



# Environmental Charter Schools

## Board of Directors' Meeting

In-Person at ECS Home Office

### Date and Time

Monday February 23, 2026 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 | 600 New Hampshire Ave NW, Washington , DC 20037

ECS Board Members	Term	and	End Date
Dr. Betsy Hamilton, President.....	3 years		June 30, 2028
Ms. Zena Fong, Vice President.....	3 years		June 30, 2026
Dr. Denise Berger, .....	3 years		June 30, 2026
Mr. Anthony Jowid.....	3 years		June 30, 2028
Dr. Madhu Chatwani.....	3 years		June 30, 2026
Mr. Kennedy Hilario.....	3 years		June 30, 2026
Mr. Herb Sims.....	3 years		June 30, 2028
Mr. Mason Williams.....	3 years		June 30, 2028
Mr. Andrew Ellenbogen.....	3 years		June 30, 2026
Mr. Remco Waller.....	3 years		June 30, 2028
Lawndale Elementary School District Representative, Rotating Position			

### ECS Staff

Ms. Danielle Kelsick, Superintendent

Ms. Lucia Bañuelos, Deputy Superintendent of Schools

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  
Dr. Geneva Matthews, Principal at ECMS-Inglewood  
Mr. Dave Trejo, Principal at ECMS-Gardena  
Dr. Beth Bernstein-Yamashiro, Principal at ECHS-Gardena  
Ms. Jennifer Larsen, Principal at ECHS-Lawndale

**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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#### **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>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>			
<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>B.</b> Presentations from the floor on agenda items	FYI		10 m
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<b>III. Discussion Items / Updates</b>			<b>5:28 PM</b>
<b>A.</b> Superintendent update	FYI	Danielle Kelsick	5 m
<b>B.</b> EdTec financial update	Discuss	Jair Ventura & Jean Yang	20 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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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ <a href="#">ECS Balance Sheet as of January 31, 2026</a></li> </ul>			
<b>C.</b> LCAP Mid-Year Report 2025-26	Discuss	Danielle Kelsick / Jen Fenton	20 m
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• LCAP Mid-Year Report 2025-26</li> </ul>			
<b>IV. Consent Items A-E</b>			<b>6:13 PM</b>
<b>A.</b> Approve 1/12/2026 board meeting minutes	Approve Minutes	Jeremiah David	3 m
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">1/12/2026 board meeting minutes</a></li> </ul>			
<b>B.</b> Approve private donations over \$1,000	Vote	Jen Fenton	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Private donations over \$1,000</a></li> </ul>			
<b>C.</b> Approve check registers and credit card statements	Vote	Tracy Bondi / Sarahai Garibay	5 m
<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 ECS Financial Policies.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Check registers: October 2025, November 2025, December 2025, January 2026</li> <li>• Credit card statements: October 2025, November 2025, December 2025, January 2026</li> </ul>			
<b>D.</b> Approve contracts	Vote	Jeremiah David	
<p><b>A.</b> <a href="#">Addenda A and B Retainer Agreements to ECS - Jessyka Ramirez-Holden Independent Contractor Agreement 07-21-25</a></p> <p>Staff Analysis: Instructional consulting and support services (Addenda A) and Environmental Leadership Pathway (ELP) – College Prep Curriculum Redesign (Addenda B).</p>			

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<b>E.</b> Approve Comprehensive School Safety Plans for ECCHS-L, ECMS-I, ECMS-G, ECCHS-G <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">ECCHS-Lawndale</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">ECMS-Gardena</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">ECMS-Inglewood</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">ECCHS-Gardena</a></li> </ul>	Vote	Jeremiah David	
<b>V. Action Items</b>			<b>6:21 PM</b>
<b>A.</b> Approve Second Interim Financial Reports for ECCHS-L, ECMS-I, ECMS-G, ECCHS-G <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">ECCHS-Lawndale</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">ECMS-Gardena</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">ECMS-Inglewood</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">ECCHS-Gardena</a></li> </ul>	Vote	Jair Ventura / Jean Yang / Tracy Bondi	5 m
<b>VI. Upcoming Dates/Announcements</b>			<b>6:26 PM</b>
<b>A.</b> Next ECS board meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Monday, April 20, 2026 @ 5pm</li> </ul>	FYI	Danielle Kelsick	1 m
<b>B.</b> Next ECS committee meetings <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Finance Committee - June 18, 2026 @ 8:30am</li> </ul>	FYI	Danielle Kelsick	1 m
<b>C.</b> Appreciations	Discuss	All Attendees	1 m
<b>VII. Transition to Closed Session</b>			<b>6:29 PM</b>
<b>A.</b> Adjourn to closed session	Vote	Dr. Betsy Hamilton	2 m
<b>VIII. Closed Session</b>			<b>6:31 PM</b>

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<b>A.</b> CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION (Government Code § 54956.9)  Name of Case: Environmental Educators United, CTA/NEA v. Environmental Charter Schools. Case No. LA-CE-6934-E.	Discuss		35 m
<b>B.</b> CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS (Government Code §54957.6)  Agency Designated Representative: Robert Escalante  Employee Organization: Environmental Educators United  Collective Bargaining Agreements Under Consideration for Ratification.	Discuss		30 m
<b>IX. Report out of Closed Session</b>			<b>7:36 PM</b>
<b>A.</b> Report out	FYI	Dr. Betsy Hamilton	1 m
<b>X. Closing Items</b>			<b>7:37 PM</b>
<b>A.</b> Adjourn Meeting	Vote	Dr. Betsy Hamilton	1 m