



# Environmental Charter Schools

## Board of Directors' Meeting

In-Person at ECS Home Office

### Date and Time

Thursday June 20, 2024 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:** 1100 Shasta Avenue, San Jose, CA 95126 / 1 World Way, Los Angeles, CA 90045

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
Mr. Andrew Ellenbogen.....	3 years		June 30, 2026
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.

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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>		Dr. Betsy Hamilton	1 m
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dr. Howard Ho, Asst. Superintendent of Business Services  <a href="https://www.lawndalesd.net/departments/business-services">           (https://www.lawndalesd.net/departments/business-services)         </a> </li> </ul>		

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<b>B.</b> Call the Meeting to Order		Dr. Betsy Hamilton	1 m
<b>C.</b> Approve the agenda	Vote	Dr. Betsy Hamilton	1 m
		• <a href="#">Versión en español</a>	
<b>D.</b> Opener	Discuss	Farnaz Golshani-Flechner	10 m
<b>II. Presentations from the Floor</b>			<b>5:13 PM</b>
<b>A.</b> Presentations from the floor on non-agenda Items	FYI		10 m
		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).	
<b>B.</b> Presentations from the floor on agenda items	FYI		10 m
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<b>III. Discussion Items / Updates</b>			<b>5:33 PM</b>
<b>A.</b> 23/24 EdTec Financial Update and 24/25 Budgets Presentation	FYI	Dorothy Lee & Jair Ventura	20 m
		• 23/24 Financial Update <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ <a href="#">Financial Update</a></li> <li>◦ <a href="#">ECHS-L Financials</a></li> <li>◦ <a href="#">ECMS-G Financials</a></li> <li>◦ <a href="#">ECMS-I Financials</a></li> <li>◦ <a href="#">ECHS-G Financials</a></li> </ul>	
		• 24/25 Budgets <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ <a href="#">ECHS-Lawndale</a></li> </ul>	

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<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>			
<p><b>B.</b> ECHS-G school update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ECHS-G school update</li> </ul>	FYI	Dr. Cindy Guardado	10 m
<p><b>C.</b> 2024-25 Local Control and Accountability Plans Presentation for all ECS Schools</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2024-25 Local Control and Accountability Plans Presentation for all ECS Schools</li> </ul>	FYI	Jen Fenton & Farnaz Golshani-Flechner	20 m
<b>IV. Public Hearing</b>			<b>6:23 PM</b>
<p><b>A.</b> Public Hearing regarding the actions and expenditures proposed in each ECS schools' 24/25 Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">ECHS-Lawndale LCAP</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">ECMS-Gardena LCAP</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">ECMS-Inglewood LCAP</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">ECHS-Gardena LCAP</a></li> </ul>	FYI	Jen Fenton & Farnaz Golshani-Flechner	10 m
<b>V. Consent Items A-M</b>			<b>6:33 PM</b>
<p><b>A.</b> Approve 5/2/2024 board minutes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">5/2/2024 board meeting minutes</a></li> </ul>	Approve Minutes	Jeremiah David	3 m
<p><b>B.</b> Approve 6/14/2024 Finance Committee meeting minutes</p>	Approve Minutes	Jeremiah David	

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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">6/14/2024 Finance Committee meeting minutes</a></li> </ul>
<b>C.</b>	Approve private donations over \$1,000 as recommended by Finance Committee	Vote	Jen Fenton
			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">List of private donations over \$1,000</a></li> </ul>
<b>D.</b>	Approve check registers and credit card statements as recommended by Finance Committee	Vote	Tracy Bondi / Sarahai Garibay
<p><b>ECS management certification:</b> ECS management attests to having reviewed and approved the individual line items on the attached check registers and credit card statements in accordance with current ECS Financial Policies.</p>			
			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Check registers: <a href="#">April 2024</a>, <a href="#">May 2024</a></li> <li>• Beneficial State Bank credit card statements: <a href="#">April 2024</a>, <a href="#">May 2024</a></li> <li>• Ramp credit card statements: <a href="#">May 2024</a></li> </ul>
<b>E.</b>	Approve 2024-25 Education Protection Act Plan and Resolution as recommended by Finance Committee	Vote	Tracy Bondi
<p><b>2024-25 Education Protection Act</b></p>			
			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Spending Plan</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Resolution</a></li> </ul>
<b>F.</b>	Approve Prop 28 Arts and Music in Schools Funding Annual Report as recommended by Finance Committee	Vote	Tracy Bondi
			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Annual Report (Fiscal Year 2023-2024)</a></li> </ul>
<b>G.</b>	Approve contracts	Vote	Jeremiah David
			<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <a href="#">ECHS-G Summer 2024 Maintenance Work Proposals - Competitive Selection Summary</a></li> </ol>

