



# Environmental Charter Schools

## Board of Directors' Meeting

By Teleconference/Zoom

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### Date and Time

Thursday November 19, 2020 at 5:00 PM PST

### Location

Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/147466498>

OR

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

Two-way Teleconference Location: 2625 Manhattan Beach Blvd, Suite 100, Redondo Beach, CA 90278.

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<u>ECS Board Members</u>	<u>Term and End Date</u>
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, 2021
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  
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).

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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### **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.

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## **Agenda**

### **I. Opening Items**

Opening Items

**A.** Record Attendance and Guests

**B.** Call the Meeting to Order

**C.** Approve the agenda

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### **II. Presentations from the Floor**

**A.** Presentations from the floor on non-agenda Items

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**B. Presentations from the floor on agenda items**

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**III. Reports/Presentations**

**A. Development update**

- Fundraising YTD update is [here](#)

**B. EdTec financial review**

- [November 2020 financial update slides](#)
- ECHS-L [Income Statement](#) and [Cash Flow](#)
- ECMS-G [Income Statement](#) and [Cash Flow](#)
- ECMS-I [Income Statement](#) and [Cash Flow](#)
- ECHS-G [Income Statement](#) and [Cash Flow](#)
- [ECS balance sheet as of 10/31/2020](#)

**C. ECHS-Gardena Letter of Intent update**

**D. Menlo 165th refinance update**

**IV. Study Session**

**A. Board Benchmark Chart**

- 20/21 Board Benchmark Chart is [here](#)

**V. Approve Consent Items A-H**

**A. Approve previous meeting minutes for September 10, 2020 board meeting**

- B.** Approve previous meeting minutes for September 24, 2020 board meeting
- C.** Accept August-October 2020 check registers and credit card statements as recommended by Finance Committee
- Check registers: [August 2020](#), [September 2020](#), [October 2020](#)
  - Credit card statements: [August 2020](#), [September 2020](#)
- D.** Accept September-October 2020 private donations over \$1,000 as recommended by Finance Committee
- September-October 2020 private donations over \$1,000 is [here](#)
- E.** Approve revised 2020-2021 board and committee calendar
- Revised 2020-2021 board and committee calendar is [here](#)
- F.** Approve revised 2020-2021 committee roster
- Revised 2020-2021 committee roster is [here](#)
- G.** Approve SELPA Local Plan Section B, Certification 5 and Participation Agreement for each site
- SELPA Local Plan Section B is [here](#)
  - ECHS-Lawndale [Certification 5](#) and [Participation Agreement](#)
  - ECMS-Gardena [Certification 5](#) and [Participation Agreement](#)
  - ECMS-Inglewood [Certification 5](#) and [Participation Agreement](#)
  - ECHS #2 [Certification 5](#) and [Participation Agreement](#)
- H.** Approve Finance Committee goals for 2020-2021 as recommended by Finance Committee
- Proposed Goals for 2020-2021**
- Engage board in a critical assessment of the budget as it relates to organizational priorities and goals
  - Hold a yearly ECS financial training course
  - Ensure school budgets and cash flows are transparent, supportable, and sustainable

- Support ECHS #2's financial objectives in the facilities development and school startup process
- Collaborate with Menlo Charter Properties to refinance loans at ECMS-Gardena

## **VI. Action Items**

### **A. Approve First Interim Financials for each site as recommended by Finance Committee**

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

### **B. Approve Parent Budget Overviews for each site as recommended by Finance Committee**

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

### **C. Approve ECS Conflict of Interest Code**

- Panel Memo is [here](#)
- Proposed ECS Conflict of Interest Code is [here](#)

## **VII. Upcoming Dates/Announcements**

### **A. Next ECS Board Meeting**

- January 26, 2021 at 5pm (proposed)

### **B. Next ECS Committee Meetings**

- Governance Committee - December 1, 2020 at 10:30am
- Audit Committee - December 4, 2020 at 10:30am
- Finance Committee - March 19, 2021 at 8:30am
- Facilities Committee - April 28, 2021 at 4:30pm
- Equity and Diversity Committee - date TBD

## **VIII. Closing Items**

- A.** Appreciations
- B.** Adjourn Meeting