



# Environmental Charter Schools

## Board of Directors' Meeting

In-Person at ECS Home Office

### Date and Time

Thursday December 12, 2024 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 | 13885 Dogleg Lane, Broomfield, CO 80023 | 157 W. 111th St, New York | Malecon De La Reserva 615, Lima, Peru

ECS Board Members	Term	and	End Date
Dr. Betsy Hamilton, President.....	3 years		June 30, 2025
Dr. Denise Berger, Secretary.....	3 years		June 30, 2026
Mr. Anthony Jowid.....	3 years		June 30, 2025
Ms. Zena Fong.....	3 years		June 30, 2026
Ms. Jenina Ramirez.....	3 years		June 30, 2027
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.

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
<b>I. Opening Items</b>			<b>5:00 PM</b>
Opening Items			
<b>A. Record attendance and guests</b>		Dr. Betsy Hamilton	1 m

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Alberto Paredes, Director of Student Support Services (<a href="https://www.lawndalesd.net/departments/educational-services/student-support-services">https://www.lawndalesd.net/departments/educational-services/student-support-services</a>)</li> </ul>			
<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
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Versión en español</a></li> </ul>			
<b>D.</b> Opener	Discuss	Danielle Kelsick	5 m
<b>II. Presentations from the Floor</b>			<b>5:08 PM</b>
<b>A.</b> Presentations from the floor on non-agenda Items	FYI		10 m
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<b>III. Discussion Items / Updates</b>			<b>5:28 PM</b>
<b>A.</b> EdTec financial update	FYI	Dorothy Lee & Jair Ventura	30 m
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">EdTec financial update</a> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ <a href="#">ECHS-L financial statements</a></li> <li>◦ <a href="#">ECMS-G financial statements</a></li> <li>◦ <a href="#">ECMS-I financial statements</a></li> <li>◦ <a href="#">ECHS-G financial statements</a></li> </ul> </li> </ul>			

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<b>B.</b> California School Dashboard Comparison	Discuss	Danielle Kelsick	30 m

- [California School Dashboard Comparison](#)
  - Green background = Better performance than CA

#### IV. Consent Items A-J

6:28 PM

<b>A.</b> Approve 11/21/2024 special board meeting minutes	Approve Minutes	Jeremiah David	3 m
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- [11/21/2024 special board meeting minutes](#)

<b>B.</b> Approve 9/19/2024 board meeting minutes	Approve Minutes	Jeremiah David	
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- [9/19/2024 board meeting minutes](#)

<b>C.</b> Approve check registers and credit card statements	Vote	Tracy Bondi / Sarahai Garibay	
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**ECS management certification:** 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.

- Check registers: [September 2024](#), [October 2024](#)
- Beneficial State Bank credit card statements: [September 2024](#), [October 2024](#)
- Ramp credit card statements: [September 2024](#), [October 2024](#)

<b>D.</b> Approve contracts	Vote	Jeremiah David	
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#### 1. Green Water & Power - EV Charging Station Agreements

1. Purchase agreements: [ECHS-L](#), [ECMS-I](#), [ECMS-G](#), [ECHS-G](#)
2. Operation & Maintenance agreements: [ECHS-L](#), [ECMS-I](#), [ECMS-G](#), [ECHS-G](#)

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3. Staff analysis: Project to install two Level 2 electrical vehicle charging stations at each site (each charging station has 2 charging ports. Purchase agreements are contingent on award and receipt of funding from electric utility company rebate program covering 100% of charging station installation and permitting fees, and up to \$10,000/site for electrical power trenching (as needed). Costs of charging station maintenance and operation are covered with session surcharges paid by charging users per O&M agreements.

2. [NWEA - MAP contract renewal 2025-26](#)

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

3. Satoh Brothers - Comprehensive Window Replacement Design and Permitting Services at ECHS Lawndale Campus

1. [Contract](#)

2. Staff analysis: [Summary of Competitive Bid Process and Selection](#)

4. TadHealth Education EHR Software 3-Year Contract

1. [Contract](#)

2. Staff analysis: software provides a comprehensive digital platform for managing counseling services documentation, activity coordination, and billing to enable ECS to operate the SMAA Medi-Cal Fee Services program. The three-year software agreement totaling \$102,000 will be partially grant funded and for the balance of these fees over 100% is expected to be recouped by the Medi-Cal reimbursement revenues.

