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Environmental Charter Schools

Minutes

Board Meeting

Date and Time
Monday January 30, 2017 at 5:00 PM

Location
16315 Grevillea Ave. Lawndale, CA 90260 - Library

Board Members	Term	and End Date
Mr. Ken Deemer, President	3 years	June 30, 2019
Ms. Denise Berger, Vice President	3 years	June 30, 2017
Bruce Greenspon, Treasurer	1 year	June 30, 2017
Ms. Farnaz Golshani–Flechner, Secretary	3 years	June 30, 2018
Mr. William Robertson	3 years	June 30, 2017
Mr. Jorge Arroyo	1 years	June 30, 2017
Ms. Amy Johnson	3 years	June 30, 2017
Ms. Jenni Owen	3 year	June 30, 2017

Staff
Ms. Alison Diaz, Executive Director & Founder
Ms. Kami Cotler, Director of Strategic Initiative
Ms. Tracy Bondi, Director of Finance and Operations
Ms. Danielle Kelsick, Director of Curriculum and Instruction
Mr. Robert Gloria, Principal at ECMS - Gardena
Ms. Beth Bernstein, Principal at ECMS - Inglewood
Ms. KC Villoria, Principal at ECHS

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Directors Present
Alison Diaz, Amy Johnson (remote), Anthony Jowid, Bruce Greenspon, Dr. Denise Berger, Farnaz Golshani-Flechner, Jenni Owen (remote), Ken Deemer, LESD Representative, William Robertson

Directors Absent
None

Directors who arrived after the meeting opened
Dr. Denise Berger

Guests Present
Adam Miller, Betty LaMarr, Cesar Zaragoza, Dani Hughes, Danielle Kelsick, Dante Morrison, Dorothy Lee, Julie Vo, Kami Cotler, Lindsey Jurca, Marcela Pak, Summer Vilkins, Tracy Bondi

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I. Opening Items

A. Record Attendance and Guests

Farnaz Golshani-Flechner arrived at 5:05 PM. Amy Johnson arrived at 5:08 PM. Denise Berger arrived at 5:12 PM. Anthony Jowid arrived at 5:30 PM.

Guests present and the organizations to which they are connected: Danielle Kelsick (ECS), Summer Vilkins (Richstone), Marcela Pak (ECS), Cesar Zaragoza (Woodcraft Rangers), Dante Morrisson (APLA), Betty Lamarr (Empowher).

B. Call the Meeting to Order

Ken Deemer called a meeting of the board of directors of Environmental Charter Schools to order on Monday Jan 30, 2017 at 5:02 PM.

C. Approve Regular ECS Board Meeting Minutes on November 14, 2016

LESD Representative made a motion to approve minutes from the Board Meeting on 11-14-16 Board Meeting on 11-14-16.
Bruce Greenspon seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

Roll Call	
LESD Representative	Aye
Jenni Owen	Aye
Alison Diaz	Aye
Ken Deemer	Aye
Farnaz Golshani-Flechner	Aye
Bruce Greenspon	Aye
Dr. Denise Berger	Aye
Amy Johnson	Aye
William Robertson	Aye

II. Review and Approval of Agenda

A. Motion to approve the agenda

Bruce Greenspon made a motion to approve the agenda with the change to delete the SPSA (item 2 in the consent agenda).
William Robertson seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

Roll Call	
Amy Johnson	Aye
LESD Representative	Aye
Alison Diaz	Aye
Bruce Greenspon	Aye
Ken Deemer	Aye
Farnaz Golshani-Flechner	Aye
William Robertson	Aye
Dr. Denise Berger	Aye
Jenni Owen	Aye

III. Presentations From the Floor

A. PRESENTATIONS FROM THE FLOOR

No presentations.

B. PRESENTATIONS ON AGENDA ITEMS

No presentations.

IV. Public Hearing

A. ECHS College Readiness Grant

Mr. Robertson moved to open the Public Hearing, Ms. Golshani-Flechner seconded the motion.
All present voted in favor.

KC Villoria presented the College Readiness Block Grant in the public hearing. The plan is that it will be used to pay for AP test fees for FRL fees, SAT prep classes, and the Alumni Coordinator at the school.

Mr. Greenspon noted that he would like more info on how our students fair once in college. He would like to know college graduation rates of our high school grads.

Ms. Golshani-Flechner moved to close the Public Hearing, Mr. Robertson seconded the motion.
All present voted in favor.

Dr. Denise Berger arrived.

V. Reports

A. Executive Director's Update:

Ms. Diaz presented the Executive Director's report. She asked the Board to complete their annual Form 700. Ms. Pak asked that they be completed in the next three weeks - she will double check on the due date to LACOE. Two must be signed - one for Lawndale and one for LACOE. The Board would like Ms. Pak to send their prior year's form for reference.

VI. Committee Reports

A. Finance Committee Report Highlights

Ms. Lee shared that the Governor's proposal for next year's budget is a slightly lower funding rate than initially expected, though we will have to see what happens with the May revise. The P1 report has been filed and it is slightly better than forecast at all sites. The audit was a clean audit, unqualified. Mr. Greenspon gave kudos to the team for that result.

B. Facilities Committee Report Highlights

Ms. Diaz presented the Facilities Committee report. The committee requested Megan share additional info on the Inglewood project at the board meeting. Alison shared a YTD budget for the ECMSI / Yukon LLC project as well as a timeline for the construction. The goal is still to receive a Certificate of Occupancy in May.

