



Environmental Charter Schools

Board of Directors' Meeting

By Teleconference/Zoom

Date and Time

Thursday January 27, 2022 at 5:00 PM PST

Location

Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/147466498?pwd=MnB5Vkc4aG41OEZ1dDdtcWoxQjV0dz09>

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. 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.

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

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		Anthony Jowid	1 m

Purpose Presenter Time

- Travis Collier, Lawndale Elementary School District (LESD) Assistant Superintendent of [Educational Services](#) (attending as LESD board representative for this ECS board meeting).

B. Call the Meeting to Order		Anthony Jowid	1 m
C. Approve the agenda	Vote	Anthony Jowid	1 m

- Version en español: <https://ecsonline.box.com/s/d3cojzrhioxm4cyr9843ysz4vm3yez9>

D. Opener	Discuss	Farnaz Golshani-Flechner	7 m
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II. Presentations from the Floor 5:10 PM

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/Discussions 5:10 PM

A. 21/22 Strategic Priorities Benchmark Chart Review	FYI	Farnaz Golshani-Flechner	10 m
B. Health and Safety Update	FYI	Jen Fenton & Farnaz Golshani-Flechner	8 m

	Purpose	Presenter	Time
C. ECMS-Gardena Proposed Park Expansion	Discuss	ECS Facilities Committee	10 m

IV. Consent Items A-I

5:38 PM

A. Approve minutes for 12/9/2021 ECS Board Meeting	Approve Minutes	Jeremiah David	1 m
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B. Approve minutes for 1/21/2022 ECS Special Facilities Committee meeting	Approve Minutes	Jeremiah David	
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C. Approve Board Resolution 2021-2022 #2 - Authorizing Remote Board Meetings	Vote	Jeremiah David	
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- Board Resolution 2021-2022 #2 - Authorizing Remote Board Meetings:
<https://ecsonline.box.com/s/rrwegc4hn3zeyvj1ojpwalgfjxmqqxej>

D. Approve revised ECS Board & Committee Calendar 2021-2022	Vote	Farnaz Golshani- Flechner / Jeremiah David	2 m
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- Revised ECS Board & Committee Calendar 2021-2022:
<https://ecsonline.box.com/s/dor6wq13u98dmvn9co6a7482ghpoacvc>
 - Rescheduled Finance Committee meeting date to February 18, 2022

E. Approve revised ECMS-G & ECHS-L Parent Student Handbooks 2021-2022	Vote	ECHS-L and ECMS-G Principals	
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- ECMS-Gardena: <https://ecsonline.box.com/s/i86jlh573yapq2z9kr5wohs2yrknkcha>

F. Approve School Accountability Report Cards (SARCs) for all sites	Vote	Robert Maxwell / Jeremiah David	
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School Accountability Report Cards

- ECHS-Lawndale: <https://ecsonline.box.com/s/w45076liohvkdyn3qv3i7dh8ba1gw01a>
- ECMS-Gardena: <https://ecsonline.box.com/s/y46lyd8q3ud7mzd3qkoh0jo71y0ao0a8>
- ECMS-Inglewood: <https://ecsonline.box.com/s/mil8u4rnva3y97andyxynfctujw68cw>
- ECHS-Gardena: <https://ecsonline.box.com/s/cm7ao4cfrqjfe717fyagh1rdl9dj97y>

G. Approve FY20/21 Audit Report as Recommended by Audit Committee Vote Anthony Jowid / Jeremiah David

- Required board communication letter: <https://ecsonline.box.com/s/0a0ze2safokjl4kkjodqnm3omt2pg45i>
- FY20/21 Audit Report: <https://ecsonline.box.com/s/t4e950chgjafksmf8dcm4v85a3e61muo>
 - Audit report summary: No audit findings or exceptions. No management recommendations.

H. Approve Menlo Charter Properties to enter into an agreement to purchase the property at 809-813 W 165th PI, Gardena, CA 90247 with the understanding that ECMS-Gardena will lease this additional space to support its outdoor learning program as recommended by Facilities Committee Vote Anthony Jowid / Alison Diaz

I. Approve ECMS-Gardena to work with Menlo 165th LLC to renegotiate its current lease agreement to include the property at 809-813 W 165th PI, Gardena, CA 90247 without increasing its projected yearly rents as recommended by Facilities Committee Vote Anthony Jowid / Alison Diaz

V. Action Item **5:41 PM**

A. Approve N-3-22 Written Finding allowing temporary staffing flexibility Vote Sarah Jamieson / Farnaz Golshani-Flechner 5 m

- N-3-22 Written Finding allowing temporary staffing flexibility: <https://ecsonline.box.com/s/1ufxzgtxd4bsllwyld0kzd1jomatc54c>

	Purpose	Presenter	Time
VI. Upcoming Dates/Announcements			5:46 PM
A. Next ECS Board Meeting	FYI	Farnaz Golshani-Flechner	1 m
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • February 24, 2022 at 5pm (virtual board meeting) 			
B. Next ECS Committee Meetings	FYI	Farnaz Golshani-Flechner	1 m
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Finance Committee - February 18, 2022 at 8:30am • Facilities Committee - April 27, 2022 at 4:30pm • Governance Committee - May 17, 2022 at 10:30am 			
C. Appreciations	Discuss	All Attendees	3 m
VII. Closing Items			5:51 PM
A. Adjourn Meeting	Vote	Anthony Jowid	1 m