



Environmental Charter Schools

Board of Directors' Meeting

In-Person at ECS Home Office

Date and Time

Monday November 10, 2025 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

ECS Board Members	Term and End Date
Dr. Betsy Hamilton, President.....	3 years June 30, 2028
Dr. Denise Berger,	3 years June 30, 2026
Mr. Anthony Jowid.....	3 years June 30, 2028
Ms. Zena Fong.....	3 years June 30, 2026
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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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

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• Alberto Paredes, Lawndale Elementary School District, Director of Student Support Services (https://www.lawndalesd.net/departments/educational-services/student-support-services)				
B.	Call the Meeting to Order	Dr. Betsy Hamilton	1 m	
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	5 m
B.	Review LACOE Instructional Program Reviews for ECMS-G, ECMS-I, ECHS-G	FYI	Danielle Kelsick	15 m
• LACOE Instructional Program Reviews ◦ ECMS-Gardena ◦ ECMS-Inglewood				

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◦ ECHS-Gardena			
C. EdTec financial update	Discuss	Jean Yang & Jair Ventura	15 m

- [EdTec financial update](#)
 - [ECHS-L financial statements](#)
 - [ECMS-G financial statements](#)
 - [ECMS-I financial statements](#)
 - [ECHS-G financial statements](#)
 - [ECS Balance Sheet as of September 30, 2025](#)

IV. Consent Items A-D

6:03 PM

A. Approve 9/15/2025 board meeting minutes	Approve Minutes	Jeremiah David	3 m
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- [9/15/2025 board meeting minutes](#)

B. Approve private donations over \$1,000	Vote	Jen Fenton
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C. Approve check registers and credit card statements	Vote	Tracy Bondi
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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 ECS Financial Policies.

- Check registers: [June 2025](#), [July 2025](#), [August 2025](#), [September 2025](#)
- Credit card statements: [June 2025](#), [July 2025](#), [August 2025](#), [September 2025](#)

D. Approve revised 2025-26 Board & Committee Calendar	Vote	Jeremiah David
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	Purpose	Presenter	Time
Revised 2025-26 ECS Board & Committee Calendar (redlined)			
V. Action Item			6:06 PM
A. Accept LACOE Instructional Program Reviews for ECMS-G, ECMS-I, ECHS-G	Vote	Tracy Bondi	3 m
Attached in Discussion Items / Updates III.A above			
VI. Upcoming Dates/Announcements			6:09 PM
A. Next ECS board meeting	FYI	Danielle Kelsick	1 m
Tuesday, December 9, 2025 @ 5pm (pending board approval)			
B. Next ECS committee meetings	FYI	Danielle Kelsick	1 m
- Audit Committee - December 5, 2025 @ 1pm - Finance Committee - June 18, 2026 @ 8:30am			
C. Appreciations	Discuss	All Attendees	1 m
VII. Transition to closed session			6:12 PM
A. Adjourn to closed session	Vote	Dr. Betsy Hamilton	1 m
VIII. Closed Session			6:13 PM
A. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION (Government Code § 54956.9)	Discuss		30 m
Name of Case: Environmental Educators United, CTA/NEA v. Environmental Charter Schools. Case No. LA-CE-6934-E.			
B. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS (Government Code §54957.6)	Discuss		30 m
Agency Designated Representative: Robert Escalante			

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Employee Organization: Environmental Educators United

IX.	Report Out of Closed Session		7:13 PM
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A.	Report out	FYI	Dr. Betsy Hamilton	1 m
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X.	Closing Items		7:14 PM
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A.	Adjourn Meeting	Vote	Dr. Betsy Hamilton	1 m
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