Environmental Charter Schools

Special Governance Committee Meeting

By Teleconference/Zoom

Date and Time

Wednesday October 28, 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.	Call the Meeting to Order		Anthony Jowid	1 m
B.	Committee member roll call		Anthony Jowid	1 m
C.	Approve the agenda	Vote	Anthony Jowid	1 m

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Note any agenda items to be tabled or reordered.

II. Presentations from the Floor — 3:03 PM

A.	Presentations from the floor on agenda items	FYI		6 m

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III. Discussion Items / Updates — 3:09 PM

A.	Review of ECS Board Member Onboarding Process	Discuss	Jeremiah Rosario David	15 m

Review of the ECS New Board Member Onboarding Guide 2026-27 for accuracy and alignment with current Board structure, the Board Member Commitments & Governance Expectations, and the Board Governance Proposal committee pipeline model. Identification of revisions for Committee recommendation.

B.	Menlo Charter Properties Board Appointments: Kennedy Hilario and Remco Waller	FYI	Danielle Kelsick	3 m

Debrief on the Board's October 26, 2026 action appointing Kennedy Hilario (term ending June 30, 2029) and Remco Waller (term ending June 30, 2028) to the Menlo Charter Properties (MCP) Board of Directors, and confirming Anthony Jowid's MCP term through June 30, 2028.

C.	ECS Bylaws Review Session	Discuss	Jeremiah Rosario David	10 m

Review of the ECS Fifth Amended Bylaws (Board approved December 12, 2024) using the attached reader's guide: Board size and elections (Art. II), meetings (Art. IV), quorum and voting (Art. V.A-B), committees (Art. V.C), officers (Art. VI), contracts (Art. XI.B), and amendment (Art. XII).

Attachments: ECS Fifth Amended Bylaws (12/12/2024); ECS Bylaws Reader's Guide

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D.	Board Composition, Recruitment Pipeline, and Quorum	Discuss	Danielle Kelsick	5 m

Discussion of Board composition following the October 26, 2026 Board meeting, the candidate pipeline, and 2026-27 recruitment priorities. Includes quorum planning: quorum is a majority of seated Directors (Bylaws Art. V.A), Board action requires a majority of Directors then in office (Art. V.B.1), and a quorum must participate from within Los Angeles County (Gov. Code § 54953(b)(3); Ed. Code § 47604.1(c)). The Committee will also discuss attendance expectations and ways to reduce last-minute cancellations (Board Member Commitments & Governance Expectations; Bylaws Art. II.D.1).

E.	LACOE Governance Review, 2025-26 School Year	Discuss	Jeremiah Rosario David & Danielle Kelsick	10 m

Review of the LACOE Charter School Office End-of-Year Governance Review for 2025-26. LACOE found an established governance structure that generally provides effective oversight. The Committee will review and summarize its conclusions in the Committee Chairs board report at the 11/30/2026 board meeting.

Attachment: LACOE EOY Governance Review 2025-26 (signed)

F.	Preview of Next Agenda: Superintendent Evaluation Goals and Settlement Authority	Discuss	Danielle Kelsick	5 m

Preview of items for the next regular Governance Committee meeting (January 20, 2027):

1. Superintendent evaluation goals and criteria for 2026-27, including LACOE's recommendation for greater transparency about the metrics used.

2. Settlement authority. Framework for financial policy delegating settlement authority to the Superintendent.

IV. Recommendation Items — 3:57 PM

A.	Recommend that the Board receive the LACOE End-of-Year Governance Review for 2025-26 at its next regular meeting	Vote	Anthony Jowid	2 m

Proposed: Recommend that the Board receive the LACOE End-of-Year Governance Review for 2025-26 at its November 30, 2026 regular meeting, with the Governance

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	Committee Chair summarizing the Committee's conclusions in the Committee Chairs Update.			
V.	**Closing Items**			**3:59 PM**
A.	Adjourn Meeting	Vote	Anthony Jowid	1 m