 PM</b> |
| <b>A. Adjourn Meeting</b>  | Vote    | Anthony Jowid | 1 m            |