



# Environmental Charter Schools

## Board of Directors' Meeting

By Teleconference/Zoom

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### Date and Time

Thu Jan 27, 2022 at 5:00 PM PST

### 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.

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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.

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### **REASONABLE ACCOMMODATION WILL BE PROVIDED FOR ANY INDIVIDUAL WITH A DISABILITY**

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### **FOR MORE INFORMATION**

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## **Agenda**

### **I. Opening Items**

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

- Travis Collier, Lawndale Elementary School District (LESD) Assistant Superintendent of [Educational Services](#) (attending as LESD board representative for this ECS board meeting).

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

**C. Approve the agenda**

- Version en español: <https://ecsonline.box.com/s/d3cojzrhioxm4cyr9843ysz4vm3yez9>

**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/Discussions**

**A. 21/22 Strategic Priorities Benchmark Chart Review**

**B. Health and Safety Update**

**C. ECMS-Gardena Proposed Park Expansion**

**IV. Consent Items A-I**

**A. Approve minutes for 12/9/2021 ECS Board Meeting**

**B. Approve minutes for 1/21/2022 ECS Special Facilities Committee meeting**

**C. Approve Board Resolution 2021-2022 #2 - Authorizing Remote Board Meetings**

- Board Resolution 2021-2022 #2 - Authorizing Remote Board Meetings:  
<https://ecsonline.box.com/s/rrwegc4hn3zeyvj1ojpwalgfjxmqqxej>

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

- Revised ECS Board & Committee Calendar 2021-2022:  
<https://ecsonline.box.com/s/dor6wq13u98dmvn9co6a7482ghpoacvc>
  - Rescheduled Finance Committee meeting date to February 18, 2022

**E.** Approve revised ECMS-G & ECHS-L Parent Student Handbooks 2021-2022

- ECMS-Gardena: <https://ecsonline.box.com/s/i86jlh573yapq2z9kr5wohs2yrknkcha>

**F.** Approve School Accountability Report Cards (SARCs) for all sites

School Accountability Report Cards

- ECHS-Lawndale: <https://ecsonline.box.com/s/w45076liohvkdyn3qv3i7dh8ba1gw01a>
- ECMS-Gardena: <https://ecsonline.box.com/s/y46lyd8q3ud7mzd3qkoh0jo71y0ao0a8>
- ECMS-Inglewood: <https://ecsonline.box.com/s/mil8u4rnva3y97andyxynfctujw68cw>
- ECHS-Gardena: <https://ecsonline.box.com/s/cm7ao4cfrqjfe717fyagh1rdl9dj97y>

**G.** Approve FY20/21 Audit Report as Recommended by Audit Committee

- Required board communication letter:  
<https://ecsonline.box.com/s/0a0ze2safokjl4kkjodqnm3omt2pg45i>
- FY20/21 Audit Report: <https://ecsonline.box.com/s/t4e950chgjafksmf8dcm4v85a3e61muo>
  - Audit report summary: No audit findings or exceptions. No management recommendations.

**H.** Approve Menlo Charter Properties to enter into an agreement to purchase the property at 809-813 W 165th Pl, Gardena, CA 90247 with the understanding that ECMS-Gardena will lease this additional space to support its outdoor learning program as recommended by Facilities Committee

**I.** Approve ECMS-Gardena to work with Menlo 165th LLC to renegotiate its current lease agreement to include the property at 809-813 W 165th Pl, Gardena, CA 90247 without increasing its projected yearly rents as recommended by Facilities Committee

**V. Action Item**

**A.** Approve N-3-22 Written Finding allowing temporary staffing flexibility

- N-3-22 Written Finding allowing temporary staffing flexibility:  
<https://ecsonline.box.com/s/1ufxzgtxd4bsllwyld0kzd1jomatc54c>

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

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

- February 24, 2022 at 5pm (virtual board meeting)

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

- Finance Committee - February 18, 2022 at 8:30am
- Facilities Committee - April 27, 2022 at 4:30pm
- Governance Committee - May 17, 2022 at 10:30am

### **C. Appreciations**

## **VII. Closing Items**

### **A. Adjourn Meeting**