



# Environmental Charter Schools

## Board of Directors' Meeting

By Teleconference/Zoom

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### Date and Time

Wed Jul 14, 2021 at 5:00 PM PDT

### Location

Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/147466498?pwd=MnB5Vk4aG41OEZ1dDdtcWoxQjV0dz09>

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.

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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. 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.

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**

### **I. Opening Items**

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#### **A. Record Attendance and Guests**

- Dr. Betsy Hamilton, Lawndale Elementary School District (LES D) Superintendent (attending as LES D board representative for current ECS board meeting) - see bio [here](#)

#### **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. ECHS-Lawndale Update**

### **C. ECHS-Gardena Update**

## **IV. Study Session**

### **A. Growth and Sustainability Committee Work: Update and Engage**

## **V. Consent Items A-M**

### **A. Approve previous meeting minutes for June 24, 2021 board meeting**

### **B. Approve Teachers on Special Assignment for 2021-22 School Year (Board Policy 32188)**

- Teachers on Special Assignment for 2021-22 School Year (Board Policy 32188) is [here](#)
  - M. Lewis, J. Milledge, D. Cristales, E. De Dios, R. Valles, T. Adway, J. Limon

### **C. Approve CL500 Declaration of Need for Fully Qualified Educators**

- CL500 Declaration of Need for Fully Qualified Educators is [here](#)
- D.** Approve ECS Employee Handbook 2021-2022
- ECS Employee Handbook with COVID-19 Addendum 2021-2022 is [here](#)
- E.** Approve ECHS-G LCAP Federal Addendum
- ECHS-G LCAP Federal Addendum is [here](#)
- F.** Approve ECHS-G Parent-Student Handbook 2021-2022
- ECHS-G Parent-Student Handbook 2021-2022 is [here](#)
- G.** Approve amended lease agreement for ECHS-G site
- Amended lease not to exceed \$2/square foot or additional \$3,400 per month.
- H.** Approve amendment to the ECS-Concordia Lutheran Church License Agreement with Shared Access and Premises
- Extends the term of existing ECMS-I license agreement to June 30, 2056.
    - Amendment is [here](#)
- I.** Approve ECS Board Member Jenina Ramirez as Menlo Charter Properties Board Member
- **Proposed:** Jenina Ramirez to be elected to the Menlo Charter Properties Board of Directors, effective July 14, 2021.
- J.** Approve revised ECS Board & Committee Calendar 2021-2022
- Revised ECS Board & Committee Calendar (marked changes) 2021-2022 is [here](#)
- K.** Approve FY 2021-2022 contracts
- Ricoh copiers renewal lease and service contracts for ECMS-G
    - Lease and service agreement is [here](#)

- Staff analysis: ECMS-G copiers reached end of life (5+ years). Ricoh renewal lease monthly cost is ~37% lower than previous lease for like copier models and cost per copy is the same as previous.
- Woodcraft Summer camp contract
  - Contract is [here](#)
    - Total cost: \$75,900

**L. Approve ECS bank account changes**

- Close the following bank accounts:
  - ECHS-L California Credit Union bank accounts ending in -2423, -1865
  - ECMS-G California Credit Union bank accounts ending in -3588, -3603
  - ECMS-I California Credit Union bank account ending in -8657
  - ECHS-G Comerica bank account ending in -4578
- Add Dr. Cindy Guardado as signer to ECHS-G Beneficial State Bank account

**M. Approve revised ECS Financial Policies**

- Revised ECS Financial Policies is [here](#)

**VI. Action Items**

**A. Approve 2021-2022 Consolidated Applications for ECHS, ECMS-G, ECMS-I, ECHS-G**

- Consolidated Application - 2021-2022 Application for Funding
  - ECHS-Lawndale is [here](#)
  - ECMS-Gardena is [here](#)
  - ECMS-Inglewood is [here](#)
  - ECHS-Gardena is [here](#)

**B. Approve 2021-2022 Academic Calendars for ECHS, ECMS-G, ECMS-I, ECHS-G**

- 2021-2022 Academic Calendars
  - ECHS-L & ECHS-G is [here](#)
  - ECMS-G & ECMS-I is [here](#)

**VII. Upcoming Dates/Announcements**

**A. Next ECS Board Meeting**

- September 9, 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**