



Environmental Charter Schools

Board of Directors' Meeting

In-Person at ECS Home Office

Date and Time

Monday June 23, 2025 at 5:00 PM PDT

Location

In-person location: ECS Home Office - 2625 Manhattan Beach Blvd #100, Redondo Beach, CA 90278

Two-way teleconference locations: 1100 Shasta Avenue, San Jose, CA 95126 | 13885 Dogleg Lane, Broomfield, CO 80023 | 222 S Harbor Blvd, Anaheim, CA 92805

ECS Board Members	Term and End Date
Dr. Betsy Hamilton, President.....	3 years June 30, 2025
Dr. Denise Berger,	3 years June 30, 2026
Mr. Anthony Jowid.....	3 years June 30, 2025
Ms. Zena Fong.....	3 years June 30, 2026
Ms. Jenina Ramirez.....	3 years June 30, 2027
Dr. Madhu Chatwani.....	3 years June 30, 2026
Mr. Kennedy Hilario.....	3 years June 30, 2026
Mr. Herb Sims.....	3 years June 30, 2025
Mr. Mason Williams.....	3 years June 30, 2025
Mr. Andrew Ellenbogen.....	3 years June 30, 2026
Lawndale Elementary School District Representative, Rotating Position	

ECS Staff

Ms. Danielle Kelsick, Superintendent

Ms. Tracy Bondi, Director of Finance

Mr. Jeremiah David, Director of Compliance & Operations
Ms. Sarah Jamieson, Director of Human Resources
Ms. Jen Fenton, Director of Strategic Initiatives
Dr. Shalene Wright, Director of SpEd & English Language Development
Mr. Cesar Delgado, Director of Student Wellness
Ms. Lucia Bañuelos, Principal at ECHS-Lawndale
Dr. Geneva Matthews, Principal at ECMS-Inglewood
Mr. Dave Trejo, Principal at ECMS-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).

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Agenda

	Purpose	Presenter	Time
I. Opening Items			5:00 PM
Opening Items			
A. Record attendance and guests		Dr. Betsy Hamilton	1 m
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Alberto Paredes, Lawndale Elementary School District, Director of Student Support Services (https://www.lawndalesd.net/departments/educational-services/student-support-services)			

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B. Call the Meeting to Order		Dr. Betsy Hamilton	1 m
C. Approve the agenda	Vote	Dr. Betsy Hamilton	1 m
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Versión en español 			
D. Opener	Discuss	Danielle Kelsick	5 m
II. Presentations from the Floor			5:08 PM
A. Presentations from the floor on non-agenda Items	FYI		10 m
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B. Presentations from the floor on agenda items	FYI		10 m
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III. Discussion Items / Updates			5:28 PM
A. Superintendent update	FYI	Danielle Kelsick	15 m
B. 2025-26 Budgets Presentation for all ECS Schools	FYI	Jair Ventura & Jean Yang	20 m
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2025-26 Budgets Presentation • 2025-26 Budgets <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ ECHS-Lawndale ◦ ECMS-Gardena ◦ ECMS-Inglewood ◦ ECHS-Gardena 			

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C. 2025-26 Local Control and Accountability Plans Presentation for all ECS Schools	Discuss	Jen Fenton	20 m
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2025-26 Local Control and Accountability Plans Presentation for all ECS Schools 			
IV. Public Hearing			6:23 PM
A. Public Hearing regarding the actions and expenditures proposed in each ECS schools' 2025-26 Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP)	FYI	Public	10 m
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ECHS-Lawndale LCAP • ECMS-Gardena LCAP • ECMS-Inglewood LCAP • ECHS-Gardena LCAP 			
V. Consent Items A-P			6:33 PM
A. Approve 5/15/2025 board meeting minutes	Approve Minutes	Jeremiah David	3 m
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5/15/2025 board meeting minutes 			
B. Approve 6/20/2025 Finance Committee meeting minutes	Approve Minutes	Jeremiah David	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6/20/2025 Finance Committee meeting minutes 			
C. Approve private donations over \$1,000 as recommended by Finance Committee	Vote	Jen Fenton	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Private donations over \$1,000 			

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D. Approve check registers and credit card statements as recommended by Finance Committee	Vote	Tracy Bondi / Sarahai Garibay	

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 ECS Financial Policies.

