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# Environmental Charter Schools

## Minutes

### Emergency Board of Directors' Meeting

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#### Date and Time

Friday March 13, 2020 at 5:00 PM

#### Location

Zoom info: <https://zoom.us/j/248109971> Or Telephone: (669) 900-6833 (Meeting ID: 248 109 971).

Two-way Teleconference Location: 2625 Manhattan Beach Blvd, Suite 100, Redondo Beach, CA 90278

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<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.....	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  
Ms. KC Fabiero, Principal at ECHS  
Dr. Geneva Matthews, Principal at ECMS-Inglewood

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Mr. Dave Trejo, Principal at ECMS-Gardena

**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.

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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### **FOR MORE INFORMATION**

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#### **Directors Present**

Anthony Jowid (remote), Dr. Denise Berger (remote), Jenina Ramirez (remote), Ken Deemer (remote), Zena Fong (remote)

#### **Directors Absent**

Cathy Creasia, LESD Representative

#### **Guests Present**

Alison Diaz (remote), Farnaz Golshani-Flechner (remote), Jeremiah David (remote)

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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 Mar 13, 2020 at 5:01 PM.

### **C. Approve the agenda**

Zena Fong made a motion to approve agenda.

Jenina Ramirez seconded the motion.

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

**Roll Call**

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

**A. Approve Resolution 2019-2020 - #1 COVID-19 Concerning Measures to Address the Organizational and Educational impacts of the COVID-19 Virus**

LACOE and the LA Department of Public Health held an emergency COVID-19 meeting today and recommended school closure/dismissal. Guidance was provided at the meeting for emergency COVID-19 measures that schools may employ.

ECS team members have completed a very thorough emergency COVID-19 plan to be able to continue services for students and families in the event of school closure/dimissal, including distance learning, SPED/504 services, school meals, and other essential services.

The resolution attached provides the ECS CEO authority to close ECS schools and implement emergency measures due to the COVID-19 emergency.

Dr. Denise Berger made a motion to approve resolution 2019-2020 - #1 COVID-19 Concerning Measures to Address the Organizational and Educational impacts of the COVID-19 Virus.

Jenina Ramirez seconded the motion.

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

**Roll Call**

Dr. Denise Berger	Aye
Anthony Jowid	Aye
Zena Fong	Aye
Jenina Ramirez	Aye
LESD Representative	Absent

**Roll Call**

Cathy Creasia	Absent
Ken Deemer	Aye

**IV. Closing Items**

**A. Adjourn Meeting**

Dr. Denise Berger made a motion to adjourn meeting.  
Zena Fong seconded the motion.  
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

**Roll Call**

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

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 5:22 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Anthony Jowid