



# Environmental Charter Schools

## Board of Directors' Meeting

In-Person at ECS Home Office

### Date and Time

Monday June 23, 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 | 222 S Harbor Blvd, Anaheim, CA 92805

| 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

**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**

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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           |
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| <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>• Alberto Paredes, Lawndale Elementary School District, 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> |                    |                |



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| <b>C.</b> 2025-26 Local Control and Accountability Plans Presentation for all ECS Schools <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">2025-26 Local Control and Accountability Plans Presentation for all ECS Schools</a></li> </ul>  | Discuss         | Jen Fenton     | 20 m           |
| <b>IV. Public Hearing</b>  |                 |                | <b>6:23 PM</b> |
| <b>A.</b> Public Hearing regarding the actions and expenditures proposed in each ECS schools' 2025-26 Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP) <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             | Public         | 10 m           |
| <b>V. Consent Items A-P</b>  |                 |                | <b>6:33 PM</b> |
| <b>A.</b> Approve 5/15/2025 board meeting minutes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">5/15/2025 board meeting minutes</a></li> </ul>  | Approve Minutes | Jeremiah David | 3 m            |
| <b>B.</b> Approve 6/20/2025 Finance Committee meeting minutes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">6/20/2025 Finance Committee meeting minutes</a></li> </ul>  | Approve Minutes | Jeremiah David |                |
| <b>C.</b> Approve private donations over \$1,000 as recommended by Finance Committee <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Private donations over \$1,000</a></li> </ul>  | Vote            | Jen Fenton     |                |

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| D. Approve check registers and credit card statements as recommended by Finance Committee | Vote    | Tracy Bondi / Sarahai Garibay |      |

**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.

- Check registers: [May 2025](#)
- Credit card statements: [May 2025](#)

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| E. Approve contracts  | Vote | Jeremiah David |  |
| <p>1. Campus facilities repairs/maintenance - Summer 2025</p> <p>1. Staff analysis: contract costs within school facilities maintenance budgets.</p> <p>1. <a href="#">ECHSL - ADEP Precision Asbestos Abatement</a></p> <p>2. <a href="#">ECHSL - MDC Valencia facilities repairs and maintenance work</a></p> <p>3. <a href="#">ECMSG - MBA Mechanical HVAC maintenance quote for MPR</a></p> <p>2. <a href="#">ECMSI - Gensler Visioning and Master Plan Study Services - Summer 2025</a></p> <p>1. Staff analysis: contract cost within capital expenditures budgets.</p> <p>3. CalSHAPE Phase 2 HVAC Service Agreements with service agreement changes to be made after attorney recommendations</p> <p>1. Vendor Change to PacificWest Energy Solutions, Inc. (<a href="#">ECHS-G</a>, <a href="#">ECHS-L</a>, <a href="#">ECMS-I</a>)</p> <p>1. Background &amp; Rationale:</p> <p>1. On November 21, 2024, the ECS board approved CalSHAPE Phase 2 projects and MBA Mechanical service agreements for HVAC replacement at the three campuses. During contract negotiations, MBA Mechanical withdrew its agreements; staff subsequently solicited and evaluated a revised turnkey proposal from PacificWest Energy Solutions, Inc., CalSHAPE-qualified and already familiar with ECS facilities.</p> <p>2. Board resolutions adopted in Sept./Nov. 2024 authorize designated officers to execute all documents necessary for these projects; however, a vendor change constitutes a material deviation from the Board's 11-21-24 vote, necessitating this new action.</p> <p>2. PacificWest Contracts structure:</p> |      |                |  |

1. Design phase (funded within the CalSHAPE “design/construction” allocation) – PacificWest will complete detailed engineering, permitting and bid-level cost estimates.
  2. Construction phase – Each contract includes a not-to-exceed (NTE) cap that is higher than the current grant award to preserve flexibility while bids are finalized. ECS is not committing to spend above the grant at this time.
  3. Return to Board – Once designs are complete and exact pricing is negotiated, staff will present a guaranteed-maximum-price (GMP) amendment or alternative delivery plan.
2. Additional funding efforts: Staff are actively preparing grant proposals to cover any cost overage so that the final construction spend aligns with available external funds.
4. [Total Education Solutions SPED Provider Agreement 2025-26](#)
1. Staff analysis: vetted by Dr. Shalene Wright, Director of SpEd and ELD

