



# Environmental Charter Schools

## Board of Directors' Meeting

In-Person at ECS Home Office

### Date and Time

Thursday November 30, 2023 at 5:00 PM PST

### Location

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

**Two-way teleconference locations:** 1100 Shasta Avenue, San Jose, CA 95126 / 3011 Elm Ave, Manhattan Beach, CA 90266

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 & Operations  
Ms. Sarah Jamieson, Director of Human Resources  
Ms. Jen Fenton, Director of Strategic Initiatives  
Dr. Shalene Wright, Director of SpEd and English Language Development  
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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**REASONABLE ACCOMMODATION WILL BE PROVIDED FOR ANY INDIVIDUAL WITH A DISABILITY**

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**FOR MORE INFORMATION**

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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>• Tracy Pumilia, Asst. Superintendent of Educational Services  <a href="https://www.lawndalesd.net/departments/educational-services">           (https://www.lawndalesd.net/departments/educational-services)         </a> </li> </ul>		
<b>B. Call the Meeting to Order</b>		Anthony Jowid	1 m

	Purpose	Presenter	Time
<b>C.</b> Approve the agenda  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Versión en español</a></li> </ul>	Vote	Anthony Jowid	1 m
<b>D.</b> Opener	Discuss	Farnaz Golshani-Flechner	15 m
<b>II. Presentations from the Floor</b>			<b>5:18 PM</b>
<b>A.</b> Presentations from the floor on non-agenda Items  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).	FYI		6 m
<b>B.</b> Presentations from the floor on agenda items  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).	FYI		6 m
<b>III. Action Items</b>			<b>5:30 PM</b>
<b>A.</b> Action item: elect prospective board member Andrew Ellenbogen to ECS Board  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Andrew Ellenbogen               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ <a href="#">Board member application</a></li> <li>◦ <a href="#">Resume</a></li> <li>◦ <a href="#">Biography</a></li> </ul> </li> </ul>	Vote	Anthony Jowid	5 m
<b>B.</b> Action Item: Sunshine Proposals (Gov't Code § 3547(c))  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">EEU Sunshine Proposal</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">ECS Sunshine Proposal</a></li> </ul>	Vote		2 m

	Purpose	Presenter	Time
<b>IV. Consent Items A-F</b>			<b>5:37 PM</b>
<b>A.</b> Approve 9/21/2023 board meeting minutes	Approve Minutes	Jeremiah David	3 m
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">9/21/2023 board meeting minutes</a></li> </ul>			
<b>B.</b> Approve 10/20/2023 Governance Committee meeting minutes	Vote	Jeremiah David	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">10/20/2023 Governance Committee meeting minutes</a></li> </ul>			
<b>C.</b> Approve contracts	Vote	Jeremiah David	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <a href="#">ECS Larson Communications - Student Enrollment Digital Marketing Proposal</a> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Staff analysis: consulting service proposal for digital marketing and advertising for all ECS schools via social media and search engines. Contract cost within range of recommended student acquisition costs of \$200-500 per new student.</li> </ol> </li> <li>2. <a href="#">ECMS-G 7th Grade Santa Barbara Adventure Outdoor Education Trip Proposal</a> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Staff analysis: contract cost within school outdoor education budget.</li> </ol> </li> <li>3. <a href="#">ECMS-G 8th Grade Santa Barbara Adventure Outdoor Education Trip Proposal</a> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Staff analysis: contract cost within school outdoor education budget.</li> </ol> </li> </ol>			
<b>D.</b> Approve A-G Improvement Grant Plan	Vote	Danielle Kelsick	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">A-G Improvement Grant Plan</a> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Plan previously presented at the 9/21/2023 ECS board meeting</li> </ul> </li> </ul>			
<b>E.</b> Approve LACOE Instructional Program Reviews & Governance Review	Vote	ECS Principals / Jeremiah David & Farnaz Golshani-Flechner	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• LACOE Instructional Program Reviews of the following schools <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ <a href="#">ECMS-Gardena</a></li> <li>◦ <a href="#">ECMS-Inglewood</a></li> <li>◦ <a href="#">ECHS-Gardena</a></li> </ul> </li> </ul>			

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">LACOE Governance Review of ECS</a></li> </ul>			
<b>F.</b> Approve revised Board & Committee Calendar	Vote	Jeremiah David	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Revised Board &amp; Committee Calendar</a> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Change: Governance Committee meeting from 10/10/2023 to 10/20/2023</li> <li>◦ Add: Audit Committee meeting on 3/6/2024</li> </ul> </li> </ul>			
<b>V. Action Item</b>			<b>5:40 PM</b>
<b>A.</b> Approve FY23 Audit Report (draft)	Vote	Farnaz Golshani-Flechner, Tracy Bondi, & Jeremiah David	3 m
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• FY23 Audit Report (draft)</li> </ul>			
<b>VI. Upcoming Dates/Announcements</b>			<b>5:43 PM</b>
<b>A.</b> Next ECS Board Meeting	FYI	Farnaz Golshani-Flechner	1 m
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• January 25, 2024 at 5pm (in-person board meeting)</li> </ul>			
<b>B.</b> Next ECS Committee Meetings	FYI	Farnaz Golshani-Flechner	1 m
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Audit Committee - December 6, 2023 at 1:00pm</li> <li>• Finance Committee - January 19, 2024 at 8:30am</li> <li>• Facilities Committee - April 24, 2024 at 4:30pm</li> <li>• Governance Committee - June 4, 2024 at 10:30am</li> </ul>			
<b>C.</b> Appreciations	Discuss	All Attendees	2 m
<b>VII. Transition to Closed Session</b>			<b>5:47 PM</b>
<b>A.</b> Adjourn to Closed Session	Vote	Anthony Jowid	1 m
<b>VIII. Closed Session</b>			<b>5:48 PM</b>

	Purpose	Presenter	Time
<b>A. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL— ANTICIPATED LITIGATION</b>	Discuss		10 m
Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to paragraph (2) or (3) of subdivision (d) of Section 54956.9: 1			
<b>B. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS (Gov't Code §54957.6)</b>	Discuss		10 m
Agency Designated Representative: Robert Escalante			
Employee Organization: Environmental Educators United			
<b>IX. Report Out of Closed Session</b>			<b>6:08 PM</b>
<b>A. Report Out</b>	FYI	Anthony Jowid	1 m
<b>X. Closing Items</b>			<b>6:09 PM</b>
<b>A. Adjourn Meeting</b>	Vote	Anthony Jowid	1 m