A. Staff analysis: contract costs are within school maintenance budget. Recommendation to proceed with the negotiated contracts for the ECHS-G summer maintenance work, ensuring the best value and effective use of resources. See details in Competitive Selection Summary (linked above). Total estimated cost: \$121,645.

### **As recommended by Finance Committee**

2. [ECMSG](#) and [ECMSI](#) Pali Institute 6th Grade Outdoor Education Trip Contracts - Fall 2024

A. Staff analysis: contract cost within school outdoor education budget.

3. [ECHSL - NatureBridge 12th Grade Outdoor Education Trip Contract - Spring 2025](#)

A. Staff analysis: contract cost within school outdoor education budget.

4. [ECS - NWEA MAP Contract Renewal 2024-2025](#)

A. Staff analysis: educational testing software contract renewal. Per student costs flat from previous year.

5. [ECS - CCSA Membership Renewal 2024-2025](#)

A. Staff analysis: Annual California Charter Schools Association membership renewal. 3% increase to per student rate from previous year. CCSA membership (of which about 75% of charter schools in the state are members) provides the following crucial benefits to the ECS charter network:

- State-level charter advocacy in the Capitol, protecting schools and the health of the charter movement
- Renewal guidance and advocacy at the local level
- Forging strong connections between members through convening and networking opportunities

6. [ECS - PowerSchool Contract Renewal 2024-2025](#)

A. Staff analysis: Annual contract renewal for ECS's student information system. Increase of ~6% from previous year to account for inflationary pressures.

7. [ECS - College Bound 4 Kids Proposal - Camp ECMS 2024](#) (in arrears)

A. Staff analysis: contract cost within 24/25 ELO-P budget. Approval in arrears proposed due to time being of the essence between board meetings.

H. Approve 2023-24 revised Board & Committee Calendar  
Vote Jeremiah David

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Revised Board &amp; Committee Calendar</a> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Canceled: Governance Committee meeting on 6/4/2024</li> </ul> </li> </ul>		
I.	Elect Dr. Betsy Hamilton as board president	Vote	Farnaz Golshani-Flechner
	To replace outgoing board president Anthony Jowid, elect board officer as follows:		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dr. Betsy Hamilton as board president effective July 1, 2024</li> </ul>		
J.	Approve 3-year board term renewal (July 1, 2024 - June 30, 2027) for Jenina Ramirez	Vote	Farnaz Golshani-Flechner
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Renew board member Jenina Ramirez for 3-year board term (July 1, 2024 - June 30, 2027)</li> </ul>		
K.	Approve 2024-25 ECS Board Committees & Terms	Vote	Farnaz Golshani-Flechner
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">2024-2025 ECS Board Committees &amp; Terms</a></li> </ul>		
L.	Approve 2024-25 ECS Board & Committee Calendar	Vote	Farnaz Golshani-Flechner & Jeremiah David
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">2024-2025 ECS Board &amp; Committee Calendar</a></li> </ul>		
M.	Approve revised ECHS-L 2023-24 Academic Calendar	Vote	Danielle Kelsick
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Revised ECHS-L 2023-24 Academic Calendar</a> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Comparison chart and revision details on page 2</li> </ul> </li> </ul>		
<b>VI.</b>	<b>Action Items</b>		<b>6:36 PM</b>
A.	Approve 2024-25 Local Accountability and Control Plans for ECHS-L, ECMS-G, ECMS-I, ECHS-G	Vote	Jen Fenton & Farnaz Golshani-Flechner 5 m



