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Environmental Charter Schools

Minutes

ECS Special Board of Directors' Meeting

Date and Time
Friday October 12, 2018 at 10:00 AM

Location
Zoom info: https://zoom.us/j/147466498 Or Telephone: (669) 900-6833 (Meeting ID: 147 466 498) // Call-In Locations: 2625 Manhattan Beach Blvd, Suite 100, Redondo Beach, CA 90278 / 409 Santa Monica Blvd., Suite E, Santa Monica, CA 90401 / 2401 Pine Ave., Manhattan Beach, CA 90266 / 3011 Elm St., Manhattan Beach, CA 90266 / 1150 S. Olive Street, Suite 2123, Los Angeles, CA 90015 / 3513 Walnut Avenue, Manhattan Beach, CA 90266 / 1324 Agate Street #12, Redondo Beach, CA 90277 / 417 W. Foothill Blvd., Glendora, CA 91741 / 4161 W. 147th Street, Lawndale, CA 90260

ECS Board Members	**Term and End Date**
Mr. Anthony Jowid, President	2 years June 30, 2019
Mr. Ken Deemer, Vice President	3 years June 30, 2019
Ms. Denise Berger, Secretary	3 years June 30, 2020
Ms. Cathy Creasia	3 years June 30, 2020
Ms. Zena Fong	2 year June 30, 2020
Mr. Ernie Levroney	2 year June 30, 2019
Ms. Jenina Ramirez	3 years June 30, 2021
Lawndale Elementary School District Representative	Rotating Position

ECS Staff
Ms. Alison Diaz, Executive Director & Founder
Ms. Farnaz Golshani-Flechner, Chief Operating Officer
Ms. Kami Cotler, Director of Strategic Initiatives
Ms. Danielle Kelsick, Director of Curriculum and Instruction

Ms. Beth Bernstein-Yamashiro, Principal at ECMS - Inglewood
Ms. KC Villoria, Principal at ECHS
Dr. Qiana O'Leary, Principal at ECMS - Gardena
Mr. Dave Trejo, Principal-in-Residence

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).

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FOR MORE INFORMATION

For more information concerning this agenda or for materials relating to this meeting, please contact ECS at (310) 214-3408, option 5.

Directors Present

Anthony Jowid, Ernie Levroney, Jenina Ramirez, Ken Deemer, LESD Representative, Zena Fong

Directors Absent

Cathy Creasia, Dr. Denise Berger

Guests Present

Farnaz Golshani-Flechner, Jeremiah Rosario David, Kami Cotler, Qiana O'Leary

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I. Opening Items

A. Record Attendance and Guests

B. Call the Meeting to Order

Anthony Jowid called a meeting of the board of directors of Environmental Charter Schools to order on Friday Oct 12, 2018 at 10:04 AM.

C. Approve the Agenda

Ernie Levroney made a motion to approve agenda.
Zena Fong seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

Roll Call

LESD Representative	Aye
Anthony Jowid	Aye
Ernie Levroney	Aye
Jenina Ramirez	Aye
Ken Deemer	Aye
Dr. Denise Berger	Absent
Zena Fong	Aye
Cathy Creasia	Absent

II. Presentations from the Floor

A. Presentations from the Floor on Non Agenda Items

None.

B. Presentations from the Floor on Agenda Items

None.

III. Study Sessions

A. CA Dashboard Local Indicators 2018 Discussion

ECS' CA Dashboard Local Indicators 2018 report was provided to the board for discussion and approval. This report was created with ECS school principals as leads and with engagement from staff members and the board.

B. ECMS-G Charter Renewal Petition Discussion

Charter renewal petition is being presented for approval to the board earlier than expected in order to work better for LACOE's timeline to review this renewal. The renewal petition provides a solid argument for meeting renewal criteria and is updated to comply with all recent laws and regulations.

Board Vice President Ken Deemer mentioned previously that there may be a duplicate chart--this will be reviewed for accuracy and corrected if necessary.

