



Environmental Charter Schools

Board of Directors' Meeting

By Teleconference/Zoom

Date and Time

Thursday September 23, 2021 at 5:00 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.

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

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

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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FOR MORE INFORMATION

For more information concerning this agenda or for materials relating to this meeting, please contact ECS at (310) 214-3408, option 5.

Agenda

	Purpose	Presenter	Time
I. Opening Items			5:00 PM

Opening Items

A. Record Attendance and Guests		Ken Deemer	1 m
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- Gretchen Janson, Ed.D., Lawndale Elementary School District (LESD) Assistant Superintendent, [Business Services](#) (attending as LESD board representative for this ECS board meeting)

B. Call the Meeting to Order		Ken Deemer	1 m
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C. Approve the agenda	Vote	Ken Deemer	1 m
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II. Presentations from the Floor	5:03 PM
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A. Presentations from the floor on non-agenda Items	FYI
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B. Presentations from the floor on agenda items	FYI
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III. Reports/Presentations			5:03 PM
A. ECS leadership updates	FYI	ECS Directors	5 m
B. Principals updates	FYI	ECHS-L & ECHS-G Principals	20 m
C. EdTec financial review and revised budgets for 21/22	FYI	Dorothy Lee	7 m
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 20/21 financial review <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Financial Update ◦ ECHS-L Income Statement ◦ ECMS-G Income Statement ◦ ECMS-I Income Statement ◦ ECHS-G Income Statement • 21/22 revised budgets <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ ECHS-L budget ◦ ECMS-G budget ◦ ECMS-I budget ◦ ECHS-G budget 			
IV. Study Session			5:35 PM
A. Vaccine mandate for students and staff	Discuss	Farnaz Golshani-Flechner & Jen Fenton	45 m
V. Consent Items A-L			6:20 PM
A. Approve previous meeting minutes for July 14, 2021 board meeting	Approve Minutes	Jeremiah David	1 m
B. Approve previous meeting minutes for August 19, 2021 board meeting	Approve Minutes	Jeremiah David	
C. Approve previous 9/17/21 Finance Committee meeting minutes	Vote	Jeremiah David	

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- [9/17/21 Finance Committee meeting minutes](#)

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

- [Private donations over \\$1,000](#)

E. Approve unaudited actuals as recommended by Finance Committee Vote Tracy Bondi

- 20/21 unaudited actuals
 - [ECHS-L unaudited actuals](#)
 - [ECMS-G unaudited actuals](#)
 - [ECMS-I unaudited actuals](#)

F. Approve contracts Vote Jeremiah David

- ECHS-G CELP outdoor education contracts
 - Staff analysis: per student and per chaperone costs are the same as for previously approved ECHS-Lawndale 10th grade contract
 - [Group 1 contract](#)
 - [Group 2 contract](#)
- Woodcraft Rangers after-School contracts
 - Staff analysis: ECMS-I and ECMS-G contract renewals costs are in line with the annual after-school grant funding (ASES) that each school will receive. ECHS-G is not eligible for ASES funding since it is a high school, and the contract was negotiated and customized to fit the needs of ECHS-G students.
 - [ECMS-G contract](#)
 - [ECMS-I contract](#)
 - [ECHS-G contract](#)

G. Approve revised ECS Board & Committee Calendar 2021-2022 Vote Jeremiah David

- [Revised ECS Board & Committee Calendar 2021-2022](#)

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ 1 revision: removed March 2022 Audit Committee meeting as ECS is under a multi-year audit engagement contract and thus the committee will not meet to evaluate audit engagement bids. 		
H. Approve revised ECS Board Committees & Terms 2021-2022	Vote	Jeremiah David	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Revised ECS Board Committees & Terms 2021-2022 (marked changes) 		
I. Approve ECMS-I Parent-Student Handbook	Vote	Dr. Geneva Matthews / Danny Cristales	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ECMS-I Parent-Student Handbook 		
J. Approve sale or disposition of ECS technology equipment	Vote	Jeremiah David	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • List of ECS technology equipment for sale/disposition 		
K. Approve resignation of board member Dr. Hughie Barnes, effective 9/10/2021	Vote	Jeremiah David	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Resignation of board member Dr. Hughie Barnes, effective 9/10/2021 		
L. Approve revised ECS Independent Study Policy	Vote	Jeremiah David	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Revised ECS Independent Study Policy <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Updated to align with minor shifts due to AB 167 (changes in BOLD): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ For all pupils who are not generating attendance for more than three (3) schooldays or 60 percent of the instructional days in a school week, or 10 percent of required minimum instructional time over four 		

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<p>continuous weeks, or found not participatory pursuant to Education Code Section 51747.5 for more than the greater of three schooldays or 60 percent of the scheduled days of synchronous instruction in a school month as applicable by grade span, or who are in violation of their written agreement, the school shall have procedures including the following reengagement strategies...(page 2)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Notifying parents or guardians of lack of participation within one school day of the recording of a non-attendance day or lack of participation...(page 3) 		

VI. Action Item

6:21 PM

<p>A. Approve revised 2021-2022 Budgets for ECHS-L, ECMS-G, ECMS-I, ECHS-G as recommended by Finance Committee</p>	<p>Vote</p>	<p>Tracy Bondi / Farnaz Golshani- Flechner</p>
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- Attached in Discussion Items / Updates Item III.C

VII. Upcoming Dates/Announcements

6:21 PM

<p>A. Next ECS Board Meeting</p>	<p>FYI</p>	<p>Farnaz Golshani- Flechner</p>	<p>1 m</p>
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- October 28, 2021 at 5pm (virtual board meeting with in-person option)

<p>B. Next ECS Committee Meetings</p>	<p>FYI</p>	<p>Farnaz Golshani- Flechner</p>	<p>1 m</p>
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- Governance Committee - September 28, 2021 at 10:30am
- Facilities Committee - September 29, 2021 at 4:30pm
- Finance Committee - October 22, 2021 at 8:30am
- Audit Committee - December 10, 2021

	Purpose	Presenter	Time
VIII. Closing Items			6:23 PM
A. Appreciations	Discuss	All Attendees	3 m
B. Adjourn Meeting	Vote	Ken Deemer	1 m