



# Environmental Charter Schools

## Board of Directors' Meeting

By Teleconference/Zoom

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**Date and Time**

Thursday March 17, 2022 at 5:00 PM PDT

**Location**

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

OR

Dial-In: (669) 900-6833, Meeting ID: 147 466 498, Passcode: 1330 43

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. 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

Ms. Alison Diaz, Director of Growth and Sustainability (Facilities)

Dr. Beth Bernstein-Yamashiro, Director of Principal Development/Principal Coach

Tracy Bondi, Director of Finance

Julie Vo, Director of Development

Jeremiah David, Director of Compliance and Operations

Sarah Jamieson, Director of Human Resources

Michael Martucci, Director of Student Services

Jen Fenton, Director of Health and Safety

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

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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
• Dr. Betsy Hamilton, Lawndale Elementary School District (LESD) Superintendent (attending as LESD board representative for current ECS board meeting) - see bio <a href="#">here</a>			
<b>B. Call the Meeting to Order</b>		Anthony Jowid	1 m
<b>C. Approve the agenda</b>	Vote	Anthony Jowid	1 m
<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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**III. Reports/Discussions 5:03 PM**

<b>A.</b> Preview of annual Executive Director evaluation and salary comparison process	FYI	Anthony Jowid	5 m
<b>B.</b> Board member recruitment discussion	Discuss	Farnaz Golshani-Flechner	3 m

**IV. Consent Items A-G 5:11 PM**

<b>A.</b> Approve minutes for 2/24/2022 ECS Board Meeting	Approve Minutes	Jeremiah David	3 m
<b>B.</b> Approve Board Resolution 2021-2022 #4 - Authorizing Remote Board Meetings	Vote	Jeremiah David	

- [Board Resolution 2021-2022 #4 - Authorizing Remote Board Meetings](#)

<b>C.</b> Approve California Energy Commission’s California Schools Healthy Air, Plumbing, and Efficiency (CalSHAPE) Program Board Resolutions for ECHS-L, ECMS-G, ECMS-I	Vote	Alison Diaz / Jeremiah David	
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**Program description:**

The California Schools Healthy Air, Plumbing, and Efficiency Program (CalSHAPE) provides funding to upgrade heating, air conditioning, and ventilation (HVAC) systems in public schools and replaces noncompliant plumbing fixtures and appliances that fail to meet water efficiency standards.

ECS has been awarded funding for 3 of its schools with the grant agreements for each school and board resolutions to accept the funding and grant terms enclosed below:

- ECHS-Lawndale: [Board Resolution](#) and [Grant Agreement](#)
- ECMS-Gardena: [Board Resolution](#) and [Grant Agreement](#)

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- ECMS-Inglewood: [Board Resolution](#) and [Grant Agreement](#)

**D.** Approve purchase of additional student Chromebooks and staff laptops      Vote      Jeremiah David

- [Student Chromebooks \(qty 400\) quote](#)
  - Total cost: \$138,255
  - Rationale: Student Chromebooks have been more utilized and transported between school and home more during the pandemic than previously and this has resulted in a speeding up of the need to replace Chromebooks that are old, damaged, or obsolete. This proposed purchase of student Chromebooks addresses both needs through the start of the next school year.
- [Staff laptops \(qty 16\) quote](#)
  - Total cost: \$21,070
  - Rationale: There have been more new hires this school year of staff to address pandemic-related safety and social-emotional needs as well as a need to replace aging laptops that are more than 5 years old. This proposed purchase of staff laptops addresses both needs through the start of the next school year.

**E.** Approve ECHS-Lawndale Outdoor Education CELP Fall 2022 Contract      Vote      Tracy Bondi

- [ECHS-Lawndale Outdoor Education CELP Fall 2022 Contract](#)
  - This contract is for the annual 9th-grade outdoor education trip at ECHS-Lawndale and is a planned customary cost already included in the ECHS-L budget for next school year.

**F.** Approve ECHS-Lawndale 2021-2022 Parent-Student Handbook      Vote      KC Fabiero

- [ECHS-Lawndale 2021-2022 Parent-Student Handbook](#)

**G.** Approve School Plans for Student Achievement for ECHS-L, ECMS-G, ECMS-I, ECHS-G      Vote      Jeremiah David

School Plans for Student Achievement:

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- [ECHS-Lawndale](#)
- [ECMS-Gardena](#)
- [ECMS-Inglewood](#)
- [ECHS-Gardena](#)

**V. Action Item** **5:14 PM**

**A. Approve Second Interim Financials** Vote Tracy Bondi 3 m

Second Interim Financials:

- [ECHS-Lawndale](#)
- [ECMS-Gardena](#)
- [ECMS-Inglewood](#)
- [ECHS-Gardena](#)

**VI. Upcoming Dates/Announcements** **5:17 PM**

**A. Next ECS Board Meeting** FYI Farnaz Golshani-Flechner 1 m

- May 26, 2022 at 5pm (virtual board meeting)

**B. Next ECS Committee Meetings** FYI Farnaz Golshani-Flechner 1 m

- Facilities Committee - April 27, 2022 at 4:30pm
- Governance Committee - May 17, 2022 at 10:30am
- Finance Committee - June 17, 2022 at 8:30am

**C. Appreciations** Discuss All Attendees 2 m

**VII. Closing Items** **5:21 PM**

<b>A. Adjourn Meeting</b>	<b>Purpose</b> Vote	<b>Presenter</b> Anthony Jowid	<b>Time</b> 1 m
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