



# Environmental Charter Schools

## Finance Committee Meeting

By Teleconference/Zoom

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### **Date and Time**

Friday September 15, 2023 at 8:30 AM PDT

### **Location**

Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86746735522?pwd=eG5RVHl4ZURqeXBwVm1YS2E0WTK5Zz09>

### *Alternative access:*

- Two-way Teleconference Location: 2625 Manhattan Beach Blvd, Suite 100, Redondo Beach, CA 90278
  - Call-in only: (669) 900-6833 (Meeting ID: 867 4673 5522, Passcode: 425920)
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### **Finance Committee Members**

Tracy Bondi - Chair

Farnaz Golshani-Flechner

Denise Berger

Bruce Greenspon

Alison Diaz

### **Finance Committee Charter**

- Provides financial oversight for the organization
  - In conjunction with staff and other stakeholders, develops an annual operating budget and recommends for board approval
  - Monitors adherence to budget and recommends changes, if necessary
  - Sets long-term financial goals with funding strategies to achieve them
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- Considers special, unbudgeted requests and make recommendations to board
- Develops multi-year operating budgets that tie to strategic plan
- Ensures adequacy of financial controls and monitor for compliance
- Ensure Financial literacy of Board Members by providing training

#### **Goals for 2023-2024**

- Engage board in a critical assessment of the budget as it relates to organizational priorities and goals
- Hold a yearly ECS financial training course for ECS Staff and/or New Board members
- Ensure school budgets and cash flows are transparent, supportable, and sustainable
- Support ECHSG's financial objectives in the facilities development and school startup process

#### **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 STANDING COMMITTEE 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 Committee 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 Committee on any topic or subject matter that falls within the Committee's purview. Speakers may sign up in person immediately prior to the beginning of the Committee meeting by speaking with the Committee Chair.

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 Committee (non-English speakers utilizing translators will be given a maximum of six (6) minutes each). Please note that the Committee allows a maximum of 10 minutes to each subject as determined by the Committee Chair.

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## Agenda

	Purpose	Presenter	Time
<b>I. Opening Items</b>			<b>8:30 AM</b>
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<b>A.</b>	Record attendance and guests	Tracy Bondi	1 m
<b>B.</b>	Call the Meeting to Order	Tracy Bondi	1 m
<b>C.</b>	Approve agenda	Vote Tracy Bondi	1 m
<b>II. Presentations from the Floor</b>			<b>8:33 AM</b>
<b>A.</b>	Presentation from the floor on non agenda items	FYI	
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<b>B.</b>	Presentations from the floor on agenda items	FYI	
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<b>III. Discussion Items / Updates</b>			<b>8:33 AM</b>
<b>A.</b>	22/23 financial review and 23/24 revised budgets	Discuss Dorothy Lee & Jair Ventura	30 m

- [22/23 financial review and 23/24 forecast](#)
  - [ECHS-L 22/23 Unaudited Actuals vs Forecast](#)
  - [ECMS-G 22/23 Unaudited Actuals vs Forecast](#)
  - [ECMS-I 22/23 Unaudited Actuals vs Forecast](#)
  - [ECHS-G 22/23 Unaudited Actuals vs Forecast](#)
  
- 23/24 revised budgets
  - [ECHS-Lawndale](#)
  - [ECMS-Gardena](#)
  - [ECMS-Inglewood](#)
  - [ECHS-Gardena](#)

**IV. Consent Items A-D**

**9:03 AM**

<p><b>A.</b> Recommend board approval of private donations over \$1,000</p>	Vote	Farnaz Golshani-Flechner	3 m
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- [List of private donations over \\$1,000](#)

<p><b>B.</b> Recommend board approval of check registers and credit card statements</p>	Vote	Tracy Bondi / Sarahai Garibay
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**ECS management certification:** ECS management attests to having reviewed and approved the individual line items on the attached check registers and credit card statements in accordance with current ECS Financial Policies.

- Check registers: [May 2023](#), [June 2023](#), [July 2023](#)
- Credit card statements: [May 2023](#), [June 2023](#), [July 2023](#)

<p><b>C.</b> Recommend board approval of contracts</p>	Vote	Jeremiah David
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1. [ECS - PowerSchool Contract Renewal 2023-2024](#)
  1. Staff analysis: student information system software contract renewal increase of ~6% from previous year to account for inflationary pressures.
2. [ECS - SchoolZilla Contract Renewal 2023-2024](#)
  1. Staff analysis: student data visualization software contract renewal per-student cost is flat from previous year.
3. [ECHSL - NatureBridge 12th Grade Outdoor Education Trip Contract - Fall 2023](#)

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	1. Staff analysis: contract cost within school outdoor education budget.		
	4. <a href="#">ECMSG - Pali Institute 6th Grade Outdoor Education Trip - Spring 2024</a>		
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<b>D.</b>	Recommend board approval of Unaudited Actuals for ECHS-L, ECMS-G, ECMS-I, ECHS-G	Vote Tracy Bondi	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">ECHS-Lawndale</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">ECMS-Gardena</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">ECMS-Inglewood</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">ECHS-Gardena</a></li> </ul>		
<b>V.</b>	<b>Action Items</b>		<b>9:06 AM</b>
<b>A.</b>	Recommend board approval of revised 23/24 budgets for ECHS-L, ECMS-G, ECMS-I, ECHS-G	Vote Tracy Bondi & Farnaz Golshani-Flechner	5 m
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Attached in Discussion Items / Updates Item III.A</li> </ul>		
<b>VI.</b>	<b>Closing Items</b>		<b>9:11 AM</b>
<b>A.</b>	Appreciations	Discuss All Attendees	2 m
<b>B.</b>	Adjourn Meeting	Vote Tracy Bondi	1 m