- Check registers: [May 2025](#)
- Credit card statements: [May 2025](#)

E. Approve contracts	Vote	Jeremiah David	
<p>1. Campus facilities repairs/maintenance - Summer 2025</p> <p>1. Staff analysis: contract costs within school facilities maintenance budgets.</p> <p>1. ECHSL - ADEP Precision Asbestos Abatement</p> <p>2. ECHSL - MDC Valencia facilities repairs and maintenance work</p> <p>3. ECMSG - MBA Mechanical HVAC maintenance quote for MPR</p> <p>2. ECMSI - Gensler Visioning and Master Plan Study Services - Summer 2025</p> <p>1. Staff analysis: contract cost within capital expenditures budgets.</p> <p>3. CalSHAPE Phase 2 HVAC Service Agreements with service agreement changes to be made after attorney recommendations</p> <p>1. Vendor Change to PacificWest Energy Solutions, Inc. (ECHS-G, ECHS-L, ECMS-I)</p> <p>1. Background & Rationale:</p> <p>1. On November 21, 2024, the ECS board approved CalSHAPE Phase 2 projects and MBA Mechanical service agreements for HVAC replacement at the three campuses. During contract negotiations, MBA Mechanical withdrew its agreements; staff subsequently solicited and evaluated a revised turnkey proposal from PacificWest Energy Solutions, Inc., CalSHAPE-qualified and already familiar with ECS facilities.</p> <p>2. Board resolutions adopted in Sept./Nov. 2024 authorize designated officers to execute all documents necessary for these projects; however, a vendor change constitutes a material deviation from the Board's 11-21-24 vote, necessitating this new action.</p> <p>2. PacificWest Contracts structure:</p>			

1. Design phase (funded within the CalSHAPE “design/construction” allocation) – PacificWest will complete detailed engineering, permitting and bid-level cost estimates.
 2. Construction phase – Each contract includes a not-to-exceed (NTE) cap that is higher than the current grant award to preserve flexibility while bids are finalized. ECS is not committing to spend above the grant at this time.
 3. Return to Board – Once designs are complete and exact pricing is negotiated, staff will present a guaranteed-maximum-price (GMP) amendment or alternative delivery plan.
2. Additional funding efforts: Staff are actively preparing grant proposals to cover any cost overage so that the final construction spend aligns with available external funds.
4. [Total Education Solutions SPED Provider Agreement 2025-26](#)
1. Staff analysis: vetted by Dr. Shalene Wright, Director of SpEd and ELD

As recommended by Finance Committee

5. SB Adventures Outdoor Education Trip contract 2025-26
 - A. 7th grade ([ECMS-Gardena](#) and [ECMS-Inglewood](#))
 - B. 11th grade ([ECHS-Lawndale](#) and [ECHS-Gardena](#))
 - i. Staff analysis: contract costs within school outdoor education budgets.
6. [ECS - PowerSchool contract renewal 2025-26](#)
 - A. Staff analysis: Annual contract renewal for ECS's student information system. Customary increase from PowerSchool of ~6% from previous year.
7. [Revolution Foods vended student meals contract renewal 2025-26](#)
 - A. Staff analysis: 4.3% increase to meal costs from previous year based on food supply price inflation. Recommendation to move forward with this renewal.
8. EdTec renewable contracts for [back office](#) and [data services](#)
 - A. Staff analysis: no fee increases from previous year for both contracts. Approval requested in arrears due to time being of the essence between board meetings.

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9. 2025-26 SPED Provider Agreements/Rate Sheets (vetted by Dr. Shalene Wright, Director of SpEd and ELD)			
A. AJP Educational Services B. Cross Country Education C. Comprehensive Therapy Associates D. EdLogical E. LA Speech Pathology Services F. The Upward Bound School (nonpublic school)			
F.	Approve 2025-26 Consolidated Application for each ECS schools as recommended by Finance Committee	Vote	Tracy Bondi
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ECHS-Lawndale • ECMS-Gardena • ECMS-Inglewood • ECHS-Gardena 			
G.	Approve 2025-26 Education Protection Act Plan and Resolution as recommended by Finance Committee	Vote	Tracy Bondi
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spending Plan • Resolution 			
H.	Approve Proposition 28 Arts and Music in Schools Annual Report FY25 as recommended by Finance Committee	Vote	Tracy Bondi
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proposition 28 Arts and Music in Schools Annual Report FY25 			
I.	Approve revised Independent Study Policy	Vote	Jeremiah David
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Revised Independent Study Policy (redlined) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Clarifications and updates to conform with current laws and regulations 			
J.	Approve 2025 Triennial Local School Wellness Policy (LSWP) Assessment Report and revisions to the ECS LSWP	Vote	Jeremiah David