C. Development Committee Report

Ms. Vo noted that it would be talked about later in the agenda in detail.

D. Governance Committee Report

Mr. Deemer and Ms. Berger presented the Governance Committee update. They will be talking about board efficacy. They worked on a Board dashboard and the next phase of the strategic plan. Next committee meeting monday feb 8, 2017 at 9 am. The committee will also establish a strategic planning taskforce.

VII. Upcoming Dates

A. Next ECS Board Meeting

B. Next ECS Committee Meeting

Facilities and Finance Committee Meeting will be postponed - March 3 are our next committee dates

C. Next Tour Dates

D. Community Forum Intersession @ ECHS

Ms. Villoria shared with the Board an introduction to Community Forum at ECHS and encouraged them to attend. Mr. Deemer asked Ms. Vo to send out a schedule in advance of what the presentations are to the Board.

E. Green Ambassadors Institute - Field Trip: Los Angeles as a Learning Lab

Ms. Jurca shared that there will be a variety of field trips in various locations throughout LA. All will involve community partners, and there will be food and transportation. This is the second of three parts of the Green Ambassadors institute Ms. Kelsick explained. The theme is Research in Action.

VIII. Study Session

A. ECS Partner Share Panel - a conversation with ECS program partners:

Ms. Vo led the partner share panel.

B. Dinner Break

C. Development Mid-Year Update & Workshop

Ms. Vo led the Development Workshop with the Board. The presentation in the packet was reviewed. As well, the board generated ideas for meeting the goals identified. The ideas will be discussed in more detail at the next development meeting.
Farnaz Golshani-Flechner had to leave the meeting at 7 PM.

IX. Consent Agenda

A. Consent Agenda

Bruce Greenspon made a motion to Approve the consent agenda with the removal of item 2 - SPSA at ECHS to be tabled to the next meeting and removal of item 3 - the Math Placement Policy to be considered as Action Item A in the Action Items.
Dr. Denise Berger seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

Roll Call	
Amy Johnson	Aye
William Robertson	Aye
LESD Representative	Aye
Bruce Greenspon	Aye
Farnaz Golshani-Flechner	Absent
Dr. Denise Berger	Aye
Alison Diaz	Aye
Ken Deemer	Aye
Jenni Owen	Aye

Approve Consent Agenda:

- Accept FY 2015-16 Audit Report (FILE NAME: Environmental Charter School 06 30 16 Audit FS Final 1)
- Approve the SPSA for High School (FILE NAME: 170130 ECHS SPSA 2016-17)
- Approve ECHS Math Placement Policy (FILE NAME: 170130 ECHS 9th Grade Math Placement Policy 16-17)
- Approve Anthony Jowid as a board member for a two and half year term beginning January 30, 2017 until June 30, 2019(FILE NAME: 170130 ECS Board Member Application, A.Jowid, A.Jowid Resume and A.Jowid Bio)

- Approve Adam Miller as a Board Governance Committee Member (FILE NAME: A.Miller Bio)
- Approve Creation of an Academic Excellence Board Committee with a charter and goals as recommended by the Governance Committee. See committee meeting dates. (FILE NAME: 170130 ECS Academic Excellence Committee Charter)
- Check Register for December (FILE NAME: ECS Check Register December 2016)
- Private Donations for October and November (FILE NAME: ECS Private Donations October and November 2016)

X. Action Items

A. Approval of Math Placement Policy

Bruce Greenspon made a motion to Approve the math placement policy with changes to make it broad, such as removing specific test names and scores.
LESD Representative seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

Roll Call

Anthony Jowid	Aye
Bruce Greenspon	Aye
Jenni Owen	Aye
Alison Diaz	Aye
LESD Representative	Aye
Amy Johnson	Aye
Ken Deemer	Aye
William Robertson	Aye
Dr. Denise Berger	Aye
Farnaz Golshani-Flechner	Absent

This should be made Item A.

B. Approve Academic Excellence Committee Members

LESD Representative made a motion to Approve the Academic Excellence Committee members.
Dr. Denise Berger seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

Roll Call

Dr. Denise Berger	Aye
William Robertson	Aye
Ken Deemer	Aye
LESD Representative	Aye
Bruce Greenspon	Aye
Amy Johnson	Aye

Roll Call	
Alison Diaz	Aye
Jenni Owen	Aye
Anthony Jowid	Aye
Farnaz Golshani-Flechner	Absent

- Ken Deemer, Jenni Owen, Kami Cotler, Danielle Kelsick as founding Academic Excellence
- Are there other school / board members who should/would like to participate.

C. Approve board resolution authorizing the submission of ECS application to EarthShare California

Bruce Greenspon made a motion to Approve the Earth Share Application.
William Robertson seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call	
William Robertson	Aye
Jenni Owen	Abstain
Dr. Denise Berger	Aye
Amy Johnson	Aye
Bruce Greenspon	Aye
Ken Deemer	Aye
LESD Representative	Aye
Anthony Jowid	Aye
Farnaz Golshani-Flechner	Absent

XI. Closing Items

A. Adjourn Meeting

Dr. Denise Berger made a motion to adjourn the meeting.
Bruce Greenspon seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

Roll Call	
Ken Deemer	Aye
Amy Johnson	Aye
Anthony Jowid	Aye
Alison Diaz	Aye
Jenni Owen	Aye
Farnaz Golshani-Flechner	Absent
LESD Representative	Aye
Dr. Denise Berger	Aye
Bruce Greenspon	Aye
William Robertson	Aye

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 8:20 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Dr. Denise Berger