



Environmental Charter Schools

Board of Directors' Meeting

In-Person at ECS Home Office

Date and Time

Monday June 22, 2026 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: ECMS-Gardena (812 W. 165th Place, Gardena, CA 90247) | ECMS-Inglewood (3600 W Imperial Hwy, Inglewood, CA 90303) | ECHS-Lawndale (16315 Grevillea Ave. Lawndale, CA 90260) | ECHS-Gardena (2818 Manhattan Beach Blvd, Gardena, CA 90249) | 1100 Shasta Avenue, San Jose, CA 95126 | 13885 Dogleg Lane, Broomfield, CO 80023 | 1 N Broadway Ave, Oklahoma City, OK 73102 | 179 Daylesford Blvd, Berwyn, PA 19312

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 Rosario 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

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Agenda

	Purpose	Presenter	Time
I.	Opening Items		5:00 PM

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Opening Items			
A. Record attendance and guests		Anthony Jowid	1 m
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alberto Paredes, Director of Student Support Services (https://www.lawndalesd.net/departments/educational-services/student-support-services) 			
B. Call the Meeting to Order		Anthony Jowid	1 m
C. Approve the agenda	Vote	Anthony Jowid	1 m
<i>Note any agenda items to be tabled or reordered.</i>			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. ELA Program Roadmap	FYI	Jane Wyche-Jonas	10 m

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overview of ELA Program at ECS grades 6-12: 3-year plan with focus on reading, writing, and interventions. 			
B. Vertex Education Financial Update and 2026-27 Budgets Presentation	Discuss	Jair Ventura	25 m
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vertex Education financial update and 2026-27 budgets presentation • Financial statements <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ ECHS-Lawndale financial statements ◦ ECMS-Gardena financial statements ◦ ECMS-Inglewood financial statements ◦ ECHS-Gardena financial statements ◦ ECS Balance Sheet as of April 30, 2026 • 2026-27 budgets <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ ECHS-Lawndale budget ◦ ECMS-Gardena budget ◦ ECMS-Inglewood budget ◦ ECHS-Gardena budget 			
C. 2026-27 Local Control and Accountability Plans Presentation for all ECS Schools	Discuss	Jen Fenton & Danielle Kelsick	25 m
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2026-27 Local Control and Accountability Plans Presentation for all ECS Schools 			
IV. Public Hearing			6:28 PM
A. Public Hearing regarding the actions and expenditures proposed in each ECS schools' 2026-27 Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP)	FYI	Public	10 m
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ECHS-Lawndale LCAP • ECMS-Gardena LCAP • ECMS-Inglewood LCAP • ECHS-Gardena LCAP 			

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V. Consent Items A-N			6:38 PM
A. Approve 5/18/2026 special board meeting minutes	Approve Minutes	Jeremiah Rosario David	3 m
			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5/18/2026 special board meeting minutes
B. Approve 2026-27 Consolidated Application for each ECS school	Vote	Tracy Bondi	
			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ECHS-Lawndale • ECMS-Gardena • ECMS-Inglewood • ECHS-Gardena
C. Approve contracts	Vote	Jeremiah Rosario David	
			<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. ECS - Third Amendment to Lease, 2625 Manhattan Beach Blvd, Suite 100, Redondo Beach (Rexford Industrial - 2601 Manhattan Beach, LLC) <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Staff Analysis: Extends the Home Office lease term through November 30, 2029. Costs within the proposed budget. Includes 100% Base Rent credit for December 2026 and a three-year extension option. 2. ECHS-Lawndale 9th Grade Outdoor Education Trip Agreement (Catalina Island Camps, Inc.) <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Staff Analysis: CELP outdoor education program at \$346 per student and tiered chaperone rates. Estimated total of \$43,077 within the proposed budget. Approval in arrears requested due to time being of the essence between board meetings. 3. ECMS-Inglewood 8th Grade Outdoor Education Trip, AstroCamp Agreement (Guided Discoveries, Inc.) <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Staff Analysis: Three-day AstroCamp program at \$370 per student and \$185 per chaperone. Estimated total of \$37,925 within the proposed budget. Approval in arrears requested due to time being of the essence between board meetings. 4. ECS - Black Girls Green Futures (BGGF) Memorandum of Understanding, 2026 Program Cycle (Women's Earth Alliance / Earth Island Institute)

