



# Environmental Charter Schools

## Board of Directors' Meeting

By Teleconference/Zoom

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### Date and Time

Thu Aug 4, 2022 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

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ECS Board Members	Term and End Date
Mr. Anthony Jowid, 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

Ms. Alison Diaz, Director of Growth and Sustainability (Facilities)

Dr. Beth Bernstein-Yamashiro, Director of Principal Development/Principal Coach  
Ms. Tracy Bondi, Director of Finance  
Mr. Jeremiah David, Director of Compliance and Operations  
Ms. Sarah Jamieson, Director of Human Resources  
Mr. Michael Martucci, Director of Student Services  
Ms. Jen Fenton, Director of Health and Safety  
Ms. Lucia Bañuelos, 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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#### **FOR MORE INFORMATION**

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## **Agenda**

### **I. Opening Items**

Opening Items

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

- Gretchen Janson, Ed.D., Lawndale Elementary School District (LESD) Assistant Superintendent, [Business Services](#) (attending as LESD board representative for this ECS board meeting)

**B.** Call the Meeting to Order

**C.** Approve the agenda

## **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. Public Hearing**

**A.** Public Comment: Revised ECS - Safe Return to In Person Instruction and Continuity of Services Plan

- [Revised ECS - Safe Return to In Person Instruction and Continuity of Services Plan](#)

## **IV. Consent Items A-K**

**A.** Approve Board Resolution 2022-2023 #1 - Authorizing Remote Board Meetings

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**B.** Approve minutes for 6/23/2022 ECS board meeting

- C. Approve revised ECS - Safe Return to In Person Instruction and Continuity of Services Plan
  - Attached in previous agenda item II.A
  
- D. Approve revised 2022-2023 Board & Committee Calendar
  - [Revised 2022-2023 Board & Committee Calendar](#) (tracked changes)
  
- E. Approve FY 2022-23 contract(s)
  - ECHS-L NAL Fall 2021 outdoor education contracts
    - Staff analysis: outdoor education trip costs are in line with ECHS-L 22/23 school budget.
      - [10th-grade contract](#)
      - [11th-grade contract](#)
  - ECS VNS janitorial contracts
    - Staff analysis: janitorial costs are in line with 22/23 school budgets.
      - [ECHS-Lawndale](#)
      - [ECMS-Gardena](#)
      - [ECMS-Inglewood](#)
      - [ECHS-Gardena](#)
  - [ECHS-L VNS Maintenance contract](#)
    - Staff analysis: maintenance contract for daytime services provided in conjunction with janitorial services
  - ECS Special Education provider contract renewals
    - Staff analysis: providers to be renewed after vetting by Director of Student Services Michael Martucci
      - [AJP Educational Services](#)
      - [Comprehensive Therapy Associates](#)
      - [Cross Country Education](#)
      - [EdLogical Corporation](#)
      - [Psyched Services](#)
      - [Stepping Stones Group](#)
      - [Total Education Solutions](#)
  - [ECS Ensemble Learning English Language Development Consulting Contract](#)
    - Staff analysis: consultant vetted and selected by Director of Student Services Michael Martucci
  - Woodcraft Rangers After-School Program Contract
    - Staff analysis: After-school contract renewal matching annually awarded ASES grant amount

- [ECMS-Inglewood](#)
  - [WestEd Reading Apprenticeship Contract](#) (approval in arrears: time of the essence--July board meeting postponed to August)
  - [ECHS-G HVAC repair/replacement proposal](#) (approval in arrears: time of the essence to complete A/C work before the start of the school year)
  - [ECHS-G Edgenuity Virtual Spanish Teacher Program Quote](#) (staff analysis: ECS instructional leadership approved this virtual curriculum option needed to fulfill ECHS-G student learning needs)
- F.** Approve ECHS-Gardena to purchase one (1) school van up to \$45,000
- Proposed: ECHS-Gardena is seeking to purchase one (1) school van at a maximum cost of \$45,000 to transport students to offsite curricular and athletic programs. ECHS-Gardena does not currently own a school van.
- G.** Approve revised Independent Study Policy 2022-2023
- [Revised Independent Study Policy 2022-2023](#) (tracked changes)
- H.** Approve Parent-Student Handbook(s)
- [ECHS-Gardena](#)
  - [ECHS-Lawndale](#)
- I.** Approve sale or disposition of ECS technology equipment
- [ECS e-waste list](#)
- J.** Approve revised Academic Calendars 2022-2023
- Revised Academic Calendars 2022-2023
    - [ECHS-Lawndale](#)
      - Decrease from 176 days to 175, which meets the CDE minimum # of instructional days for charter schools
      - Decrease in total instructional minutes from 65,600 to 65,248, which still exceeds the CDE minimum # of instructional minutes for high schools (64,800) by 448 minutes
    - [ECHS-Gardena](#)

- Increase in total instructional minutes from 65,200 to 66,070, which now exceeds the CDE minimum # of instructional minutes for high schools (64,800) by 1,270 minutes
- [Comparison Sheet](#)

**K.** Approve Consolidated Applications for ECHS-L, ECMS-G, ECMS-I, ECHS-G

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

**V. Action Item**

**A.** Approve ECS Employee Handbook 2022-2023

- [ECS Employee Handbook 2022-2023](#) (tracked changes)

**B.** Approve Teachers on Special Assignment for 2022-23 School Year (Board Policy 32188)

- [Teachers on Special Assignment for 2022-23 School Year](#) (Board Policy 32188)

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

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**VI. Upcoming Dates/Announcements**

**A.** Next ECS Board Meeting

- September 22, 2022 at 5pm (planned to be a virtual board meeting)
  - Virtual board meetings will continue to be held only until the declared State of Emergency in California due to COVID-19 is lifted at a future date.

**B.** Next ECS Committee Meetings

- Facilities Committee - September 28, 2022 at 4:30pm
- Governance Committee - October 11, 2022 at 10:30am

- Audit Committee - December 14, 2022 at 1pm
- Finance Committee - January 20, 2023 at 8:30am

**C.** Appreciations

**VII. Closing Items**

**A.** Adjourn Meeting