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2025 Triennial Local School Wellness Policy (LSWP) Assessment Report • Revised ECS Local School Wellness Policy (redlined) 		
K.	Approve calculation corrections to ECHS-G Academic Calendar 2025-26	Vote	Jeremiah David
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Revised ECHS-G Academic Calendar 2025-26 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ No changes to calendar dates or daily minutes. ◦ Calculation corrections to weekly totals: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ November 10-14, 2025 - Minutes totals for that week = 1495 ▪ March 16-20, 2026 - Minutes totals for that week = 1580 ▪ March 23-27, 2026 - Minutes totals for that week = 1495 ◦ Current annual minutes total: 66735 ◦ Revised annual minutes total: 66255 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Net change: -480 minutes 		
L.	Approve revised 2024-25 Board & Committee Calendar	Vote	Jeremiah David
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Revised 2024-25 Board & Committee Calendar 		
M.	Approve 2025-26 Board & Committee Calendar	Vote	Danielle Kelsick / Jeremiah David
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2025-26 Board & Committee Calendar 		
N.	Elect officers of the ECS corporation	Vote	Jeremiah David
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • President: Dr. Betsy Hamilton • Vice President: Zena Fong • Superintendent: Danielle Kelsick • Treasurer: Tracy Bondi • Secretary: Jeremiah David 		
O.	Approve 3-year board term renewals (July 1, 2025 - June 30, 2028) for the following members	Vote	Jeremiah David
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Betsy Hamilton 		

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Anthony Jowid • Herb Sims • Mason Williams 			
P. Approve 2025-26 ECS Board Committees & Terms	Vote	Jeremiah David	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2025-26 ECS Board Committees & Terms (redlined) 			

VI. Action Items 6:36 PM

A. Approve 2025-26 Local Accountability and Control Plans for ECHS-L, ECMS-G, ECMS-I, ECHS-G	Vote	Jen Fenton & Danielle Kelsick	3 m
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attached in Public Hearing IV.A above. 			
B. Approve 2025-26 budgets for ECHS-L, ECMS-G, ECMS-I, ECHS-G as recommended by Finance Committee	Vote	Tracy Bondi & Danielle Kelsick	3 m
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attached in Discussion Items / Updates III.A above 			
C. Approve 2025 California School Dashboard Local Indicators for ECHS-L, ECMS-G, ECMS-I, ECHS-G	Vote	Robert Maxwell / Jeremiah David	3 m
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2025 California School Dashboard Local Indicators Report 			

VII. Upcoming Dates/Announcements 6:45 PM

A. Next ECS Board Meeting	FYI	Danielle Kelsick	1 m
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monday, July 28, 2025 @ 5pm 			
B. Next ECS Committee Meetings	FYI	Danielle Kelsick	1 m

	Purpose	Presenter	Time
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Finance Committee - September 12, 2025 @ 8:30am • Facilities Committee - October 1, 2025 @ 4:30pm • Governance Committee - October 28, 2025 @ 10:30am • Audit Committee - December 10, 2025 @ 1pm 			
C.	Appreciations	Discuss	All Attendees
			1 m
VIII.	Transition to Closed Session		6:48 PM
A.	Adjourn to Closed Session	Vote	Dr. Betsy Hamilton
			1 m
IX.	Closed Session		6:49 PM
A.	STUDENT DISCIPLINE (Government Code § 54957 and Education Code § 48918)	Discuss	15 m
	Consideration of student expulsion recommendation (Student #2025-001)		
	Action Item: The Board will consider whether to ratify the recommendation of the Expulsion Committee to expel Student #2025-001.		
B.	CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION (Government Code § 54956.9)	Discuss	15 m
	Name of Case: Environmental Educators United, CTA/NEA v. Environmental Charter Schools. Case No. LA-CE-6934-E.		
C.	CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS (Government Code §54957.6)	Discuss	15 m
	Agency Designated Representative: Robert Escalante		
	Employee Organization: Environmental Educators United		
X.	Report Out of Closed Session		7:34 PM
A.	Report Out	FYI	Dr. Betsy Hamilton
			1 m
XI.	Closing Items		7:35 PM

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A. Adjourn Meeting	Vote	Dr. Betsy Hamilton	1 m