**E.** Approve revised 2024-25 Board & Committee Calendar      Vote      Jeremiah David

- Proposed [revised 2024-25 Board & Committee Calendar](#)
  - Audit Committee meeting rescheduled to 12/9/2024

**F.** Approve School Accountability Report Cards of School Year 2023-24      Vote      Jeremiah David & Robert Maxwell

The School Accountability Report Card (SARC) is an annual report that provides detailed information about a school's performance and condition, including student achievement, environment, resources, and demographics. The data reporting period is primarily School Year 2023-24 with most of the data generated from official state sources.

- [ECHS-L](#)

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">ECMS-G</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">ECMS-I</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">ECHS-G</a></li> </ul>			
<b>G.</b> Accept LACOE Governance & Instructional Program Reviews	Vote	Jeremiah David & Danielle Kelsick	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">LACOE Governance Review of ECS</a></li> <li>• LACOE Instructional Program Reviews: <a href="#">ECMSG</a>, <a href="#">ECMSI</a>, ECHSG</li> </ul>			
<b>H.</b> Approve Special Education Individual Educational Evaluation (IEE) Policy	Vote	Dr. Shalene Wright	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">ECS - Special Education Individual Educational Evaluation (IEE) Policy</a> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Closely adapted from El Dorado Charter SELPA's Sample IEE Policy and Individual Educational Evaluation Guidelines (last revised November 2024).</li> </ul> </li> </ul>			
<b>I.</b> Approve Alternate Diploma Pathway Policy	Vote	Dr. Shalene Wright	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Alternate Diploma Pathway Policy</a></li> </ul>			
<b>J.</b> Approve 12/9/2024 audit committee meeting minutes	Approve Minutes	Jeremiah David	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">12/9/2024 audit committee meeting minutes</a></li> </ul>			
<b>V. Action Items</b>			<b>6:31 PM</b>
<b>A.</b> Approve First Interim Financial Reports for ECHS-L, ECMS-I, ECMS-G, ECHS-G	Vote	Tracy Bondi & Dorothy Lee	5 m
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• First Interim Financial Reports             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ <a href="#">ECHS-L</a></li> <li>◦ <a href="#">ECMS-G</a></li> <li>◦ <a href="#">ECMS-I</a></li> </ul> </li> </ul>			

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ <a href="#">ECHS-G</a></li> </ul>			
<b>B.</b> Approve ECS Fifth Amended Bylaws	Vote	Jeremiah David	5 m
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">ECS Fifth Amended Bylaws</a> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Pgs. 6-7: to conform with Education Code Section 54952.6 on board voting approval requirements</li> <li>◦ Pg. 10: to clearly delineate difference between President and Superintendent roles, specifying that the President will preside over ECS board meetings and Superintendent will serve as the chief executive officer and executive director of the corporation.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>			
<b>C.</b> Approve FY 2023-24 Audit Report as Recommended by Audit Committee	Vote	Jeremiah David & Tracy Bondi	5 m
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">2023-24 audit report</a> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ No findings (material weaknesses or significant deficiency) or areas of concern.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <a href="#">Required board communication</a></li> </ul>			
<b>VI. Upcoming Dates/Announcements</b>			<b>6:46 PM</b>
<b>A.</b> Next ECS Board Meeting	FYI	Danielle Kelsick	1 m
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Thursday, February 27, 2024 @ 5pm</li> </ul>			
<b>B.</b> Next ECS Committee Meetings	FYI	Danielle Kelsick	1 m
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Finance Committee - June 13, 2025 @ 8:30am</li> </ul>			
<b>C.</b> Appreciations	Discuss	All Attendees	1 m
<b>VII. Transition to Closed Session</b>			<b>6:49 PM</b>
<b>A.</b> Adjourn to Closed Session	Vote	Dr. Betsy Hamilton	1 m
<b>VIII. Closed Session</b>			<b>6:50 PM</b>



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<b>A.</b> CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION (Gov't Code § 54956.9)  Name of Case: Environmental Educators United, CTA/NEA v. Environmental Charter Schools. Case No. LA-CE-6934-E.	Discuss		10 m
<b>B.</b> CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS (Gov't Code §54957.6)  Agency Designated Representative: Robert Escalante  Employee Organization: Environmental Educators United	Discuss		10 m
<b>IX. Report Out of Closed Session</b>			<b>7:10 PM</b>
<b>A.</b> Report Out	FYI	Dr. Betsy Hamilton	1 m
<b>X. Closing Items</b>			<b>7:11 PM</b>
<b>A.</b> Adjourn Meeting	Vote	Dr. Betsy Hamilton	1 m