



# Environmental Charter Schools

## Special Board of Directors' Meeting

By Teleconference/Zoom

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**Date and Time**

Thursday August 19, 2021 at 4:45 PM PDT

**Location**

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

OR

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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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, 2024
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  
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.

Should a member of the public wish to speak on matters listed on the agenda, they may speak during the Presentations from the Floor section of the agenda. Speakers will be given a maximum of five (5) minutes each to address the Board (non-English speakers utilizing translators will be given a maximum of ten (10) minutes each).

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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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	Purpose	Presenter	Time
<b>III. Reports/Presentations</b>			<b>4:48 PM</b>
<b>A. ECS leadership updates</b>	FYI	ECS Leadership	5 m
<b>IV. Consent Items A-D</b>			<b>4:53 PM</b>
<b>A. Approve Contracts</b>	Vote	Jeremiah David	1 m
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ECMSI - Total Education Solutions Master Contract Renewal 2021-2022 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ No substantive differences from Master Contract in the previous year</li> <li>◦ Contract is <a href="#">here</a></li> </ul> </li> <li>• ECS - Actively Learn Contract Renewal 2021-2022 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ For this educational software renewal, reduced # of licenses due to in-person instruction taking the primary role for School Year 2021-2022.</li> <li>◦ Contract is <a href="#">here</a></li> </ul> </li> <li>• ECHSL - Mac Greine Reroofing Repairs August 2021 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Contract in arrears -- Executive Director exception requested due to time being of the essence to commit repairs before school year begins</li> <li>◦ Contract is <a href="#">here</a></li> </ul> </li> </ul>			
<b>B. Approve revised Board &amp; Committee Calendar 2021-2022</b>	Vote	Jeremiah David	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Revised Board &amp; Committee Calendar 2021-2022 is <a href="#">here</a></li> </ul>			
<b>C. Approve Charter School Revolving Loan Fund resolution and loan agreement for ECHS-Gardena for \$250,000</b>	Vote	Jeremiah David	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Charter School Revolving Loan Fund (CSRLF) Program provides low-cost loans of up to \$250,000 to charter schools, with priority given to schools opening in the current fiscal year.</li> <li>• The ECS board approved this loan fund application for ECHS-Gardena</li> <li>• The loan fund was awarded to ECS and the final step of the process requires approval of the provided resolution and loan agreement</li> </ul>			

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| • | The loan funds would be used primarily if there are cash flow shortfalls in the first year of ECHS-Gardena's operations. |           |      |
| • | Loan agreement is <a href="#">here</a>   |           |      |
| • | Resolution is <a href="#">here</a>   |           |      |

**D. Approve CalSTRS resolutions for ECHS-Gardena**                      Vote                      Jeremiah David

The following resolutions are part of the setup documents required to activate the ECHS-Gardena CalSTRS pension program:

- Employer Paid Member Contributions Resolution is [here](#) (pages 2-3)
- Pre-Tax Receivable Resolution is [here](#)

**E. Approve Beneficial State Bank Corporate Resolution to Borrow - Credit Cards**                      Vote                      Jeremiah David

- This step is part of the ongoing transition from ECS' previous bank to Beneficial State Bank
- Resolution adoption is required prior to opening up new credit cards at Beneficial State Bank
- Resolution is [here](#)

**V. Action Items**

**4:54 PM**

**A. Approve ECS Independent Study Policy**                      Vote                      Danielle Kelsick/Farnaz Golshani-Flechner/Jeremiah David                      5 m

- ECS Independent Study Policy is [here](#)

**B. Approve revised ECS Academic Calendars**                      Vote                      Danielle Kelsick                      5 m

- Revised ECS Academic Calendars
  - Comparison is [here](#)
  - ECHS-Lawndale is [here](#)

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| ◦ ECMS-Gardena and ECMS-Inglewood is <a href="#">here</a> |         |           |      |
| ◦ ECHS-Gardena is <a href="#">here</a>                    |         |           |      |

**VI. Upcoming Dates/Announcements 5:04 PM**

<b>A. Next ECS Board Meeting</b>	FYI	Farnaz Golshani-Flechner	1 m
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- September 23, 2021 at 5pm (proposed)

<b>B. Next ECS Committee Meetings</b>	FYI	Farnaz Golshani-Flechner	1 m
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- Finance Committee - September 17, 2021 at 8:30am
- Governance Committee - September 28, 2021 at 10:30am
- Facilities Committee - September 29, 2021 at 4:30pm
- Audit Committee - December 10, 2021 at 10:30am
- Equity and Diversity Committee - date TBD

**VII. Closing Items 5:06 PM**

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