



Environmental Charter Schools

Minutes

ECS Board Meeting

Date and Time

Monday June 5, 2017 at 5:00 PM

Location

16315 Grevillea Ave. Lawndale, CA 90260 / 409 Santa Monica Blvd. Suite E Santa Monica, CA 90401

ECS Board Members

Term and End Date

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| Mr. Ken Deemer, President..... | 3 years June 30, 2019 |
| Ms. Denise Berger, Vice President..... | 3 years June 30, 2017 |
| Mr. 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 years June 30, 2017 |
| Mr. Anthony Jowid..... | 2 years June 30, 2019 |

ECS 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
- Ms. Makeisa Gaines, Director of Talent Management
- Mr. Robert Gloria, Principal at ECMS - Gardena
- Ms. Beth Bernstein, Principal at ECMS - Inglewood
- Ms. KC Villoria, Principal at ECHS

Mission

To create and deliver vibrant, innovative, interdisciplinary learning opportunities using the environment to engage students and connect them to the wider world.

Vision

Our vision is that students are equipped with the knowledge and skills to graduate from college, inspired to discover their own sense of purpose and empowered to become quality stewards of their own communities.

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.

REASONABLE LIMITATIONS MAY BE PLACED ON PUBLIC TESTIMONY

The Governing Board's presiding officer reserves the right to impose reasonable time limits on public testimony to ensure that the agenda is completed.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS MAY BE MADE

Notice is hereby given that consistent with the requirements of the Bagley-Keene Open Meeting Act, special presentations not mentioned in the agenda may be made at this meeting. However, any such presentation will be for information only.

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FOR MORE INFORMATION

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Directors Present

Alison Diaz, Amy Johnson, Anthony Jowid (remote), Bruce Greenspon, Dr. Denise Berger, Ken Deemer, LESD Representative, William Robertson

Directors Absent

Alan Fox, Bradley Jewett, Farnaz Golshani-Flechner, Jenni Owen, John Quiter

Directors who arrived after the meeting opened

Amy Johnson, Dr. Denise Berger

Directors who left before the meeting adjourned

Anthony Jowid

Guests Present

Dani Hughes

I. Opening Items

A. Record Attendance and Guests

ECS Staff Present:

Tracy Bondi

Danielle Kelsick

Jayne Wyche

KC Villoria

Robert Gloria

Beth Bernstein

Makeisa Gaines

Julie Vo

Kami Cotler

Lacey Harris

Lucia Banuelos

Rossa Dono-Ramirez

Sammy Lyon

Others:

Dorothy Lee, EdTec

Alli Takido

Carole Ramsey

John Escareno

Mohammed El Hajj Younes

John Escareno

Cathy Cresia

Drew Shula

B. Call the Meeting to Order

Ken Deemer called a meeting of the board of directors of Environmental Charter Schools to order on Monday Jun 5, 2017 at 5:07 PM.

II. Review and Approval of Agenda

A. Motion to approve the agenda

Bruce Greenspon made a motion to approve the agenda as stated.
LESD Representative seconded the motion.

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

Roll Call

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

B. Approve Previous ECS Board Meeting Minutes

LESD Representative made a motion to approve minutes.

William Robertson seconded the motion.

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

Roll Call

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

III. Presentations from the Floor

A. Presentation from the Floor on Non Agenda Items

Mr. El Hajj Younes, an alumnus from ECHS, noted how he was motivated by ECHS to major in environmental studies and to go into renewable energy as a career. He wanted to thank everyone for his education at ECHS. He will make sure his resume is forwarded along to the Board.

Mr. John Escareno, an alumnus from ECHS, also presented to the Board in gratitude for his education. He shared that ECHS had a great effect on him. He felt that the teachers were very special and inspired him. He is a student at El Camino College and plans to transfer to a UC. He is part of a youth empowerment non-profit. They invite low income students to be exposed to new opportunities.

Dr. Denise Berger arrived.

B. PRESENTATIONS ON AGENDA ITEMS

No public comment.