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

5. SB Adventures Outdoor Education Trip contract 2025-26
  - A. 7th grade ([ECMS-Gardena](#) and [ECMS-Inglewood](#))
  - B. 11th grade ([ECHS-Lawndale](#) and [ECHS-Gardena](#))
    - i. Staff analysis: contract costs within school outdoor education budgets.
6. [ECS - PowerSchool contract renewal 2025-26](#)
  - A. Staff analysis: Annual contract renewal for ECS's student information system. Customary increase from PowerSchool of ~6% from previous year.
7. [Revolution Foods vended student meals contract renewal 2025-26](#)
  - A. Staff analysis: 4.3% increase to meal costs from previous year based on food supply price inflation. Recommendation to move forward with this renewal.
8. EdTec renewable contracts for [back office](#) and [data services](#)
  - A. Staff analysis: no fee increases from previous year for both contracts. Approval requested in arrears due to time being of the essence between board meetings.

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| 9. 2025-26 SPED Provider Agreements/Rate Sheets (vetted by Dr. Shalene Wright, Director of SpEd and ELD) |  |           |                |
| A. <a href="#">AJP Educational Services</a>  |  |           |                |
| B. <a href="#">Cross Country Education</a>   |  |           |                |
| C. <a href="#">Comprehensive Therapy Associates</a>  |  |           |                |
| D. <a href="#">EdLogical</a>   |  |           |                |
| E. <a href="#">LA Speech Pathology Services</a>  |  |           |                |
| F. <a href="#">The Upward Bound School</a> (nonpublic school)  |  |           |                |
| F.   | Approve 2025-26 Consolidated Application for each ECS schools as recommended by Finance Committee  | Vote      | Tracy Bondi    |
|  | <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> </ul>                                  |           |                |
| G.   | Approve 2025-26 Education Protection Act Plan and Resolution as recommended by Finance Committee   | Vote      | Tracy Bondi    |
|  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Spending Plan</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Resolution</a></li> </ul>  |           |                |
| H.   | Approve Proposition 28 Arts and Music in Schools Annual Report FY25 as recommended by Finance Committee  | Vote      | Tracy Bondi    |
|  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Proposition 28 Arts and Music in Schools Annual Report FY25</a></li> </ul>  |           |                |
| I.   | Approve revised Independent Study Policy   | Vote      | Jeremiah David |
|  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Revised Independent Study Policy</a> (redlined) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Clarifications and updates to conform with current laws and regulations</li> </ul> </li> </ul> |           |                |
| J.   | Approve 2025 Triennial Local School Wellness Policy (LSWP) Assessment Report and revisions to the ECS LSWP   | Vote      | Jeremiah David |

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|           | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">2025 Triennial Local School Wellness Policy (LSWP) Assessment Report</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Revised ECS Local School Wellness Policy</a> (redlined)</li> </ul>   |           |                                   |
| <b>K.</b> | Approve calculation corrections to ECHS-G Academic Calendar 2025-26   | Vote      | Jeremiah David                    |
|           | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Revised ECHS-G Academic Calendar 2025-26 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ <b>No changes to calendar dates or daily minutes.</b></li> <li>◦ Calculation corrections to weekly totals: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ November 10-14, 2025 - Minutes totals for that week = 1495</li> <li>▪ March 16-20, 2026 - Minutes totals for that week = 1580</li> <li>▪ March 23-27, 2026 - Minutes totals for that week = 1495</li> </ul> </li> <li>◦ Current annual minutes total: 66735</li> <li>◦ <b>Revised annual minutes total: 66255</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Net change: -480 minutes</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> </ul> |           |                                   |
| <b>L.</b> | Approve revised 2024-25 Board & Committee Calendar  | Vote      | Jeremiah David                    |
|           | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Revised 2024-25 Board &amp; Committee Calendar</a></li> </ul>  |           |                                   |
| <b>M.</b> | Approve 2025-26 Board & Committee Calendar  | Vote      | Danielle Kelsick / Jeremiah David |
|           | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">2025-26 Board &amp; Committee Calendar</a></li> </ul>  |           |                                   |
| <b>N.</b> | Elect officers of the ECS corporation   | Vote      | Jeremiah David                    |
|           | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• President: Dr. Betsy Hamilton</li> <li>• Vice President: Zena Fong</li> <li>• Superintendent: Danielle Kelsick</li> <li>• Treasurer: Tracy Bondi</li> <li>• Secretary: Jeremiah David</li> </ul>   |           |                                   |
| <b>O.</b> | Approve 3-year board term renewals (July 1, 2025 - June 30, 2028) for the following members   | Vote      | Jeremiah David                    |
|           | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dr. Betsy Hamilton</li> </ul>  |           |                                   |