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Attached in Public Hearing IV.A above.</li> </ul>			
<b>B.</b>	Approve 2024-25 budgets for ECHS-L, ECMS-G, ECMS-I, ECHS-G as recommended by Finance Committee	Vote	Tracy Bondi & Farnaz Golshani-Flechner	5 m
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Attached in Discussion Items / Updates III.A above</li> </ul>			
<b>C.</b>	Approve 2024 California School Dashboard Local Indicators for ECHS-L, ECMS-G, ECMS-I, ECHS-G	Vote	Robert Maxwell & Jeremiah David	3 m
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">2024 California School Dashboard Local Indicators for ECHS-L, ECMS-G, ECMS-I, ECHS-G</a></li> </ul>			
<b>D.</b>	Approve 2024-25 Academic Calendars for ECHS-L, ECMS-G, ECMS-I, ECHS-G	Vote	Danielle Kelsick	3 m
	<p><b>2024-25 Academic Calendars</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">ECHS-Lawndale</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">ECMS-Gardena</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">ECMS-Inglewood</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">ECHS-Gardena</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Comparison Chart</a></li> </ul>			

## Summary

- All 4 campuses will meet or exceed the CDE's minimum requirement of 175 instructional days in 2024-25.
  - ECMS-G and ECMS-I will have a total of 175 instructional days in 2024-25.
  - ECHS-L and ECHS-G will have 176 instructional days in 2024-25.
- Both high schools will exceed the CDE's minimum requirement of 64,800 instructional minutes in 2024-25.
  - ECHS-L will have 65,146 instructional minutes in 2024-25, exceeding the CDE's minimum requirement by 346 minutes.

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ ECHS-G will have 66,325 instructional minutes in 2024-25, exceeding the CDE's minimum requirement by 525 minutes.</li> <li>• Both middle schools will exceed the CDE's minimum requirement of 54,000 instructional minutes in 2024-25. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ ECMS-G will have 62,620 instructional minutes in 2024-25, exceeding the CDE's minimum requirement by 8,620 minutes.</li> <li>◦ ECMS-I will have 62,959 instructional minutes in 2024-25, exceeding the CDE's minimum requirement by 8,959 minutes</li> </ul> </li> </ul>			
<b>VII. Upcoming Dates/Announcements</b>			<b>6:52 PM</b>
<b>A. Next ECS Board Meeting</b>	FYI	Farnaz Golshani-Flechner	1 m
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• August 1, 2024 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>• Finance Committee - September 13, 2024 at 8:30am</li> <li>• Facilities Committee - September 18, 2024 at 4:30pm</li> <li>• Governance Committee - October 22, 2024 at 10:30am</li> <li>• Audit Committee - December 4, 2024 at 1:00pm</li> </ul>			
<b>C. Appreciations</b>	Discuss	All Attendees	2 m
<b>VIII. Transition to Closed Session</b>			<b>6:56 PM</b>
<b>A. Adjourn to Closed Session</b>	Vote	Dr. Betsy Hamilton	1 m
<b>IX. Closed Session</b>			<b>6:57 PM</b>
<b>A. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL— ANTICIPATED LITIGATION</b>	Discuss		5 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		5 m
Agency Designated Representative: Robert Escalante			

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Presenter

Time

Employee Organization: Environmental Educators United

<b>X.</b>	<b>Report Out of Closed Session</b>			<b>7:07 PM</b>
<b>A.</b>	Report Out	FYI	Dr. Betsy Hamilton	1 m
<b>XI.</b>	<b>Closing Items</b>			<b>7:08 PM</b>
<b>A.</b>	Adjourn Meeting	Vote	Dr. Betsy Hamilton	1 m