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# Environmental Charter Schools

## Minutes

### Governance Committee Meeting

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#### **Date and Time**

Wednesday February 7, 2018 at 10:30 AM

#### **Location**

ECHS Auxiliary Office, 2625 Manhattan Beach Blvd. Suite 100, Redondo Beach, CA 90278

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#### **Governance Committee Members**

Ken Deemer - Chair

Anthony Jowid

Alison Diaz

Jeremiah David

#### **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
  - Successfully onboard newest ECS Board members
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- 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

### **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.

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### **Committee Members Present**

Alison Diaz, Anthony Jowid, Jeremiah David, Ken Deemer

### **Committee Members Absent**

*None*

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## **I. Opening Items**

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

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

Ken Deemer called a meeting of the Governance Committee of Environmental Charter Schools to order on Wednesday Feb 7, 2018 at 10:35 AM.

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

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

Ken Deemer made a motion to approve agenda.

Anthony Jowid seconded the motion.

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

#### **Roll Call**

Ken Deemer    Aye

Jeremiah David    Aye

Anthony Jowid    Aye

Alison Diaz    Aye

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

Alison Diaz made a motion to approve minutes from the ECS Governance Committee Meeting on 11-06-17 ECS Governance Committee Meeting on 11-06-17.

Jeremiah David seconded the motion.

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

#### **Roll Call**

Anthony Jowid    Aye

Jeremiah David    Aye

Alison Diaz    Aye

Ken Deemer    Aye

## **III. Discussion Items**

#### **A. Brown Act Training Update**

- The Committee reviewed the results of the annual Brown Act Training Quiz completed prior to the 1/29/2018 Board Meeting.
  - As a whole, board members did very well, averaging 84% correct answers.
  - Reviewed individual board member results of the Brown Act quiz and will work individually with board members who need assistance on certain content areas of the Brown Act.
  - At the March 19 board meeting, Jeremiah David will highlight and review certain questions that tended to be answered incorrectly to create learning opportunities for the board.

#### **B. ECS 2017-2018 Strategic Goals and Reporting Structure Update**

- The Committee commented on the importance of the ECS Strategic Dashboard as tool for the board to use to track long-term progress on ECS goals. The Committee recommended that an agenda item be added each board meeting to provide a Strategic Dashboard update.

#### **C. Student Presentations Debrief**

- The Committee commends the ECHS students for providing their voices as active members of the community at the past ECS board meeting. The Committee recommends the students work with their site leadership, who will then work with the ECS CEO on addressing student issues at ECHS.

#### **D. Board Meeting Debrief**

- The Committee noted some structural challenges in the board meeting physical layout and agenda structure. It was then noted that many of these challenges would be addressed further in the agenda in Action Item A.

#### **E. New Board Member Onboarding Buddies Update**

- Jeremiah to reach out to all onboarding buddies and provide support as necessary for the new board members' onboarding processes.
- Ken will check on onboarding progress as the onboarding buddy for new board member Ernie.

#### **F. Board Committee Members Review**

- Ken to reach out to new and prospective board members to discuss their committee memberships.

#### **G.**

## Board Pipeline Review

Tabled.

## IV. Action Items

### A. Board Meeting Physical Space/Layout and Agenda Proposed Changes

- Jeremiah proposed a new format for board meetings which we will pilot at the March Board meeting.

Ken Deemer made a motion to approve new board meeting format as proposed at the March 19 board meeting.

Anthony Jowid seconded the motion.

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

#### Roll Call

Anthony Jowid Aye

Alison Diaz Aye

Ken Deemer Aye

Jeremiah David Aye

## V. Closing Items

### A. Adjourn Meeting

Anthony Jowid made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Ken Deemer seconded the motion.

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

#### Roll Call

Jeremiah David Aye

Ken Deemer Aye

Anthony Jowid Aye

Alison Diaz Aye

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 11:35 AM.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Ken Deemer