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Environmental Charter Schools

Minutes

Board of Directors' Meeting

By Teleconference/Zoom

Date and Time
Thursday September 22, 2022 at 5:00 PM

Location
Zoom: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/147466498?pwd=MnB5Vkc4aG41OEZ1dDdtcWoxQjV0dz09

OR

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

ECS Board Members Term and End Date
Mr. Anthony Jowid, President.....3 years June 30, 2025
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)
Ms. Tracy Bondi, Director of Finance
Mr. Jeremiah David, Director of Compliance and Operations
Ms. Sarah Jamieson, Director of Human Resources
Mr. Michael Martucci, Director of Student Services
Ms. Jen Fenton, Director of Health and Safety
Ms. Lucia Bañuelos, 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.

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Directors Present
Anthony Jowid (remote), Dr. Betsy Hamilton (remote), Dr. Denise Berger (remote), Kennedy Hilario (remote), LESD Representative (remote), Zena Fong (remote)

Directors Absent
Dr. Madhu Chatwani, Jenina Ramirez

Guests Present
Alison Diaz (remote), Danielle Kelsick (remote), Dave Trejo (remote), Dorothy Lee (remote), Dr. Geneva Matthews (remote), Farnaz Golshani-Flechner (remote), Herbert Sims (remote), Jennifer Fenton (remote), Jeremiah Rosario David (remote), Jorine Campbell (remote), Lucy Bañuelos

(remote), Michael Martucci (remote), Rachael Adsila (remote), Roxanne Solomita (remote), Thelma Gonzalez (remote), Tracy Bondi (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 22, 2022 at 5:03 PM.

C. Approve the agenda

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

Roll Call	
Anthony Jowid	Aye
Zena Fong	Aye
Dr. Madhu Chatwani	Absent
Jenina Ramirez	Absent
Kennedy Hilario	Aye
Dr. Denise Berger	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. Discussion Items / Updates

A. ECMS principals updates

ECMS-G Principal Dave Trejo and ECMS-I Principal Geneva Matthews provided the ECMS principals updates as described in the presentation slides.

B. Leadership update

Chief Executive Officer Farnaz Golshani-Flechner presented the leadership updates slides in concert with Director of Health & Safety Jennifer Fenton.

C. Action item: Elect Dr. Betsy Hamilton to ECS Board as recommended by Governance Committee

Dr. Denise Berger made a motion to elect Dr. Betsy Hamilton to ECS Board as recommended by Governance Committee.
Kennedy Hilario seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

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

D. College presentation and alumni tracking update

ECHS-Lawndale counselor Roxanne Solomita and Alumni Coordinator Rachael Adsila presented the college presentation and alumni tracking update slides.

E. 21/22 financial review and 22/23 revised budgets

EdTec consultant Dorothy Lee provided the EdTec 21/22 financial review:

- ECHS-Lawndale- operating income decreased by $40k in unaudited actuals
- ECMS-Gardena- operating income increased by $28k in unaudited actuals
- ECMS-Inglewood- operating income decreased by $51k in unaudited actuals
- ECHS-Gardena- operating income decreased by $19k in unaudited actuals

IV. Study Session

A. ECS Priorities conversation

Chief Executive Officer Farnaz Golshani-Flechner and Chief Academic Office Danielle Kelsick presented the ECS priorities slides. A study session ensued among all of the meeting attendees focused on analysis of the ECS Strategic Priorities Benchmark Chart.

V. Consent Items A-M

A. Approve Board Resolution 2022-2023 #2 - Authorizing Remote Board Meetings

Dr. Denise Berger made a motion to approve Board Resolution 2022-2023 #2 - Authorizing Remote Board Meetings.
Zena Fong seconded the motion.

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

Roll Call

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

B. Approve minutes for 8/4/2022 ECS board meeting

Dr. Denise Berger made a motion to approve the minutes from Board of Directors' Meeting on 08-04-22.
Zena Fong seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

Roll Call

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

C. Approve previous committee meeting minutes

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

Roll Call

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

D. Approve private donations over $1,000 as recommended by Finance Committee

Dr. Denise Berger made a motion to approve private donations over $1,000 as recommended by Finance Committee.

