

APPROVED



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.

| ECS Board Members | Term and End Date |
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| 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

Pursuant to the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, any individual with a disability who requires reasonable accommodation to attend or participate in this meeting of the Governing Board may request assistance by contacting ECS at (310) 214-3408, option 5.

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 (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)

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

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

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

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

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

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| Anthony Jowid | Aye |
| Ken Deemer | Aye |
| Zena Fong | Aye |
| Dr. Hughie Barnes | Aye |

Roll Call

Jenina Ramirez Aye
Dr. Denise Berger Absent
LESD Representative Absent
Kennedy Hilario Aye
Dr. Madhu Chatwani Absent

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