ECS COO Farnaz Flechner voiced tremendous appreciation for ECS Director of Strategic Initiatives Kami Cotler leading the charter renewal support, as it is such a significant and challenging process.

Kami Cotler thanked all readers for their assistance and ECS Special Projects and Operations Manager Jeremiah David for doing all of the legwork for the non-writing aspects of the charter submission package.

Board member Ernie Levroney stated that having been through this process before, he is pleased with how this charter renewal petition submission package has shaped up.

A discussion around what the renewal process will look like after this initial submission ensued.

ECMS-G Principal Dr. Qiana O'Leary shared that the annual LACOE visit to ECMS-G will occur all day on October 25 and board members are encouraged to visit and meet with the LACOE staff that day.

IV. Consent Items

A. Approve Revised EE Handbook

Ernie Levroney made a motion to approve revised EE handbook.
Zena Fong seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

Roll Call	
Zena Fong	Aye
Dr. Denise Berger	Absent
LESD Representative	Aye
Jenina Ramirez	Aye
Anthony Jowid	Aye
Cathy Creasia	Absent
Ernie Levroney	Aye
Ken Deemer	Aye

B. Approve Revised ECHS, ECMS-G, ECMS-I Parent-Student Handbooks

Zena Fong made a motion to approve revised ECHS, ECMS-G, ECMS-I Parent-Student Handbooks.
Ernie Levroney seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

Roll Call	
Ernie Levroney	Aye
Ken Deemer	Aye
Jenina Ramirez	Aye
Cathy Creasia	Absent
Dr. Denise Berger	Absent
Anthony Jowid	Aye
LESD Representative	Aye
Zena Fong	Aye

Board President Anthony Jowid asked if attorneys have reviewed these updates and added their input on behalf of ECS. ECS Special Projects and Operations Manager Jeremiah David responded affirmatively, adding that most of the language came directly from these attorneys and that supporting agencies were consulted as well.

V. Action Items

A. Approve CA Dashboard Local Indicators 2018

Anthony Jowid made a motion to approve the CA Dashboard Local Indicators 2018.
LESD Representative seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

Roll Call

Ernie Levroney	Aye
Dr. Denise Berger	Absent
LESD Representative	Aye
Zena Fong	Aye
Ken Deemer	Aye
Cathy Creasia	Absent
Anthony Jowid	Aye
Jenina Ramirez	Aye

B. Approve ECMS-G Charter Renewal Petition

LESD Representative made a motion to approve the ECMS-G Charter Renewal Petition.
Ernie Levroney seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

Roll Call

Ken Deemer	Aye
LESD Representative	Aye
Anthony Jowid	Aye
Zena Fong	Aye
Jenina Ramirez	Aye
Dr. Denise Berger	Absent
Cathy Creasia	Absent
Ernie Levroney	Aye

VI. Upcoming Dates/Announcements

A. Next ECS Board Meeting

- Board Meeting - November 26, 2018 at 5pm at Environmental Charter High School Auxiliary Office

B. Next ECS Committee Meetings

- Governance Committee Meeting - October 18, 2018
- Facilities Committee Meeting - TBD Early November
- Academic Excellence Committee Meeting - November 15, 2018
- Finance Committee Meeting - November 16, 2018
- Equity and Diversity Committee Meeting - November 27, 2018

C. Appreciations

Board President Anthony Jowid appreciated ECS Special Projects and Operations Manager Jeremiah David for putting together the special board meeting and everyone attending the call for being present, including LESD board representative Gretchen Janson.

VII. Closing Items

A. Adjourn Meeting

Zena Fong made a motion to adjourn the meeting.
Ernie Levroney seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

Roll Call

LESD Representative	Aye
Ernie Levroney	Aye
Anthony Jowid	Aye
Cathy Creasia	Absent
Ken Deemer	Aye
Zena Fong	Aye
Dr. Denise Berger	Absent
Jenina Ramirez	Aye

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 10:31 AM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Anthony Jowid