



# Environmental Charter Schools

## Minutes

### ECS Governance Committee Meeting

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#### Date and Time

Monday November 6, 2017 at 5:30 PM

#### Location

2401 Pine Avenue, Manhattan Beach, CA - 90266 / Zoom Call-in Location: Zoom Info: Join from PC or Mac: <https://zoom.us/j/692911343> Telephone: +1 408 638 0968 - Meeting ID: 692 911 343

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#### Governance Committee Members

Ken Deemer - Chair

Anthony Jowid

Alison Diaz

Jeremiah David (staff support)

#### Governance Committee Charter

- Recommends policies and processes for effective governance.
- Evaluates Board, Chairperson and in collaboration with the Board, review's the Executive Director.
- Recruits, recommends and trains new board members.
- Set goals for the annual board retreat.
- Stewards the strategic plan and planning process.
- Develops metrics / scorecard to monitor effectiveness of organization and its programs.
- Plans for succession of board members and Executive Director.

#### Goals for 2017-2018

- Create a Board Dashboard within Board on Track
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- Successfully onboard newest ECS Board members
- Continue to develop our pipeline of future Board members
- Adopt a mission revision and draft 2018-2021 Strategic Plan
- Collaborate with HR consultant to review evaluation procedures for all staff, teachers and admin, Board and ED

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### **Committee Members Present**

Alison Diaz, Anthony Jowid (remote), Jeremiah David, Ken Deemer

### **Committee Members Absent**

*None*

### **Guests Present**

Shelly Levy

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## **I. Opening Items**

### **A. Record Attendance and Guests**

Shelly Levy, Health Benefits consultant joined the meeting.

### **B. Call the Meeting to Order**

Alison Diaz called a meeting of the Governance Committee of Environmental Charter Schools to order on Monday Nov 6, 2017 at 5:41 PM.

## **II. Review and Approval of Agenda**

### **A. Motion to Approve the Agenda**

Ken Deemer made a motion to to approve the agenda.

Alison Diaz seconded the motion.

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

#### **Roll Call**

Anthony Jowid Aye

Alison Diaz Aye

Jeremiah David Aye

Ken Deemer Aye

### **B. Approve Previous Governance Committee Minutes**

Jeremiah David made a motion to approve minutes from the ECS Governance Committee Meeting on 10-04-17 ECS Governance Committee Meeting on 10-04-17.

Alison Diaz seconded the motion.

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

#### **Roll Call**

Ken Deemer Aye

Anthony Jowid Aye

Jeremiah David Aye

Alison Diaz Aye

## **III. Presentation from the Floor**

### **A. Presentation from the Floor on Non Agenda Items**

None.

### **B. Presentation From the Floor on Agenda Items**

None.

## **IV. Discussion Items**

### **A. Report Out on To Do's from Previous Meeting**

Tabled.

### **B. Discuss Brown Act Training**

Tabled.

### **C.**

## **Benefits Study**

Consultant Shelley Levy is conducting a comprehensive benefits study in two months' timeframe. Work has begun as of late October.

### **Phase 1:**

1) Data gathering. Doing industry research, comparing current ECS benefits package to other charters and traditional public schools.

2) Speaking with multiple brokers to obtain a wide array of benefits options available.

3) Engage ECS staff. Interviews, focus groups, all-staff survey.

Ken Deemer recommended that the consultant bring her recommendation to the finance committee for approval. If consultant in the course of her work desires interim input from the board, she can reach out to the Governance Committee to request that an ad-hoc benefits committee be formed. Consensus achieved among committee members on this action plan.

## **D. Proposed topic: Organizational Board Goals**

Executive Director to look at using a dashboard-type progress report as part of the standard Executive Director Update at each Board Meeting.

## **V. Action Items**

### **A. Recommend Approval of Ernie Levroney for Board Membership**

Ken Deemer made a motion to recommend approval of Ernie Levroney contingent upon his commitment to serve on the board.

Anthony Jowid seconded the motion.

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

#### **Roll Call**

Ken Deemer     Aye

Anthony Jowid   Aye

Jeremiah David   Aye

Alison Diaz     Aye

### **B. Recommend Approval of Adhoc Benefits Subcommittee Charter**

Committee decided that an ad-hoc benefits subcommittee will not be needed unless the consultant needs further input based on the needs of the consulting project work.

Committee agreed.

Alison Diaz made a motion to recommend to approve Adhoc Benefits Study Subcommittee.

Jeremiah David seconded the motion.

The motion unanimously did not carry.

**Roll Call**

Ken Deemer No

Anthony Jowid No

Alison Diaz No

Jeremiah David No

**VI. Closing Items**

**A. Adjourn Meeting**

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 7:33 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Ken Deemer