



# Environmental Charter Schools

## Board of Directors' Meeting

By Teleconference/Zoom

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**Date and Time**

Thursday June 24, 2021 at 5:00 PM PDT

**Location**

Zoom: [https://us02web.zoom.us/j/147466498?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/147466498?pwd=MnB5Vk4aG41OEZ1dDdtcWoxQjV0dz09)  
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OR

Dial-In: (669) 900-6833, Meeting ID: 147 466 498, Passcode:  
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Two-way Teleconference Location: 2625 Manhattan Beach Blvd,  
Suite 100, Redondo Beach, CA 90278.

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ECS Board Members	Term and End Date
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

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

Dr. Cindy Guardado, Principal at ECHS-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**

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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**

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### **FOR MORE INFORMATION**

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## Agenda

	Purpose	Presenter	Time
<b>I. Opening Items</b>			<b>5:00 PM</b>
Opening Items			
<b>A. Record Attendance and Guests</b>		Anthony Jowid	1 m
<b>B. Call the Meeting to Order</b>		Anthony Jowid	1 m
<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>
<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. Reports/Presentations</b>			<b>5:03 PM</b>
<b>A. ECS leadership updates</b>	FYI	ECS Directors	15 m
<b>B. Principals Updates</b>	FYI	ECS Principals	30 m
<b>C. ECHS-Gardena Update</b>	FYI	Alison Diaz	3 m

	Purpose	Presenter	Time
D. EdTec financial review and budgets for 21/22	FYI	Dorothy Lee	10 m

- EdTec financial review
  - [Financial Update](#)
  - ECHS-L [Income Statement](#) and [Cash Flow](#)
  - ECMS-G [Income Statement](#) and [Cash Flow](#)
  - ECMS-I [Income Statement](#) and [Cash Flow](#)
  - ECHS-G [Income Statement](#) and [Cash Flow](#)
- 21/22 Budgets
  - ECS [consolidated budgets](#) and [rates](#)
  - [ECHS-L](#)
  - [ECMS-G](#)
  - [ECMS-I](#)
  - [ECHS-G](#)

E. Development Update	FYI	Julie Vo	5 m
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- Fundraising YTD update is [here](#)

#### IV. Study Session 6:06 PM

A. 2021-2022 Budgets & LCAPs	Discuss	Farnaz Golshani-Flechner & Kami Cotler	45 m
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#### V. Consent Items A-K 6:51 PM

A. Approve previous meeting minutes for May 25, 2021 special board meeting	Approve Minutes	Jeremiah David	1 m
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B. Approve previous committee meeting minutes	Vote	Jeremiah David	
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- ECS Finance Committee Meeting Minutes - 06-18-21 is [here](#)

C. Approve check registers as recommended by Finance Committee	Vote	Tracy Bondi	
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Purpose      Presenter      Time

- Check registers: [November 2020](#), [December 2020](#), [January 2021](#), [February 2021](#)
- Credit card statements: [October 2020](#), [November 2020](#), [December 2020](#), [January 2021](#)

**D.** Approve private donations over \$1,000 as recommended by Finance Committee      Vote      Julie Vo

- List of private donations is [here](#)

**E.** Approve 2021-2022 Education Protection Act Spending Plan and Resolution as recommended by Finance Committee      Vote      Dorothy Lee/Tracy Bondi

- Education Protection Act Spending Plan is [here](#)
- Education Protection Act Resolution is [here](#)

**F.** Approve FY 2021-2022 contracts      Vote      Jeremiah David

- ECHS-L CELP Fall 2021 outdoor education contracts
  - Staff analysis: costs increased by 3% from previous contract. No other substantive changes.
    - 9th Grade Group is [here](#)
    - 10th Grade Group 1 is [here](#)
    - 10th Grade Group 2 is [here](#)
- VNS Janitorial Contracts for ECS sites
  - Staff analysis: janitorial costs are in line with 21/22 school budgets. Costs were significantly reduced during 20/21 school year and are now restored to pre-pandemic levels.
    - ECHS-L is [here](#)
    - ECMS-G is [here](#)
    - ECMS-I is [here](#)
    - ECHS-G is [here](#)
- Special Education Master Contracts
  - Cross Country Education: [ECHS-L](#), [ECMS-G](#), [ECMS-I](#), [ECHS-G](#)

