



# Environmental Charter Schools

## Minutes

### Special Board of Directors' Meeting

**Date and Time**

Thursday November 21, 2019 at 4:30 PM

**Location**

Zoom info: <https://zoom.us/j/147466498> Or Telephone: (669) 900-6833 (Meeting ID: 147 466 498) // Two-way Teleconference Locations: ECHS Auxiliary Office, 2625 Manhattan Beach Blvd, Suite 100, Redondo Beach, CA 90278 / ECMS-Gardena (812 W. 165th Place, Gardena, CA 90247) / ECMS-Inglewood (3600 W Imperial Hwy, Inglewood, CA 90303) / ECHS (16315 Grevillea Ave. Lawndale, CA 90260) / 409 Santa Monica Blvd., Suite E, Santa Monica, CA 90401 / 2401 Pine Ave., Manhattan Beach, CA 90266 / 1150 S. Olive Street, Suite 2123, Los Angeles, CA 90015 / 3513 Walnut Avenue, Manhattan Beach, CA 90266 / 2741 Peachwood Circle, Corona, CA 92882

<u>ECS Board Members</u>	<u>Term and End Date</u>
Mr. Anthony Jowid, President.....	3 years June 30, 2022
Mr. Ken Deemer, Vice President/Treasurer.....	3 years June 30, 2022
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
Ms. Jenina Ramirez.....	3 years June 30, 2021
Lawndale Elementary School District Representative.....	Rotating Position

ECS Staff

- Ms. Farnaz Golshani-Flechner, Chief Executive Officer/Executive Director
- Ms. Danielle Kelsick, Chief Academic Officer/Director of Curriculum and Instruction
- Ms. Alison Diaz, Director of Growth and Sustainability (Facilities)
- Ms. Kami Cotler, Director of Strategic Initiatives

Dr. Beth Bernstein-Yamashiro, Director of Principal Development/Principal Coach  
Dr. Geneva Matthews, Principal at ECMS-Inglewood  
Ms. KC Fabiero, Principal at ECHS  
Dr. Qiana O'Leary, Principal at ECMS-Gardena  
Mr. Dave Trejo, Principal-in-Residence

**Mission:**

Reimagine public education in low-income communities of color to prepare conscious, critical thinkers who are equipped to graduate from college and create a more equitable and sustainable world.

**Values:**

JUSTICE - We examine bias, racism, and prejudice. We deliver culturally-responsive curricula. We succeed when students' race and class cease to predict their level of achievement. (footnote Noguera).

COMMUNITY - We care. We collaborate. We respect the rights and voices of our stakeholders.

CURIOSITY - We question. We explore. We innovate.

SUSTAINABILITY - We think globally and act locally. We adapt. We encourage systems thinking to create a sustainable future.

LEADERSHIP - We listen. We think critically. We advocate. We shift public discourse. We are our own superheroes.

**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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### **REASONABLE ACCOMMODATION WILL BE PROVIDED FOR ANY INDIVIDUAL WITH A DISABILITY**

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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.

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#### **Directors Present**

Anthony Jowid (remote), Cathy Creasia (remote), Ken Deemer (remote), Zena Fong (remote)

#### **Directors Absent**

Dr. Denise Berger, Jenina Ramirez, LESD Representative

#### **Guests Present**

Farnaz Golshani-Flechner (remote), Jeremiah David (remote), Linda Artiano

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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 Thursday Nov 21, 2019 at 4:30 PM.

### **C.**

### **Approve the Agenda**

Cathy Creasia made a motion to approve the agenda.

Ken Deemer seconded the motion.

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

#### **Roll Call**

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

## **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. Transition to Closed Session**

### **A. Adjourn to Closed Session**

Zena Fong made a motion to adjourn to closed session.

Cathy Creasia seconded the motion.

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

#### **Roll Call**

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

## **IV. Closed Session**

### **A. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL—ANTICIPATED LITIGATION**

## **V. Report Out of Closed Session**

### **A.**

## Report Out

*Board President Anthony Jowid provided the following report out:*

In closed session, the ECS board voted to approve settlement agreement 2019-1122, with 4 years and 0 nays.

## VI. Closing Items

### A. Adjourn Meeting

Ken Deemer made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Cathy Creasia seconded the motion.

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

#### Roll Call

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

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 5:07 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Anthony Jowid