



# Environmental Charter Schools

## Board of Directors' Meeting

By Teleconference/Zoom

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### Date and Time

Thu Dec 9, 2021 at 5:00 PM PST

### 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. 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**

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**

- Juan Santos, Lawndale Elementary School District (LESD) Assistant Superintendent, [Human Resources](#) (attending as LESD board representative for this ECS board meeting).

#### **B. Call the Meeting to Order**

#### **C. Approve the agenda**

- [Version en español](#)

**D. Opener**

**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. Introduction to 21/22 Strategic Priorities Benchmark Chart**

**B. ECS leadership updates**

- Instructional update
- Student services updates

**C. EdTec financial update**

- [Financial Update](#)
- [ECHS-L Income and Cash Flow Statements](#)
- [ECMS-G Income and Cash Flow Statements](#)
- [ECMS-I Income and Cash Flow Statements](#)
- [ECHS-G Income and Cash Flow Statements](#)
- [Balance Sheet as of 10/31/2021](#)

**IV. Consent Items A-J**

**A. Approve previous meeting minutes for 10/28/2021 board meeting**

- B.** Approve previous minutes for 12/3/2021 Finance Committee meeting
- C.** Approve check registers and credit card statements as recommended by Finance Committee
- 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.
- ECHS-L, ECMS-G and ECMS-I Check registers: [August 2021](#), [September 2021](#), [October 2021](#)
  - ECHS-L, ECMS-G and ECMS-I Credit card statements: [July 2021](#), [August 2021](#), [September 2021](#), [October 2021](#)
  - ECHS-G [July-October 2021 Check Registers](#) & [September-October 2021 Credit Card Statements](#) -- (not reviewed by Finance Committee)
- D.** Approve First Interim Reports as recommended by Finance Committee
- First Interim Financials
- [ECHS-L](#)
  - [ECMS-G](#)
  - [ECMS-I](#)
  - [ECHS-G](#)
- E.** Approve Educator Effectiveness Funds Plans as recommended by Finance Committee
- Educator Effectiveness Funds Plans
- [ECHS-L](#)
  - [ECMS-G](#)
  - [ECMS-I](#)
- F.** Approve revised ECMS-G & ECHS-L Parent Student Handbooks 2021-2022
- Tabled.
- G.** 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)

- M. Lewis, J. Milledge, D. Cristales, E. De Dios, R. Valles, T. Adway, J. Limon, M. Arayasirikul, B. Collins

**H.** Approve Board Resolution 2021-2022 #1 - Authorizing Remote Board Meetings

- [Board Resolution 2021-2022 #1 - Authorizing Remote Board Meetings](#)

**I.** Approve revised 21/22 ECS Academic Calendars

- [ECHS-L Academic Calendar](#)
  - Changed upcoming holiday (Cesar Chavez Day) to a school day to make up for school closure on 11/19/2021 due to bomb threat
  - Increased instructional minutes on 3/28/2022 to make up for minimum day on 10/25/2021 for rainy day schedule
  - ECHS-L still meets the CDE minimum of 64,800 instructional minutes
- [ECHS-G Academic Calendar](#)
  - Decreased instructional minutes on 3/17/2022 to allow for more one-on-one parent conferences in semester 2
  - ECHS-G still exceeds the CDE minimum by 1,230 instructional minutes
- [ECMS-I Academic Calendar](#)
  - Decreased instructional minutes on 12/17/2021 to reduce potential Covid exposure on the last day of the semester and to accommodate an on-campus pediatric Covid Vaccine Clinic
  - ECMS-I still exceeds the CDE minimum by 11,410 instructional minutes
- [ECMS-G Academic Calendar](#)
  - Decreased instructional minutes on 12/17/2021 to reduce potential Covid exposure on the last day of the semester
  - Decreased instructional minutes to accommodate an earlier pick up on PD Day in an effort to reduce potential Covid exposure during lunch on early release day. ECMS-G still exceeds the CDE minimum by ~11,395 instructional minutes
- [Comparison](#)

**J.** Approve revised ESSER III Expenditures Plans

- [Revised ESSER III Expenditure Plans](#) to account for increased funding allocations at each site

**V. Action Item**

**A.** Approve revised ECS Board & Committee Calendar 2021-2022

- [Revised ECS Board & Committee Calendar 2021-2022](#)
  - Added regular board meeting on February 24, 2022
  - Changed Audit Committee meeting date to December 14, 2021

## **VI. Upcoming Dates/Announcements**

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

- January 27, 2021 at 5pm (virtual board meeting)

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

- Audit Committee - December 14, 2021 at 12:30pm
- Governance Committee - January 18, 2022 at 10:30am
- Finance Committee - January 21, 2022 at 8:30am
- Facilities Committee - April 27, 2022 at 4:30pm

### **C. Appreciations**

## **VII. Transition to Closed Session**

### **A. Adjourn to Closed Session**

## **VIII. Closed Session**

### **A. Conference with Labor Negotiator (Government Code section 54957.6)**

- Agency Negotiator: Anthony Jowid
- Unrepresented Employee: Chief Executive Officer/Executive Director

## **IX. Report Out of Closed Session**

### **A. Oral Recommendation Regarding CEO's/ED's Salary and/or Fringe Benefits**

### **B. Ratification of CEO's/ED's Employment Agreement**

## **X. Closing Items**

**A. Adjourn Meeting**