IV. Reports / Presentations

A. Executive Director's Report

Ms. Diaz presented the Executive Director's report. She introduced Makeisa Gaines, the new Director of Talent Management. She also shared that a new CMO position is being created, currently called Operations and Special Projects Manager. She updated the Board with regard to the ECMS Inglewood campus construction project, the ECMS Gardena Proposition K beautification project, and the DSA approval process for the portables at ECHS. ECMS Inglewood submitted its charter petition for early renewal and had the capacity hearing with LACOE, one step in the renewal process. Amy Johnson arrived.

B. ECHS Graduates

Ms. Villoria, Ms. Banuelos, Ms. Dono-Ramirez, and Ms. Harris presented to the Board regarding ECHS senior college enrollment progress and alumni tracking. Report is attached.

V. Study Session

A. LCAP for each site

Ms. Cotler presented the LCAPs. Each site Principal also presented two actions from their site's LCAPs.

VI. Committee Reports

A. Finance Committee

Ms. Lee and Ms. Bondi presented the finance committee update. Anthony Jowid left.

B. Facilities Committee

Tabled

C. Development Committee

Tabled

D. Governance Committee

Ms. Berger presented the Governance Committee update. Board recruitment efforts are very robust right now. Strategic Planning is also being addressed. The Board calendar

has been set. Please see published calendar. Each Committee chair will work with his/her committee to establish the committee calendar of meetings.

E. Academic Excellence Committee

Tabled

F. Diversity and Equity Taskforce

Tabled

VII. Consent Agenda

A. Approve Consent Agenda

Dr. Denise Berger made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda.

LESD Representative seconded the motion.

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

Roll Call

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

VIII. Action Items

A. Approve 2017-2018 Board Terms and Officers

Bruce Greenspon made a motion to approve the Board terms with the change that Jenni Owen's term will be one year and accept the resignations, Ken Deemer for Board President, Anthony Jowid for Board Vice President, Denise Berger for Board Secretary, Bruce Greenspon for Treasurer.

William Robertson seconded the motion.

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

Roll Call

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| William Robertson | Aye |
| Bruce Greenspon | Aye |
| Farnaz Golshani-Flechner | Absent |
| Anthony Jowid | Absent |
| Dr. Denise Berger | Aye |
| Ken Deemer | Aye |
| LESD Representative | Aye |

Roll Call

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| Amy Johnson | Aye |
| Jenni Owen | Absent |

B. Approve 2017-2018 Board and Committee Calendar

Dr. Denise Berger made a motion to approve the 2017-18 Board Calendar.

Amy Johnson seconded the motion.

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

Roll Call

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

C. Approve 2017-2018 Academic Calendars for each site

Dr. Denise Berger made a motion to approve the instructional calendars.

LESD Representative seconded the motion.

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

Roll Call

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

D. Approve Graduation Waivers

Bruce Greenspon made a motion to approve the graduation waivers as requested by ECHS administration.

William Robertson seconded the motion.

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

Roll Call

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| Dr. Denise Berger | Aye |
| Farnaz Golshani-Flechner | Absent |
| Jenni Owen | Absent |

Roll Call

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| Ken Deemer | Aye |
| Amy Johnson | Aye |
| William Robertson | Aye |
| LESD Representative | Aye |
| Bruce Greenspon | Aye |
| Anthony Jowid | Absent |

E. Approve LCAPs for each school site

Dr. Denise Berger made a motion to approve the ECHS, ECMSG, and ECMSI annual LCAP update.

Amy Johnson seconded the motion.

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

Roll Call

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

F. Approve 2017-18 Year Budgets for each school site

Dr. Denise Berger made a motion to approve the 2017-18 ECHS, ECMSG, ECMSI annual budgets.

LESD Representative seconded the motion.

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

Roll Call

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

G. Approve 2016-2017 and 2017-2018 Education Protection Act Funds resolution

Amy Johnson made a motion to approve the Education Protection Act resolution.

Dr. Denise Berger seconded the motion.

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

Roll Call

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

IX. Upcoming Dates

A. Next ECS Board Meeting

Dannel Hughes to share board meeting dates with LACOE and LESD.

B. Next ECS Committee Meetings

Each committee chair to establish dates for meetings.

C. Culminations and Graduation

Please come.

D. Other important dates

The Board reviewed the dates above.

X. Closing Items

A. Adjourn Meeting

William Robertson made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Amy Johnson seconded the motion.

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

Roll Call

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

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 8:28 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Ken Deemer