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Anthony Jowid</li> <li>• Herb Sims</li> <li>• Mason Williams</li> </ul>        |         |                |      |
| <b>P.</b> Approve 2025-26 ECS Board Committees & Terms  | Vote    | Jeremiah David |      |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">2025-26 ECS Board Committees &amp; Terms</a> (redlined)</li> </ul> |         |                |      |

**VI. Action Items 6:36 PM**

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| <b>A.</b> Approve 2025-26 Local Accountability and Control Plans for ECHS-L, ECMS-G, ECMS-I, ECHS-G                          | Vote | Jen Fenton & Danielle Kelsick   | 3 m |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Attached in Public Hearing IV.A above.</li> </ul>                                   |      |                                 |     |
| <b>B.</b> Approve 2025-26 budgets for ECHS-L, ECMS-G, ECMS-I, ECHS-G as recommended by Finance Committee                     | Vote | Tracy Bondi & Danielle Kelsick  | 3 m |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Attached in Discussion Items / Updates III.A above</li> </ul>                       |      |                                 |     |
| <b>C.</b> Approve 2025 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="#">2025 California School Dashboard Local Indicators Report</a></li> </ul> |      |                                 |     |

**VII. Upcoming Dates/Announcements 6:45 PM**

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| <b>A.</b> Next ECS Board Meeting  | FYI | Danielle Kelsick | 1 m |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Monday, July 28, 2025 @ 5pm</li> </ul> |     |                  |     |
| <b>B.</b> Next ECS Committee Meetings   | FYI | Danielle Kelsick | 1 m |

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Finance Committee - September 12, 2025 @ 8:30am</li> <li>• Facilities Committee - October 1, 2025 @ 4:30pm</li> <li>• Governance Committee - October 28, 2025 @ 10:30am</li> <li>• Audit Committee - December 10, 2025 @ 1pm</li> </ul> |         |                    |                |
| <b>C.</b> Appreciations  | Discuss | All Attendees      | 1 m            |
| <b>VIII. Transition to Closed Session</b>  |         |                    | <b>6:48 PM</b> |
| <b>A.</b> Adjourn to Closed Session  | Vote    | Dr. Betsy Hamilton | 1 m            |
| <b>IX. Closed Session</b>  |         |                    | <b>6:49 PM</b> |
| <b>A.</b> STUDENT DISCIPLINE (Government Code § 54957 and Education Code § 48918)  | Discuss |                    | 15 m           |
| Consideration of student expulsion recommendation (Student #2025-001)  |         |                    |                |
| Action Item: The Board will consider whether to ratify the recommendation of the Expulsion Committee to expel Student #2025-001.   |         |                    |                |
| <b>B.</b> CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION (Government Code § 54956.9)  | Discuss |                    | 15 m           |
| Name of Case: Environmental Educators United, CTA/NEA v. Environmental Charter Schools. Case No. LA-CE-6934-E.   |         |                    |                |
| <b>C.</b> CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS (Government Code §54957.6)   | Discuss |                    | 15 m           |
| Agency Designated Representative: Robert Escalante   |         |                    |                |
| Employee Organization: Environmental Educators United  |         |                    |                |
| <b>X. Report Out of Closed Session</b>   |         |                    | <b>7:34 PM</b> |
| <b>A.</b> Report Out   | FYI     | Dr. Betsy Hamilton | 1 m            |
| <b>XI. Closing Items</b>   |         |                    | <b>7:35 PM</b> |

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| <b>A.</b> Adjourn Meeting | Vote    | Dr. Betsy Hamilton | 1 m  |