



Environmental Charter Schools

Board of Directors' Meeting

By Teleconference/Zoom

Date and Time

Thursday August 3, 2023 at 5:00 PM PDT

Location

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OR

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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, 2026
Ms. Zena Fong.....	3 years		June 30, 2026
Ms. Jenina Ramirez.....	3 years		June 30, 2024
Dr. Madhu Chatwani.....	3 years		June 30, 2026
Mr. Kennedy Hilario.....	3 years		June 30, 2026
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. Tracy Bondi, Director of Finance
Mr. Jeremiah David, Director of Compliance and Operations
Ms. Sarah Jamieson, Director of Human Resources
Ms. Jen Fenton, Director of Strategic Initiatives
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.

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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Agenda

	Purpose	Presenter	Time
I. Opening Items			5:00 PM
Opening Items			
A. Record attendance and guests		Anthony Jowid	1 m

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

V. Consent Items A-G **5:23 PM**

A. Approve 6/22/2023 board meeting minutes Approve Minutes Jeremiah David 2 m

- [6/22/2023 board meeting minutes](#)

B. Approve contracts Vote Jeremiah David

1. [WestEd Reading Apprenticeship PD Contract](#)
 1. Staff analysis: Annual teacher PD contract. Approval in arrears proposed due to time being of the essence between board meetings.
2. [KC Fabiero Data Consulting Agreement - Fall 2023](#)
 1. Staff analysis: data consulting services including but not limited to: providing data deliverables (standardized testing, site-based assessments, grade book data, climate, etc.), PD collaboration with Deputy Superintendent of Instruction, compliance reports such as WASC, LCAP, SPSA, onboarding supports for the new Director of Student Services, and coordinating services with Ensemble.
3. [ECMS-Inglewood Woodcraft Rangers After-School Program Contract](#)
 1. Staff analysis: After-school contract renewal matching annually awarded ASES grant amount
4. [ECMS-Gardena Boys & Girls Club of the Los Angeles Harbor After-School Program Contract](#)
 1. Staff analysis: After-school contract renewal matching annually awarded ASES grant amount

C. Approve 2023-2024 ECS Employee Handbook Vote Sarah Jamieson & Jeremiah David

- [2023-2024 ECS Employee Handbook](#)
 - Summary of changes:
 - Added sections on religious accommodation and other accommodations (p.10)
 - Added cyberbullying prohibition (p.15)

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Removed Genetic Information Nondiscrimination Act section (originally p.20) ▪ Revised and condensed stipend policy details (p.24) ▪ Combined leaves of absences into one section (p.42-56) ▪ Added sections on inclement weather and emergency conditions (p.61-62) 		
D.	Approve Consolidated Applications for all ECS schools	Vote	Tracy Bondi
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ECHS-Lawndale • ECMS-Gardena • ECMS-Inglewood • ECHS-Gardena 		
E.	Approve revised ECS - Safe Return to In Person Instruction and Continuity of Services Plan	Vote	Jennifer Fenton & Jeremiah David
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attached in previous agenda item IV.A 		
F.	Approve sale or disposal of ECS e-waste (surplus technology equipment)	Vote	Jeremiah David
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • List of ECS e-waste (surplus technology equipment) 		
G.	Approve revised ECHS-G Academic Calendar 2023-2024	Vote	Danielle Kelsick
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Revised ECHS-G Academic Calendar 2023-2024 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ The team revised the bell schedule to meet better address stakeholder feedback about the length of the school day. ◦ The result is a reduction in the total number of instructional minutes from 66,325 to 65,610. ◦ The school's total number of instructional minutes still exceeds the CDE's minimum requirement by 810 minutes. ◦ The adjusted total instructional minutes exceeds the figure for last year. 		

VI. Action Items

5:25 PM

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A. Approve Teachers on Special Assignment for 2023-24 School Year (Board Policy 32188)	Vote	Sarah Jamieson	2 m
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Teachers on Special Assignment for 2023-24 School Year (Board Policy 32188) 			
B. Approve CL 500 Declaration of Need	Vote	Sarah Jamieson	2 m
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CL 500 Declaration of Need 			
VII. Upcoming Dates/Announcements			5:29 PM
A. Next ECS Board Meeting	FYI	Farnaz Golshani-Flechner	1 m
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • September 21, 2023 at 5pm (in-person board meeting) 			
B. Next ECS Committee Meetings	FYI	Farnaz Golshani-Flechner	1 m
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Finance Committee - September 15, 2023 at 8:30am • Facilities Committee - September 27, 2023 at 4:30pm • Governance Committee - October 10, 2023 at 10:30am • Audit Committee - December 6, 2023 at 1:00pm 			
VIII. Transition to Closed Session			5:31 PM
A. Adjourn to Closed Session	Vote	Anthony Jowid	1 m
IX. Closed Session			5:32 PM
A. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL—ANTICIPATED LITIGATION	Discuss	Farnaz Golshani-Flechner	10 m
<p>Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to paragraph (2) or (3) of subdivision (d) of Section 54956.9: 1</p>			
X. Report Out of Closed Session			5:42 PM
A. Report Out	FYI	Anthony Jowid	1 m

	Purpose	Presenter	Time
XI. Closing Items			5:43 PM
A. Appreciations	Discuss	All Attendees	1 m
B. Adjourn Meeting	Vote	Anthony Jowid	1 m