



Environmental Charter Schools

Minutes

Governance Committee Meeting

Date and Time

Friday January 13, 2017 at 8:00 AM

Location

16315 Grevillea Ave. Lawndale, CA 90260

Governance Committee Members

Denise Berger - Chair

Tracy Bondi

Ken Deemer

Alison Diaz

Bruce Greenspon

Jenni Taylor

Governance Committee Charter

- Dashboard revised to align to LCAP and Strategic Plan
- Pipeline of future ECS Board members
- Establish the process for the annual review of the Board, Chair and ED
- Establish timeline and process for next phase of strategic planning - completing 2017-2020 Strategic plan
- Review evaluation procedures for all staff, teachers, and administrators

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Committee Members Present

Alison Diaz, Bruce Greenspon, Dr. Denise Berger, Jane Wyche, Ken Deemer, Tracy Bondi

Committee Members Absent

Jenni Owen

I. Opening Items

A. Record Attendance and Guests

B. Call the Meeting to Order

Dr. Denise Berger called a meeting of the Governance Committee of Environmental Charter Schools to order on Friday Jan 13, 2017 at 8:09 AM.

C. Approve Governance Committee Meeting Minutes from October 28, 2016

Dr. Denise Berger made a motion to approve minutes from the Governance Committee Meeting on 10-28-16 Governance Committee Meeting on 10-28-16.

Bruce Greenspon seconded the motion.

The committee **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

Roll Call

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| Alison Diaz | Aye |
| Jane Wyche | Aye |
| Jenni Owen | Absent |
| Bruce Greenspon | Aye |

Roll Call

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| Ken Deemer | Aye |
| Dr. Denise Berger | Aye |
| Tracy Bondi | Aye |

II. Review and Approval of Agenda

A. Motion to Approve the Agenda

Dr. Denise Berger made a motion to Agenda approved with the addition under Discussion Items "Board Member Pipeline.

Bruce Greenspon seconded the motion.

The committee **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

Roll Call

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| Alison Diaz | Aye |
| Dr. Denise Berger | Aye |
| Bruce Greenspon | Aye |
| Tracy Bondi | Aye |
| Ken Deemer | Aye |
| Jenni Owen | Absent |

III. Presentation from the Floor

A. Presentations from the Floor

None at this time

B. Presentations on the Agenda

None at this time

IV. Discussion Items / Updates

A. Proposed calendar of topics for board meetings

Committee members agree they need to know more about development. Ken stated there will be a focus on development in the next board meeting. Julie will share out on partnership progress at the next upcoming board meeting on 1/30. Denise asked for this update but will not be able to be present. Denise suggests every Jan. the board can deep dive into development. Alison explains the attachment is items we need to cover each month in board meetings. Denise states the most important items to cover in board meetings is the mission, development, and finance topics. Alison stated the March board meeting will cover LCAP and strategic planning. Jane mentions that the board should be really clear on what the share out is.

B. Schedule of key reoccurring items for approval

This was discussed in "Proposed calendar of topics for board meeting".

C. Strategic Plan update and input

We will select a date to dig in a bit deeper with regard to our Strategic Plan. Extend our next Governance meeting scheduled on 2/13 at 8:30am. We would meet in our Governance Committee meeting from 8:30am - 10:00am and then host a special Strategic Planning workshop from 10:00am - 12:00pm. Choose a Wednesday night to meet 2/8 from 6:00pm - 8:00pm or 3/1 from 6:00pm - 8:00pm. Choose another date to meet, preferably in the morning 1/23, 1/27, 2/6, 2/24 or 3/3.

Action Item:

Dani will send out a doodle poll for the next Strategic Planning meeting

D. Report out on academic excellence charter

Committee reviews the charter. Committee members include Ken Deemer, Kami Cotler, Danielle Kelsick and who else on the board would like to be on this committee? Jenni Taylor? Amy Johnson? Others?

Action Item:

Kami will revise the charter and share with Dani for adaptation at the next board meeting

E. Follow up from last Board Meeting conversation regarding board self evaluation.

Action item:

Ken will have further recommendations of the feedback from the last board meeting

F. Post election follow up

Alison shares what has happened since the last board meeting. She has sent out a letter regarding post election.

G. Pipeline of Board Members

At the board meeting, we would be recommending Anthony Jowid for board membership contingent on his completing the application and clearing livescan. At the board meeting, we would approve Adam Miller as a member of the Governance Committee. Ken and Bruce will review the board membership application. If needed, they will add a question on the application asking the candidate if they have ever been convicted of a felony. Any changes to the application will be shared with Dani so a final approved and updated copy can be saved in Box and old version archived.

Action Item:

Ken will bring to the next Governance Committee meeting a sample of a junior advisory board

V. Action Items

A. High school math policy

Jane explains how this policy is different the last version.

Action Item:

Danielle Kelsick will work with the high school team to clarify

Dr. Denise Berger made a motion to The Governance Committee recommended the Math Policy for approval with some reorganization.

Bruce Greenspon seconded the motion.

The committee **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

Roll Call

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| Tracy Bondi | Aye |
| Alison Diaz | Aye |
| Jenni Owen | Absent |
| Ken Deemer | Aye |
| Bruce Greenspon | Aye |
| Dr. Denise Berger | Aye |
| Jane Wyche | Aye |

B. Recommend academic excellence charter for approval

Dr. Denise Berger made a motion to Approve the charter with edits.

Ken Deemer seconded the motion.

The committee **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

Roll Call

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| Ken Deemer | Aye |
| Alison Diaz | Aye |
| Jenni Owen | Absent |
| Bruce Greenspon | Aye |
| Dr. Denise Berger | Aye |
| Jane Wyche | Aye |
| Tracy Bondi | Aye |

VI. Closing Items

A. Adjourn Meeting

Dr. Denise Berger made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Bruce Greenspon seconded the motion.

The committee **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

Roll Call

Bruce Greenspon Aye

Alison Diaz Aye

Dr. Denise Berger Aye

Tracy Bondi Aye

Jane Wyche Aye

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 9:30 AM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dr. Denise Berger