

# **Environmental Charter Schools**

# **Board of Directors' Meeting**

By Teleconference/Zoom

# Date and Time

Thursday June 24, 2021 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: 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, 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-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.

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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

#### I. Opening Items

**Opening Items** 

- **A.** Record Attendance and Guests
- B. Call the Meeting to Order
- C. Approve the agenda
  - Version en español está aquí

#### 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. ECS leadership updates
- B. Principals Updates
- C. ECHS-Gardena Update
- D. EdTec financial review and budgets for 21/22
  - EdTec financial review
    - Financial Update
    - 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
  - 21/22 Budgets
    - ECS <u>consolidated budgets</u> and <u>rates</u>
    - ECHS-L
    - ECMS-G
    - <u>ECMS-I</u>
    - ECHS-G
- E. Development Update
  - Fundraising YTD update is here

#### IV. Study Session

A. 2021-2022 Budgets & LCAPs

#### V. Consent Items A-K

- A. Approve previous meeting minutes for May 25, 2021 special board meeting
- B. Approve previous committee meeting minutes
  - ECS Finance Committee Meeting Minutes 06-18-21 is here
- C. Approve check registers as recommended by Finance Committee
  - Check registers: November 2020, December 2020, January 2021, February 2021
  - Credit card statements: October 2020, November 2020, December 2020, January 2021
- **D.** Approve private donations over \$1,000 as recommended by Finance Committee
  - List of private donations is <u>here</u>
- E. Approve 2021-2022 Education Protection Act Spending Plan and Resolution as recommended by Finance Committee
  - Education Protection Act Spending Plan is here
  - Education Protection Act Resolution is <u>here</u>
- F. Approve FY 2021-2022 contracts
  - ECHS-L CELP Fall 2021 outdoor education contracts
    - Staff analysis: costs increased by 3% from previous contract. No other substantive changes.
      - 9th Grade Group is here
      - 10th Grade Group 1 is <u>here</u>
      - 10th Grade Group 2 is <u>here</u>
  - VNS Janitorial Contracts for ECS sites

- Staff analysis: janitorial costs are in line with 21/22 school budgets. Costs were significantly reduced during 20/21 school year and are now restored to pre-pandemic levels.
  - ECHS-L is <u>here</u>
  - ECMS-G is <u>here</u>
  - ECMS-I is <u>here</u>
  - ECHS-G is <u>here</u>
- Special Education Master Contracts
  - Cross Country Education: ECHS-L, ECMS-G, ECMS-I, ECHS-G
  - EdLogical Corporation: <u>ECHS-L</u>, <u>ECMS-G</u>, <u>ECMS-I</u>, <u>ECHS-G</u>
  - Comprehensive Therapy Associates: ECHS-L, ECMS-G, ECMS-I, ECHS-G
  - The Stepping Stones Group: ECHS-L
- G. Accept ECS Tax Return Forms 990 and 199 as recommended by Finance Committee
  - ECS Tax Return Forms 990 and 199 is here
- H. Approve items related to \$600k ECS line of credit as recommended by Finance Committee
  *Line of Credit Expression of Interest previously recommended by Finance Committee and*

approved by board.

- Corporate Resolution to Borrow is <u>here</u>
- Business Loan Agreement is <u>here</u>
- Commercial Security Agreement is <u>here</u>
- Promissory Note is <u>here</u>
- I. Approve Resolution to Provide Authorization for Los Angeles County Office of Education to Issue Funds for ECHS-Gardena as recommended by Finance Committee
  - Resolution to Provide Authorization for Los Angeles County Office of Education to Issue Funds for ECHS-Gardena is <u>here</u>
- J. Approve Candidates' Participation on the Following Board Committees
  - ECS Board Committees and Terms 2021 2022 is here
- K. Approve 2021-2022 Board Terms and Officers

Approve Board Term Renewals as follows:

• Approve Jenina Ramirez as board member for 3-year term: Jul 01, 2021 - Jun 30, 2024

Approve Board Officers as follows:

- Anthony Jowid for President
- Ken Deemer for Vice President/Treasurer
- Denise Berger for Secretary

#### VI. Action Items

- A. Approve 2021-2022 LCAPs for ECHS, ECMS-G, ECMS-I, ECHS-G
  - Executive Summary is here
  - LCAP 2021-24
    - $\circ$  ECHS-Lawndale is <u>here</u>
    - ECMS-Gardena is here
    - ECMS-Inglewood is <u>here</u>
    - ECHS-Gardena is here
- **B.** Approve 2021-2022 Budgets for ECHS, ECMS-G, ECMS-I, ECHS-G as recommended by Finance Committee
  - Attached in Discussion Items / Updates Item III.D
- C. Approve 2021-2022 Local Indicators Report for all sites
  - 2021-2022 Local Indicators Report is here
- D. Approve 2021-2022 Board and Committee Calendar
  - 2021-2022 Board and Committee Calendar is here

## VII. Upcoming Dates/Announcements

A. Next ECS Board Meeting

• July 14, 2021 at 5pm (virtual board meeting)

- B. Next ECS Committee Meetings
  - Governance Committee August 24, 2021 at 10:30am
  - Finance Committee August 31, 2021 at 8:30am
  - Facilities Committee September 29, 2021 at 4:30pm
  - Audit Committee December 10, 2021

# VIII. Closing Items

- A. Appreciations
- B. Adjourn Meeting