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# Environmental Charter Schools

## Minutes

### Board of Directors' Meeting

By Teleconference/Zoom

**Date and Time**

Thursday September 24, 2020 at 5:00 PM

**Location**

Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/147466498>

OR

Dial-In: (669) 900-6833, Meeting ID: 147 466 498

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

<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
Dr. Denise Berger, Secretary.....	3 years June 30, 2023
Ms. Zena Fong.....	2 year June 30, 2023
Ms. Jenina Ramirez.....	3 years June 30, 2021
Dr. Hughie Barnes.....	3 years June 30, 2023
Dr. Madhu Chatwani.....	3 years June 30, 2023
Kennedy Hilario.....	3 years June 30, 2023
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  
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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### **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 (remote), Dr. Hughie Barnes (remote), Jenina Ramirez (remote), Ken Deemer (remote), Kennedy Hilario (remote), Zena Fong (remote)

#### **Directors Absent**

Dr. Denise Berger, Dr. Madhu Chatwani, LESD Representative

#### **Guests Present**

Dr. Jessyka Ramirez-Holden (remote), Gabriel Ramirez (remote), Jeremiah David (remote), Kami Cotler (remote), Rossa Doño-Ramirez (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 Thursday Sep 24, 2020 at 5:12 PM.

**C. Approve the agenda**

Dr. Hughie Barnes made a motion to approve the agenda.

Zena Fong seconded the motion.

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

**Roll Call**

Dr. Hughie Barnes	Aye
Ken Deemer	Aye
Kennedy Hilario	Aye
Zena Fong	Aye
Jenina Ramirez	Absent
Dr. Madhu Chatwani	Absent
Anthony Jowid	Aye
Dr. Denise Berger	Absent
LESD Representative	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. Reports/Presentations**

**A. Principal Update**

Tabled.

**B. College presentation and alumni tracking update**

ECHS Counselor Rossa Doño-Ramirez presented the college presentation about ECHS seniors that graduated in June 2020. The alumni tracking update will be presented at a later date.

**IV. Consent Item**

**A. Approve FY 2020-21 contract(s)**

Ken Deemer made a motion to approve FY 2020-21 contract.

Dr. Hughie Barnes seconded the motion.  
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

**Roll Call**

Dr. Madhu Chatwani	Absent
Dr. Denise Berger	Absent
Zena Fong	Aye
LESD Representative	Absent
Jenina Ramirez	Absent
Anthony Jowid	Aye
Ken Deemer	Aye
Dr. Hughie Barnes	Aye
Kennedy Hilario	Aye

**V. Action Item**

**A. Approve Learning Continuity and Attendance Plans**

Kennedy Hilario made a motion to approve Learning Continuity and Attendance Plans.  
Jenina Ramirez seconded the motion.  
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

**Roll Call**

Jenina Ramirez	Aye
LESD Representative	Absent
Anthony Jowid	Aye
Kennedy Hilario	Aye
Ken Deemer	Aye
Dr. Hughie Barnes	Aye
Dr. Madhu Chatwani	Absent
Dr. Denise Berger	Absent
Zena Fong	Aye

**VI. Closing Items**

**A. Appreciations**

**B. Adjourn Meeting**

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

**Roll Call**

Dr. Hughie Barnes	Aye
Dr. Denise Berger	Absent
LESD Representative	Absent
Anthony Jowid	Aye

**Roll Call**

Zena Fong	Aye
Kennedy Hilario	Aye
Jenina Ramirez	Aye
Dr. Madhu Chatwani	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 6:01 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Anthony Jowid