



# 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.

### **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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### **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**

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Anthony Jowid

**Guests Present**

Dani Hughes

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**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**

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

**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**

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

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

**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**

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

**Roll Call**

William Robertson        Aye  
Amy Johnson                Aye

**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**

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

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

**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**

Bruce Greenspon        Aye  
Amy Johnson               Aye  
Anthony Jowid             Absent

**Roll Call**

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

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

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

**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**

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