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# Environmental Charter Schools

## Minutes

### Special Board of Directors' Meeting

By Teleconference

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#### Date and Time

Monday April 27, 2020 at 12:30 PM

#### Location

Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83542197640?pwd=K2ltOEFUbU9qUWsyY2h6RjNXK3Bwdz09>,

Meeting ID: 835 4219 7640, Password: 3hNkw6

OR

Dial-In: (669) 900-6833, Meeting ID: 835 4219 7640, Password: 058177

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

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<b><u>ECS Board Members</u></b>	<b><u>Term and End Date</u></b>
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**

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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  
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**

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), Dr. Denise Berger (remote), Ken Deemer (remote), LESD Representative (remote), Zena Fong (remote)

#### **Directors Absent**

Cathy Creasia, Jenina Ramirez

#### **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 Monday Apr 27, 2020 at 12:33 PM.

### **C. Approve the Agenda**

Dr. Denise Berger made a motion to approve the agenda.

Zena Fong seconded the motion.

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

#### **Roll Call**

Dr. Denise Berger	Aye
Anthony Jowid	Aye
Ken Deemer	Absent
Cathy Creasia	Absent
Jenina Ramirez	Absent
Zena Fong	Aye
LESD Representative	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 Environmental Charter High School #2 Petition Material Revision**

The board discussed risks and considerations to postponing the ECHS #2 open date by a year as requested in the attached material revision documents. The ECS staff shared challenges to enrollment and other areas if ECS were allowed to, and chose to move forward with, opening in the upcoming school year 2020/2021. The board decided to proceed with the motion to approve this item.

Dr. Denise Berger made a motion to approve submission of Environmental Charter High School #2 Petition Material Revision Request.

Zena Fong seconded the motion.

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

#### **Roll Call**

Cathy Creasia	Absent
Zena Fong	Aye
Jenina Ramirez	Absent
Dr. Denise Berger	Aye

**Roll Call**

Anthony Jowid           Aye  
Ken Deemer             Aye  
LESD Representative   Aye

**IV. Closing Items**

**A. Adjourn Meeting**

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

**Roll Call**

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

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 12:50 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Anthony Jowid