1. Staff Analysis: Partnership MOU for ECS to run the second year of the BGGF program in-house from May through September 2026, serving 15 mentees, 6 mentors, and 4 community partners across all four sites with a focus on youth leadership, habitat creation, and biodiversity documentation. WEA provides \$15,000.00 in one disbursement upon signing, including \$4,000.00 for the Program Coordinator and \$2,000.00 for the Program Director (paid as independent contractors).
5. [ECS - Revolution Foods Vended Meals Service Agreement Renewal, 2026-27 \(Revolution Foods, PBC\)](#)
 1. Staff Analysis: Renewal of school lunch and breakfast vended meals for July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027. Per-meal rates reflecting the April 2026 CPI for Food Away from Home, West Region. Approval in arrears requested due to time being of the essence between board meetings.
6. [ECMSI - Perimeter Fencing Installation \(MDC Valencia Construction Corporation, Estimate #656\)](#)
 1. Staff Analysis: Installation of approximately 240 linear feet of new brick-and-iron perimeter fencing with columns and three gated entries at the Inglewood campus. ECS has been working to secure the perimeter of ECMSI's campus as a safety improvement. Worked with City to obtain variance approval for an 8ft high fence to match existing fencing. Total cost \$45,785 (including labor and materials) within the proposed budget.
7. [ECS - NWEA MAP Growth Assessment Renewal, 2026-27 \(NWEA\)](#)
 1. Staff Analysis: Renewal of MAP Growth K-12 assessment licenses for all ECS students plus Foundations Online. Total amount of \$23,712.50 within the proposed budget.
8. [ECS - PowerSchool SIS Hosting, Maintenance, and Support Renewal, 2026-27 \(PowerSchool Group LLC, Invoice INV491849\)](#)
 1. Staff Analysis: Annual SIS hosting, maintenance and support, and SSL certificate for the period July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027, covering all ECS students. Total amount of \$23,278.41 within the proposed budget.
9. [ECMSI - Fire Alarm System Installation \(Bosch Building Technologies, LLC / Climatec, Bidtracer #25-6628\)](#)
 1. Staff Analysis: Turnkey fire alarm system installation tying new devices into the existing fire alarm and voice evacuation system at the newly acquired ECMS-I expansion property. Total cost of \$27,000 (including plans, permit fees, and prevailing wage) within the proposed budget.
10. [ECHSG - Imagine Learning EdgeEX with Edgenuity Site License Renewal, ECHS-Gardena \(Imagine Learning LLC, Quote Q-226945\)](#)
 1. Annual site license renewal for July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027 at ECHS-Gardena. Total cost of \$15,070 within the proposed budget.

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11. [Term Extension to ECS - Jessyka Ramirez-Holden Independent Contractor Agreement for 2026-27](#)

1. Staff Analysis: Renews and extends the Independent Contractor Agreement dated July 25, 2025 for a new term of July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027 to continue the Environmental Leadership Pathway (ELP) – College Prep Curriculum Redesign. Monthly retainer of \$4,800.00 covering up to 60 hours per month, not to exceed \$57,600.00 over the Extension Term. Contingent on continued grant funding.

12. [ECHS-Gardena 12th Grade Yosemite Outdoor Education Trip Agreement \(NatureBridge\)](#)

1. Staff Analysis: Three-night NatureBridge environmental science program at the Yosemite campus at \$524.00 per participant. Estimated net total of \$63,234 within the proposed 2026-27 budget.

- D.** Approve Special Education Provider Master Contracts 2026-27 Vote Dr. Shalene Wright

Vetted by Dr. Shalene Wright, Director of SpEd and ELD

1. Cross Country Education: [ECHSL](#), [ECMSG](#), [ECMSI](#), [ECHSG](#)
2. EdLogical: [ECHSL](#), [ECMSG](#), [ECMSI](#), [ECHSG](#)
3. LA Speech Pathology Services: [ECHSL](#), [ECMSG](#), [ECMSI](#), [ECHSG](#)

- E.** Approve 2026-27 ECS Employee Handbook Vote Sarah Jamieson & Jeremiah David

- [2026-27 ECS Employee Handbook](#) (redlined)

Summary of changes

This year's handbook was reviewed and redlined by employment counsel at Young, Minney & Corr (YMC). Key revisions:

- As required by statute:
 - Added Adult/Student Interaction Policy (p. 14) per SB 848: policy governing staff-student conduct and interactions. Mandated reporting

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language under Child Abuse and Neglect Reporting (p. 22) was also updated for SB 848

- Added emergency contact designation (p. 69) per SB 294: Employees may designate an emergency contact whom ECS will notify if the employee is arrested or detained at work
- Added Know Your Rights workplace notice (Emergency Conditions, p. 69)
- Added Immigrant Worker Protection Act language (p. 21) addressing immigration enforcement obligations at the worksite
- Updated Paid Sick Leave (p. 42), Pregnancy Disability Leave (p. 46) and Family and Medical Leave / CFRA (p. 51) policies
- Updated protected classes (p. 8) and added FEHA interactive process language (p. 10) to align the protected-class list and reasonable accommodation obligations with the Fair Employment and Housing Act alongside the ADA
- Clarified: disqualifying-offense language under Criminal Background Checks (p. 22), additional prohibited conduct under Standards of Conduct (p. 33), a more descriptive list of payroll deductions (p. 27), and statutory limits on Leave for Reproductive Loss (up to 20 days per year, used within 3 months of the event) (p. 58)