Zena Fong seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

Roll Call

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

E. Approve check registers and credit card statements as recommended by Finance Committee

Dr. Denise Berger made a motion to approve check registers and credit card statements as recommended by Finance Committee.
Zena Fong seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

Roll Call

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

F. Approve Unaudited Actuals for ECHS-L, ECMS-I, ECMS-G, ECHS-G as recommended by Finance Committee

Dr. Denise Berger made a motion to approve Unaudited Actuals for ECHS-L, ECMS-I, ECMS-G, ECHS-G as recommended by Finance Committee.
Zena Fong seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

Roll Call

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

G. Approve revised 22/23 Teacher Salary Schedule as recommended by Finance Committee

Dr. Denise Berger made a motion to approve revised 22/23 Teacher Salary Schedule as recommended by Finance Committee.
Zena Fong seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

Roll Call

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

H. Approve 22/23 Finance Committee Goals as recommended by Finance Committee

Dr. Denise Berger made a motion to approve 22/23 Finance Committee Goals as recommended by Finance Committee.
Zena Fong seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

Roll Call

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

I. Approve FY 2022-23 contracts

Dr. Denise Berger made a motion to approve FY 2022-23 contracts.
Zena Fong seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

Roll Call

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

Roll Call

Jenina Ramirez	Absent
Dr. Betsy Hamilton	Aye

J. Approve revised Academic Calendars 2022-2023

Dr. Denise Berger made a motion to approve revised Academic Calendars 2022-2023.
Zena Fong seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

Roll Call

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

K. Approve Teachers on Special Assignment for 2022-23 School Year (Board Policy 32188)

Dr. Denise Berger made a motion to approve Teachers on Special Assignment for 2022-23 School Year (Board Policy 32188).
Zena Fong seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

Roll Call

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

L. Approve Parent-Student Handbooks

Dr. Denise Berger made a motion to approve Parent-Student Handbooks.
Zena Fong seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

Roll Call

Dr. Madhu Chatwani	Absent
Kennedy Hilario	Aye
Dr. Betsy Hamilton	Aye
Anthony Jowid	Aye

Roll Call

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

M. Approve purchase of relocatable classrooms to be located at ECHS-Lawndale and Lease agreement between Lawndale LLC and ECHS-Lawndale

Dr. Denise Berger made a motion to approve purchase of relocatable classrooms to be located at ECHS-Lawndale and Lease agreement between Lawndale LLC and ECHS-Lawndale.
Zena Fong seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

Roll Call

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

VI. Action Item

A. Approve 22/23 revised budgets for ECHS-L, ECMS-G, ECMS-I, ECHS-G

Kennedy Hilario made a motion to approve 22/23 revised budgets for ECHS-L, ECMS-G, ECMS-I, ECHS-G.
Zena Fong seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call

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

B. Approve ECS Civility Policy

Dr. Betsy Hamilton made a motion to approve ECS Civility Policy.
Dr. Denise Berger seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

Roll Call

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

VII. Upcoming Dates/Announcements

A. Next ECS Board Meeting

B. Next ECS Committee Meetings

C. Appreciations

Board member Dr. Denise Berger appreciated the pivot by the college counseling team to provide focus to their seniors to apply to public colleges and universities.

Board member Kennedy Hilario shared an appreciation of Chief Executive Officer Farnaz Golshani-Flechner for her confidence and poise demonstrated in the improvement of her performance year over year.

Chief Executive Officer Farnaz Golshani-Flechner appreciated the participation and presence of LESD board representative Thelma Gonzalez as well as ECS Director of Student Services Michael Martucci for his work going above and beyond recruiting special education teachers. She complimented Mr. Herb Simms for considering working through the board nomination process and Dr. Betsy Hamilton for her successful election to the ECS board today. Finally, Farnaz thanked Chief Academic Officer Danielle Kelsick, Director of Compliance & Operations Jeremiah David, and Director of Growth & Sustainability Alison Diaz for being amazing partners in the hard work over the past weeks launching the school year.

VIII. 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	Aye
Zena Fong	Aye

Roll Call

Dr. Madhu Chatwani	Absent
Anthony Jowid	Aye
Jenina Ramirez	Absent
Kennedy Hilario	Aye
Dr. Denise Berger	Aye

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 7:05 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Anthony Jowid