



Environmental Charter Schools

Minutes

Special Board of Directors' Meeting

Date and Time

Thursday February 8, 2018 at 5:00 PM

Location

16315 Grevillea Avenue, Lawndale, CA 90260 (Room 133)

| <u>ECS Board Members</u> | <u>Term and End Date</u> |
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| Mr. Ken Deemer, President..... | 3 years June 30, 2019 |
| Mr. Anthony Jowid, Vice President..... | 2 years June 30, 2019 |
| Ms. Denise Berger, Secretary..... | 3 years June 30, 2020 |
| Ms. Jenni Owen..... | 3 years June 30, 2019 |
| Ms. Farnaz Golshani–Flechner..... | 3 years June 30, 2018 |
| Ms. Cathy Creasia..... | 3 years June 30, 2020 |
| Ms. Zena Fong..... | 1 year June 30, 2018 |
| Mr. Ernie Levrony..... | 2 year June 30, 2019 |
| Lawndale Elementary School District Representative..... | Rotating Position |

ECS Staff

- Ms. Alison Diaz, Executive Director & Founder
- Ms. Kami Cotler, Director of Strategic Initiatives
- Ms. Tracy Bondi, Director of Finance and Operations
- Ms. Danielle Kelsick, Director of Curriculum and Instruction
- 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.

PUBLIC SPEAKERS AT BOARD MEETINGS

Notice is hereby given that consistent with the requirements of the Ralph M. Brown Act, special presentations not mentioned in the agenda may be made at this meeting. However, any such presentation will be for information only. The public should be aware that the Board is unable by law to deliberate or take action on items raised during the Presentations from the Floor section.

Environmental Charter Schools recognizes that it benefits greatly from public input and perspective. Individuals are invited to address the Board on any topic or subject matter that falls within the Environmental Charter School's purview. Speakers may sign up in person immediately prior to the beginning of the Board meeting by turning in a Speaker Form (available at the check-in table in English and Spanish).

Should a member of the public wish to speak on matters not listed on the agenda, they may speak during the Presentations from the Floor section of the agenda. Speakers will be given a maximum of three (3) minutes each to address the Board (non-English speakers utilizing translators will be given a maximum of six (6) minutes each). Please note that the Board allows a maximum of 10 minutes to each subject as determined by the Board's presiding officer.

Should a member of the public wish to speak on matters listed on the agenda, they may speak during the Presentations from the Floor section of the agenda. Speakers will be given a maximum of five (5) minutes each to address the Board (non-English speakers utilizing translators will be given a maximum of ten (10) minutes each).

The public should be aware that the Board is unable by law to deliberate or take action on items raised during the Presentations from the Floor section.

REASONABLE ACCOMMODATION WILL BE PROVIDED FOR ANY INDIVIDUAL WITH A DISABILITY

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FOR MORE INFORMATION

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Directors Present

Anthony Jowid, Cathy Creasia, Ernie Levroney, Ken Deemer, Zena Fong

Directors Absent

Dr. Denise Berger, Farnaz Golshani-Flechner, Jenni Owen, LESD Representative

I. Opening Items

A. Record Attendance and Guests

B. Call the Meeting to Order

Ken Deemer called a meeting of the board of directors of Environmental Charter Schools to order on Thursday Feb 8, 2018 at 5:08 PM.

C. Approve the Agenda

Anthony Jowid made a motion to approve agenda.

Cathy Creasia seconded the motion.

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

Roll Call

Zena Fong Aye

Ken Deemer Aye

Anthony Jowid Aye

Ernie Levroney Aye

Cathy Creasia Aye

II. Presentations from the Floor

A. Presentations from the Floor on Non Agenda Items

- 12th-grade student group Adrian and Abel presented on the merits of creating a Makerspace at ECHS.
- 12th-grade student Jacqueline presented on the benefits of installing physical education classes at ECHS.
- 12th-grade student Kevin presented on the issue of microaggression at ECHS and why an elective class on ethnic studies is necessary to address this issue.
- 12th-grade student Jacob presented on the merits of installing solar panels at ECHS.

- Teacher Michael Badulak commented on how appreciative he is of the board members being present to hear from the ECHS students. Also, how appreciative he is of the students in preparing and delivering their speeches on the issues.

B. Presentations from the Floor on Agenda Items

None.

III. Transition to Closed Session

A. Adjourn to Closed Session

Tabled.

IV. Closed Session

A. Conference with Legal Counsel—Anticipated Litigation

Tabled.

V. Report Out of Closed Session

A. Report Out

Tabled.

VI. Closing Items

A. Adjourn Meeting

Anthony Jowid made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Zena Fong seconded the motion.

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

Roll Call

Ken Deemer Aye

Ernie Levroney Aye

Zena Fong Aye

Cathy Creasia Aye

Anthony Jowid Aye

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 5:26 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ken Deemer