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| ◦ | EdLogical Corporation:            | <a href="#">ECHS-L</a> , <a href="#">ECMS-G</a> , <a href="#">ECMS-I</a> , <a href="#">ECHS-G</a> |      |
| ◦ | Comprehensive Therapy Associates: | <a href="#">ECHS-L</a> , <a href="#">ECMS-G</a> , <a href="#">ECMS-I</a> , <a href="#">ECHS-G</a> |      |
| ◦ | The Stepping Stones Group:        | <a href="#">ECHS-L</a>  |      |

**G.** Accept ECS Tax Return Forms 990 and 199 as recommended by Finance Committee      Vote      Tracy Bondi

- ECS Tax Return Forms 990 and 199 is [here](#)

**H.** Approve items related to \$600k ECS line of credit as recommended by Finance Committee      Vote      Tracy Bondi

*Line of Credit Expression of Interest previously recommended by Finance Committee and approved by board.*

- Corporate Resolution to Borrow is [here](#)
- Business Loan Agreement is [here](#)
- Commercial Security Agreement is [here](#)
- Promissory Note is [here](#)

**I.** Approve Resolution to Provide Authorization for Los Angeles County Office of Education to Issue Funds for ECHS-Gardena as recommended by Finance Committee      Vote      Tracy Bondi

- Resolution to Provide Authorization for Los Angeles County Office of Education to Issue Funds for ECHS-Gardena is [here](#)

**J.** Approve Candidates' Participation on the Following Board Committees      Vote      Jeremiah David

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- ECS - Board Committees and Terms 2021 - 2022 is [here](#)

<b>K.</b> Approve 2021-2022 Board Terms and Officers	Vote	Jeremiah David
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Approve Board Term Renewals as follows:

- Approve Jenina Ramirez as board member for 3-year term: Jul 01, 2021 - Jun 30, 2024

Approve Board Officers as follows:

- Anthony Jowid for President
- Ken Deemer for Vice President/Treasurer
- Denise Berger for Secretary

**VI. Action Items**

**6:52 PM**

<b>A.</b> Approve 2021-2022 LCAPs for ECHS, ECMS-G, ECMS-I, ECHS-G	Vote	Farnaz Golshani-Flechner	5 m
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- Executive Summary is [here](#)
- LCAP 2021-24
  - ECHS-Lawndale is [here](#)
  - ECMS-Gardena is [here](#)
  - ECMS-Inglewood is [here](#)
  - ECHS-Gardena is [here](#)

<b>B.</b> Approve 2021-2022 Budgets for ECHS, ECMS-G, ECMS-I, ECHS-G as recommended by Finance Committee	Vote	Tracy Bondi	5 m
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- Attached in Discussion Items / Updates Item III.D



	Purpose	Presenter	Time
<b>C. Approve 2021-2022 Local Indicators Report for all sites</b>	Vote	Kami Cotler/Robert Maxwell	3 m

- 2021-2022 Local Indicators Report is [here](#)

<b>D. Approve 2021-2022 Board and Committee Calendar</b>	Vote	Farnaz Golshani-Flechner/Jeremiah David	3 m
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- 2021-2022 Board and Committee Calendar is [here](#)

## **VII. Upcoming Dates/Announcements 7:08 PM**

<b>A. Next ECS Board Meeting</b>	FYI	Farnaz Golshani-Flechner	1 m
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- July 14, 2021 at 5pm (virtual board meeting)

<b>B. Next ECS Committee Meetings</b>	FYI	Farnaz Golshani-Flechner	1 m
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- Governance Committee - August 24, 2021 at 10:30am
- Finance Committee - August 31, 2021 at 8:30am
- Facilities Committee - September 29, 2021 at 4:30pm
- Audit Committee - December 10, 2021

## **VIII. Closing Items 7:10 PM**

<b>A. Appreciations</b>	Discuss	All Attendees	3 m
<b>B. Adjourn Meeting</b>	Vote	Anthony Jowid	1 m