F. Approve revised 2026-27 ECHS-G Academic Calendar

Vote

Jeremiah Rosario
David & Danielle
Kelsick

- [Revised 2026-27 ECHS-G Academic Calendar](#)
 - Changes to specific weekly bell schedules were developed by the ECHSG admin team and informed by a school staff survey administered earlier this year, resulting in total weekly minutes changes to:
 - Week of 8/31: -5 minutes
 - Week of 10/19: +40 minutes
 - Week of 11/9: -5 minutes
 - Week of 12/14: -160 minutes
 - Week of 2/8: -85 minutes
 - Week of 6/7: +45 minutes
 - The impact on annual instructional minutes is a net of **-170 minutes**
 - Updated annual total is **65,600**, which is a **surplus of +800** above the 64,800 statutory minimum

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<p>G. Approve revised 2025-26 Board & Committee Calendar</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Revised 2025-26 Board & Committee Calendar (redlined) 	Vote	Jeremiah Rosario David	
<p>H. Approve 2026-27 Board & Committee Calendar</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2026-27 Board & Committee Calendar 	Vote	Jeremiah Rosario David & Danielle Kelsick	
<p>I. Elect officers of the ECS corporation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • President: Dr. Betsy Hamilton • Vice President: Zena Fong • Superintendent: Danielle Kelsick • Treasurer: Tracy Bondi • Secretary: Jeremiah David 	Vote	Jeremiah Rosario David	
<p>J. Approve 3-year board term renewals (July 1, 2026 - June 30, 2029) for the following members</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Denise Berger • Zena Fong • Kennedy Hilario • Andrew Ellenbogen 	Vote	Jeremiah Rosario David	
<p>K. Approve 2026-27 ECS Board Committees & Terms</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2026-27 ECS Board Committees & Terms (redlined) 	Vote	Jeremiah Rosario David	
<p>L. Accept resignation of board member Dr. Madhu Chatwani effective 6/30/2026</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Madhu Chatwani - ECS Board Resignation Letter 	Vote	Jeremiah David	

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M. Approve 2026-27 Education Protection Act Plan and Resolution <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spending Plan • Resolution 	Vote	Tracy Bondi	
N. Approve private donations over \$1,000 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Private donations over \$1,000 	Vote	Jen Fenton	
VI. Action Items			6:41 PM
A. Approve 2026-27 Local Accountability and Control Plans for ECHS-L, ECMS-G, ECMS-I, ECHS-G <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attached in Public Hearing IV.A above. 	Vote	Jen Fenton & Danielle Kelsick	3 m
B. Approve 2026-27 budgets for ECHS-L, ECMS-G, ECMS-I, ECHS-G <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attached in Discussion Items / Updates III.B above 	Vote	Tracy Bondi & Danielle Kelsick	3 m
C. Approve 2026 California School Dashboard Local Indicators for ECHS-L, ECMS-G, ECMS-I, ECHS-G <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2026 California School Dashboard Local Indicators Report 	Vote	Robert Maxwell & Jeremiah David	3 m
VII. Upcoming Dates/Announcements			6:50 PM
A. Next ECS board meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monday, July 27, 2026 @ 5pm (upon board approval) 	FYI	Danielle Kelsick	1 m
B. Next ECS committee meetings and events	FYI	Danielle Kelsick	1 m

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Audit Committee - January 20, 2027 @ 1:00pm • Finance Committee - June 18, 2027 @ 8:30am 			
C. Appreciations	Discuss	All Attendees	1 m
VIII. Transition to Closed Session			6:53 PM
A. Adjourn to closed session	Vote	Anthony Jowid	2 m
IX. Closed Session			6:55 PM
A. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION (Government Code § 54956.9)	Discuss		10 m
Name of Case: Environmental Educators United, CTA/NEA v. Environmental Charter Schools. Case No. LA-CE-7156-E.			
B. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR (Government Code §54957.6)	Discuss		50 m
Agency Designated Representative: Anthony Jowid			
Unrepresented Employee: Superintendent			
X. Report out of Closed Session			7:55 PM
A. Report out	FYI	Anthony Jowid	1 m
XI. Action Item			7:56 PM
A. Approve Superintendent Compensation for 2026- 27	Vote	Anthony Jowid	3 m
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Board will consider and take action on the Superintendent's compensation for 2026-27, including base salary and benefits, following the Board's annual performance evaluation conducted at the May 18, 2026 Special Board Meeting. • For reference: Executive Compensation Study FY26 for ECS 			

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XII. Closing Items

7:59 PM

A. Adjourn Meeting

Vote

Anthony Jowid

1 m