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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
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.

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

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. Govenance 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

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

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

Roll Call

Dr. Denise Berger	Aye
Farnaz Golshani-Flechner	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

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

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

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

LESD Representative	Aye
Amy Johnson	Aye
Dr. Denise Berger	Aye

Roll Call	
Farnaz Golshani-Flechner	Absent
Jenni Owen	Absent
Bruce Greenspon	Aye
Anthony Jowid	Absent
Ken Deemer	Aye
William Robertson	Aye

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

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

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

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

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