Environmental Charter Schools

Special Governance Committee Meeting

By Teleconference/Zoom

Date and Time

Tuesday August 18, 2026 at 3:00 PM PDT

Location

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Governance Committee Members

- Anthony Jowid (Chair)
- Dr. Denise Berger
- Mason Williams
- Danielle Kelsick
- Jeremiah Rosario David

Governance Committee Charter

- Recommend policies, practices, and governance processes that promote effective Board leadership and decision-making.
- Recruit, vet, and recommend prospective Board members aligned with the organization's strategic priorities and desired Board composition.
- Oversee Board member onboarding, orientation, and ongoing governance education.
- Monitor Board composition, succession planning, officer development, and committee structure.
- Lead the annual Board self-evaluation and recommend actions to strengthen Board effectiveness.
- Lead the Superintendent's annual goal-setting and performance evaluation and provide recommendations to the full Board.
- Oversee the Board's strategic planning process, including recommending timelines, facilitating Board engagement, and monitoring implementation of governance responsibilities related to the strategic plan.
- Periodically review Board policies, committee charters, bylaws, and governance documents, recommending revisions as needed.
- Perform other governance responsibilities assigned by the Board.

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Agenda

		Purpose	Presenter	Time
I.	**Opening Items**			**3:00 PM**
A.	Record Attendance		Anthony Jowid	1 m
B.	Call the Meeting to Order		Anthony Jowid	1 m
C.	Approve the agenda	Vote	Anthony Jowid	1 m
D.	Committee structure and operation	Discuss	Anthony Jowid	5 m

- Anthony Jowid will run the meeting as Chair

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- Chair will solicit input from Committee members to achieve committee's goals as set in Committee Charter
- Chair will work with Jeremiah Rosario David (or designee) for agenda creation
- Brown Act rules for this Committee:
    - **This meeting is public.** Meetings are open to the public, and Open Session is recorded and publicly posted.
    - **Do not build agreement between meetings.** In between meetings, do not send emails, texts, calls, or otherwise speak with other Committee or Board members to line up a position on Committee business. Bring it to a committee or board meeting instead.
    - **Personnel matters belong in Closed Session,** not Open Session.
- Committee will create recommendations to report out at each ECS board meeting

II. Presentations from the Floor — 3:08 PM

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A.	Presentations from the floor on agenda items	FYI		4 m

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III. Discussion Items / Updates — 3:12 PM

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A.	Committee Charter review	Discuss	Anthony Jowid	4 m

- Governance Committee Charter
    - Purpose, "shall" responsibilities, "may" authorities, and "shall not" limits.
    - Discuss any proposed revisions.

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B.	Board and Committee Pipeline Pathways	Discuss	Anthony Jowid / Danielle Kelsick	4 m

- Members of public at committee meetings
- Pathways to join the Board

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C.	2026-27 Committee Meeting Calendar	Discuss	Anthony Jowid	4 m

- Governance Committee meetings after ECS Board meetings on 8/24/26, 12/1/26, 2/22/27, 4/19/27, 6/21/27.
    - Following Wednesday or Thursday after a regular board meeting
    - Meeting Time: TBD

D.	Timeline and Deliverables to the Board	Discuss	Anthony Jowid, Danielle Kelsick, Jeremiah Rosario David	10 m

- Near term through 8/24: Board Member Commitments & Governance Expectations, Governance Committee Charter revisions (if any)
- Medium term through 12/1: LACOE Governance Review meeting, Board recruitment pipeline and the open seat from the 6/30/2026 Dr. Chatwani resignation, new member onboarding, Superintendent 2026-27 goal setting
- March-April 2027: Annual Board self-evaluation, Superintendent performance evaluation process
- June 2027: Officer slate, board member term renewals, 2027-28 board and committee calendar
- Biennial: Bylaws and governance document review

E.	Governance Compliance Standing Report	FYI	Anthony Jowid, Danielle Kelsick, Jeremiah Rosario David	10 m

- Required training status: biennial ethics, annual Brown Act, annual mandated reporter
- Form 700 and Conflict of Interest Policy compliance
- Board composition and vacancy status

F.	Board Meeting Redesign	Discuss	Anthony Jowid	10 m

Year One roadmap item from the Governance Proposal:

1. Executive summaries in advance
2. Committee recommendations replacing first-time discussion

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3. More time on strategy and student outcomes.

IV. Recommendation Items — 3:54 PM

	Purpose	Presenter	Time
A. Recommendation Items	Vote	Anthony Jowid	5 m

- Recommend the 2026-27 Governance Committee meeting calendar to the Board
- Recommend Committee Charter amendments (if any) to the Board
- Confirm what to recommend and report out on the 8/24/26 Board agenda

V. Closing Items — 3:59 PM

	Purpose	Presenter	Time
A. Adjourn Meeting	Vote	Anthony Jowid	1 m