



# Environmental Charter Schools

## Board of Directors' Meeting

In-Person at ECS Home Office

### Date and Time

Thu Mar 16, 2023 at 5:00 PM PDT

### Location

**In-person location:** ECS Home Office - 2625 Manhattan Beach Blvd #100, Redondo Beach, CA 90278

**Two-way teleconference locations:** 2741 Peachwood Circle, Corona, CA 92882 / 1100 Shasta Avenue, San Jose, CA 95126

ECS Board Members	Term	and	End Date
Mr. Anthony Jowid, President.....	3 years		June 30, 2025
Dr. Betsy Hamilton, Vice President.....	3 years		June 30, 2025
Dr. Denise Berger, Secretary.....	3 years		June 30, 2023
Ms. Zena Fong.....	3 years		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
Mr. Herb Sims.....	3 years		June 30, 2025
Mr. Mason Williams.....	3 years		June 30, 2025
Lawndale Elementary School District Representative, Rotating Position			

### ECS Staff

- Ms. Farnaz Golshani-Flechner, Superintendent
- Ms. Danielle Kelsick, Deputy Superintendent of Instruction
- Ms. Alison Diaz, Director of Growth and Sustainability (Facilities)

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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**Agenda**

	Purpose	Presenter	Time
<b>I. Opening Items</b>			<b>5:00 PM</b>
Opening Items			
<b>A. Record attendance and guests</b>		Anthony Jowid	1 m
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Thelma Gonzalez, Director of Student Support Services  <a href="https://www.lawndalesd.net/sss">           (https://www.lawndalesd.net/sss)         </a> </li> </ul>		

	Purpose	Presenter	Time
<b>B.</b> Call the Meeting to Order		Anthony Jowid	1 m
<b>C.</b> Approve the agenda	Vote	Anthony Jowid	1 m

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## **II. Presentations from the Floor** **5:03 PM**

- A.** Presentations from the floor on non-agenda Items FYI

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- B.** Presentations from the floor on agenda items FYI

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## **III. Discussion Items / Updates** **5:03 PM**

- A.** Opener Discuss Farnaz Golshani-Flechner 10 m

- B.** ECMS principals update FYI ECMS principals 20 m

- ECMS-Inglewood
- ECMS-Gardena

## **IV. Consent Items A-J** **5:33 PM**

- A.** Approve 1/26/2023 board meeting minutes Approve Minutes Jeremiah David 3 m

- [1/26/2023 board meeting minutes](#)

	Purpose	Presenter	Time
<p><b>B.</b> Approve LACOE Certification of Signatures 2022-2023</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">LACOE Certification of Signatures 2022-2023</a></li> </ul>	Vote	Jeremiah David	
<p><b>C.</b> Approve private donations over \$1,000</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">List of private donations over \$1,000</a></li> </ul>	Vote	Tracy Bondi	
<p><b>D.</b> Approve contracts</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">ECMSG - Beach Cities Learning Special Education Service Provider Master Contract 2022-2023</a> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Staff analysis: additional SPED service provider support identified and contract vetted by Director of Student Services Michael Martucci. Approval in arrears proposed due to time being of the essence between January and March board meetings.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• FY23 E-Rate Program-awarded <a href="#">Charter School Tech contract</a> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Staff analysis: contract for networking equipment/installation upgrades and managed internal broadband services as awarded through E-Rate program. Contract costs reflected are before E-Rate discount of 85% from the vendor's costs.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	Vote	Jeremiah David	
<p><b>E.</b> Approve Second Interim Financials for ECHSL, ECMSG, ECMSI, ECHSG</p> <p><b>Second Interim Financials:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">ECHSL</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">ECMSG</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">ECMSI</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">ECHSG</a></li> </ul>	Vote	Tracy Bondi	
<p><b>F.</b> Approve ECS Tax Return Forms 990 and 199</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">ECS Tax Return Forms 990 and 199 (drafts)</a></li> </ul>	Vote	Tracy Bondi / Jeremiah David	

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	◦ Prepared by accounting firm CliftonLarsenAllen, reviewed by ECS management		
<b>G.</b>	Approve updated Safe Schools Plans for ECHSL, ECMSG, ECMSI, ECHSG	Vote	Jeremiah David
<b>Annually required updates to Safe Schools Plans:</b>			
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">ECHSL</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">ECMSG</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">ECMSI</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">ECHSG</a></li> </ul>		
<b>H.</b>	Approve sale or disposal of ECS e-waste (surplus technology equipment)	Vote	Jeremiah David
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">List of ECS e-waste</a> (surplus technology equipment)</li> </ul>		
<b>I.</b>	Approve MOA with LA Parks and Recreation Department for Facility Use	Vote	Jeremiah David
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Memorandum of Understanding with LA Parks and Recreation Department for Facility Use</a> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Approval of this action will allow ECS to execute this Memorandum of Agreement for day-use and extended, recurring use of LA County parks and facilities.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>		
<b>J.</b>	Approve revised ECHS-L Academic Calendar 2022-2023	Vote	Danielle Kelsick
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Revised ECHS-L Academic Calendar 2022-2023</a> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Total # of instructional minutes reduced from 65,248 to 64,848 for 11th Grade and from 65,248 to 64,803 for 12th Grade <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Total # of instruction minutes remains 65,248 for Grades 9-10</li> </ul> </li> <li>◦ ECHS-L still exceeds the minimum # of instructional minutes by 48 for 11th Grade and by 3 for 12th Grade <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Overage for Grades 9-10 remains 448 minutes</li> </ul> </li> <li>◦ No change to number of instructional days</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <a href="#">Changes and impact described including comparison chart</a></li> </ul>		

	Purpose	Presenter	Time
<b>V. Upcoming Dates/Announcements</b>			<b>5:36 PM</b>
<b>A. Next ECS Board Meeting</b>	FYI	Farnaz Golshani-Flechner	1 m
			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• June 22, 2023 at 5pm (in-person board meeting)</li> </ul>
<b>B. Next ECS Committee Meetings</b>	FYI	Farnaz Golshani-Flechner	1 m
			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Facilities Committee - April 26, 2023 at 4:30pm</li> <li>• Governance Committee - June 6, 2023 at 10:30am</li> <li>• Finance Committee - June 16, 2023 at 8:30am</li> </ul>
<b>C. Appreciations</b>	Discuss	All Attendees	2 m
<b>VI. Transition to Closed Session</b>			<b>5:40 PM</b>
<b>A. Adjourn to Closed Session</b>	Vote	Anthony Jowid	1 m
<b>VII. Closed Session</b>			<b>5:41 PM</b>
<b>A. PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION</b>	Discuss	Anthony Jowid	55 m
			Title: Superintendent
<b>B. Conference with Labor Negotiator (Government Code section 54957.6)</b>	Vote	Anthony Jowid	5 m
			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Agency Negotiator: Anthony Jowid</li> <li>• Unrepresented Employee: Superintendent</li> </ul>
<b>VIII. Report Out of Closed Session</b>			<b>6:41 PM</b>
<b>A. Oral Recommendation Regarding CEO's/ED's Salary and/or Fringe Benefits</b>	FYI	Anthony Jowid	1 m
			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">EdTec comparison compensation analysis</a> (ECS is School B)</li> </ul>

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<b>B.</b> Ratification of CEO's/ED's Employment Agreement	Vote	Anthony Jowid	4 m
<b>IX. Closing Items</b>			<b>6:46 PM</b>
<b>A.</b> Adjourn Meeting	Vote	Anthony Jowid	1 m