



Environmental Charter Schools

Board of Directors' Meeting

In-Person at ECS Home Office

Date and Time

Thursday May 15, 2025 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 | 13885 Dogleg Lane, Broomfield, CO 80023 | 1 Saarinen Cir, Dulles, VA 20166

ECS Board Members	Term and End Date
Dr. Betsy Hamilton, President.....	3 years June 30, 2025
Dr. Denise Berger,	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. Danielle Kelsick, Superintendent

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 & English Language Development
Mr. Cesar Delgado, Director of Student Wellness
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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FOR MORE INFORMATION

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Agenda

	Purpose	Presenter	Time
I. Opening Items			5:00 PM
Opening Items			
A. Record attendance and guests		Dr. Betsy Hamilton	1 m
B. Call the Meeting to Order		Dr. Betsy Hamilton	1 m

	Purpose	Presenter	Time
C. Approve the agenda	Vote	Dr. Betsy Hamilton	1 m
• Versión en español			
D. Opener	Discuss	Danielle Kelsick	5 m
II. Presentations from the Floor			5:08 PM
A. Presentations from the floor on non-agenda Items	FYI		10 m
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B. Presentations from the floor on agenda items	FYI		10 m
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III. Discussion Items / Updates			5:28 PM
A. Superintendent update	FYI	Danielle Kelsick	10 m
B. EdTec financial update	FYI	Dorothy Lee & Jair Ventura	20 m
• EdTec financial update			
◦ ECHS-L financial statements			
◦ ECMS-G financial statements			
◦ ECMS-I financial statements			
◦ ECHS-G financial statements			
IV. Consent Items A-H			5:58 PM
A. Approve 2/27/2025 board meeting minutes	Approve Minutes	Jeremiah David	3 m

	Purpose	Presenter	Time
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2/27/2025 board meeting minutes 			
B.	Approve private donations over \$1,000	Vote	Jen Fenton
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Private donations over \$1,000 			
C.	Approve check registers and credit card statements	Vote	Tracy Bondi / Sarahai Garibay
<p>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 ECS Financial Policies.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Check registers: February 2025, March 2025, April 2025 • Credit card statements: February 2025, March 2025, April 2025 			
D.	Approve Danielle Kelsick as authorized signer for Beneficial State Bank accounts	Vote	Tracy Bondi
<p>Purpose: to add newly appointed ECS Superintendent Danielle Kelsick as authorized signer for Beneficial State Bank accounts ending in -806, -796, -593, -580, -408</p>			
E.	Approve closure of Comerica bank account	Vote	Tracy Bondi
<p>Purpose: to close Comerica bank account ending in 578. Account no longer in use.</p>			
F.	Approve contracts	Vote	Jeremiah David
<p>1. ECMSI - ADEP Precision Contracting materials removal contract</p> <p>A. Staff analysis: Removal and disposal of asbestos-containing materials (ACM) at ECMS-I. This is part of the project to renovate former church spaces from last year's property purchase of ECMS-I location. Competitive bids analysis attached.</p> <p><i>Approval in arrears--time of the essence between ECS board meetings:</i></p> <p>2. ECMSG and ECMSI Pali Institute 6th Grade Outdoor Education Trip Contracts - Fall 2025</p> <p>A. Staff analysis: contract cost within school outdoor education budget.</p>			

	Purpose	Presenter	Time
3.	ECHSL and ECHSG - CIC 9th Grade Outdoor Education Trip Contracts - Fall 2025 A. Staff analysis: contract cost within school outdoor education budget.		
4.	ECHSL and ECHSG - Naturebridge 12th Grade Outdoor Education Trip Contracts - Spring 2026 A. Staff analysis: contract cost within school outdoor education budget.		
5.	LASPS SLP SPED Provider Contract 2024-25 A. Staff analysis: LASPS SLP SPED Provider Contract 2024-25 vetted by Dr. Shalene Wright, Director of SpEd and English Language Development.		
6.	ECHSG - MTSE Comprehensive Sexual Education Contract 2024-25 A. Staff analysis: budgeted cost for comprehensive sexual education curriculum and services at ECHS-G.		

G.	Approve revised ECS Expulsion Hearing Committee Guidelines	Vote	Jeremiah David
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- [Revised ECS Expulsion Hearing Committee Guidelines](#)

H.	Approve ECS/MCP & LLCs Tax Returns (Forms 990 and 199)	Vote	Tracy Bondi & Jeremiah David
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Prepared by accounting firm Christy White, reviewed by ECS management

- [ECS 990/199](#)
- [MCP 990/199](#)
- [Lawndale LLC 199](#)
- [Menlo 165th Place LLC 199](#)
- [Yukon LLC 199](#)
- [MBB & Gardena LLC 199](#)

V.	Action Item			6:01 PM
A.	Approve ECS Academic Calendars 2025-26 2025-26 Academic Calendars	Vote	Danielle Kelsick	3 m
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ECHS-Lawndale 			

	Purpose	Presenter	Time
• ECMS-Gardena			
• ECMS-Inglewood			
• ECHS-Gardena			
• Comparison Chart			

Summary

- All 4 campuses will meet or exceed the CDE's minimum requirement of 175 instructional days in 2025-26.
 - ECMS-G and ECMS-I will have 175 instructional days each in 2025-26.
 - ECHS-L and ECHS-G will have 176 instructional days each in 2025-26.
- Both high schools will exceed the CDE's minimum requirement of 64,800 instructional minutes in 2025-26.
 - ECHS-L will have 65,189 instructional minutes in 2025-26, exceeding the CDE's minimum requirement by 389 minutes.
 - ECHS-G will have 66,735 instructional minutes in 2025-26, exceeding the CDE's minimum requirement by 1,935 minutes.
- Both middle schools will exceed the CDE's minimum requirement of 54,000 instructional minutes in 2025-26.
 - ECMS-G will have 62,430 instructional minutes in 2025-26, exceeding the CDE's minimum requirement by 8,430 minutes.
 - ECMS-I will have 63,013 instructional minutes in 2025-26, exceeding the CDE's minimum requirement by 9,013 minutes

VI.	Upcoming Dates/Announcements			6:04 PM
A.	Next ECS Board Meeting	FYI	Danielle Kelsick	1 m
	• Wednesday, June 18, 2025 @ 5pm			
B.	Next ECS Committee Meetings	FYI	Danielle Kelsick	1 m
	• Finance Committee - June 13, 2025 @ 8:30am			
C.	Appreciations	Discuss	All Attendees	1 m
VII.	Transition to Closed Session			6:07 PM

	Purpose	Presenter	Time
A. Adjourn to Closed Session	Vote	Dr. Betsy Hamilton	1 m
VIII. Closed Session			6:08 PM
A. 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		30 m
B. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS (Gov’t Code §54957.6) Agency Designated Representative: Robert Escalante Employee Organization: Environmental Educators United	Discuss		30 m
IX. Report Out of Closed Session			7:08 PM
A. Report Out	FYI	Dr. Betsy Hamilton	1 m
X. Closing Items			7:09 PM
A. Adjourn Meeting	Vote	Dr. Betsy Hamilton	1 m