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# Environmental Charter Schools

## Minutes

### Special Board of Directors' Meeting

By Teleconference/Zoom

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#### Date and Time

Wednesday April 6, 2022 at 4:30 PM

#### Location

Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81548816838?pwd=WC9FMkZ2K0hCcDgySGIXUIJmbDJsZz09>

OR

Dial-In: (669) 900-6833, Meeting ID: 147 466 498, Passcode: 381949

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

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ECS Board Members	Term and End Date
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, 2024
Dr. Madhu Chatwani.....	3 years June 30, 2023
Mr. 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  
Ms. Alison Diaz, Director of Growth and Sustainability (Facilities)  
Dr. Beth Bernstein-Yamashiro, Director of Principal Development/Principal Coach  
Tracy Bondi, Director of Finance  
Julie Vo, Director of Development  
Jeremiah David, Director of Compliance and Operations  
Sarah Jamieson, Director of Human Resources  
Michael Martucci, Director of Student Services  
Jen Fenton, Director of Health and Safety  
Ms. KC Fabiero, Principal at ECHS-Lawndale  
Dr. Geneva Matthews, Principal at ECMS-Inglewood  
Mr. Dave Trejo, Principal at ECMS-Gardena  
Dr. Cindy Guardado, Principal at ECHS-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).

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.

#### **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. Denise Berger, Dr. Madhu Chatwani, Jenina Ramirez, LESD Representative

#### **Directors Absent**

Ken Deemer, Kennedy Hilario, Zena Fong

#### **Guests Present**

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Jeremiah David

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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 Wednesday Apr 6, 2022 at 4:41 PM.

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

Jenina Ramirez made a motion to approve the agenda.

Dr. Madhu Chatwani seconded the motion.

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

#### **Roll Call**

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

LESD Representative made a motion to adjourn to closed session.

Dr. Madhu Chatwani seconded the motion.

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

#### **Roll Call**

Jenina Ramirez	Aye
Dr. Denise Berger	Aye

**Roll Call**

Kennedy Hilario	Absent
Anthony Jowid	Aye
Zena Fong	Absent
LESD Representative	Aye
Dr. Madhu Chatwani	Aye
Ken Deemer	Absent

**IV. Report Out of Closed Session**

**A. Report Out**

*Board President Anthony Jowid provided the following report out of closed session:*

In closed session, the board voted unanimously with 5 yays and 0 nays to approve the Agreement for Stipulated Expulsion pursuant to California Education Code §48917 and §48918.

**V. Closing Items**

**A. Appreciations**

Director of Compliance and Operations Jeremiah David appreciated the board for taking time out of their calendars to convene and take action at this special board meeting.

Board member Jenina Ramirez appreciated Social Worker Cesar Delgado for working with the family associated with the closed session matter. Board President Anthony Jowid and board member Dr. Madhu Chatwani expressed appreciation to Jeremiah David for his work in coordinating this meeting.

**B. Adjourn Meeting**

Dr. Madhu Chatwani made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Jenina Ramirez seconded the motion.

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

**Roll Call**

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

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 5:05 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Anthony Jowid