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Environmental Charter Schools

Minutes

Board of Directors' Meeting

By Teleconference/Zoom

Date and Time
Thursday January 26, 2023 at 5:00 PM

Location
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OR

Dial-In: (669) 900-6833, Meeting ID: 147 466 498, Passcode: 133043

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
Dr. Betsy Hamilton.....3 years June 30, 2025
Lawndale Elementary School District Representative, Rotating Position

ECS Staff
Ms. Farnaz Golshani-Flechner, Superintendent

Ms. Danielle Kelsick, Deputy Superintendent of Instruction
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), Dr. Madhu Chatwani (remote), Herb Sims (remote), Jenina Ramirez (remote), Kennedy Hilario (remote), Mason Williams (remote), Zena Fong (remote)

Directors Absent
LESD Representative

Guests Present
Danielle Kelsick (remote), Dave Trejo (remote), Dorothy Lee (remote), Dr. Cindy Guardado (remote), Dr. Geneva Matthews (remote), Jair Ventura (remote), Jennifer Fenton (remote),

Jeremiah Rosario David (remote), Jorine Campbell (remote), Lucia Bañuelos (remote), Michael Martucci (remote), Sajeeta Mulcahy (remote), Sarah Jamieson (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 Jan 26, 2023 at 5:06 PM.

C. Approve the agenda

Dr. Madhu Chatwani made a motion to approve the agenda.
Jenina Ramirez seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

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

The meeting attendees engaged in a brief opener, going into 1:1 breakout rooms to get to know each other.

B. Action item: elect prospective board member(s) to ECS Board

Dr. Betsy Hamilton made a motion to elect prospective board member(s) to ECS Board.

Dr. Madhu Chatwani seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

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

C. ECHS principals update

ECHS-Gardena Principal Dr. Cindy Guardado and ECHS-Lawndale Principal Lucia Bañuelos presented updates, celebrations and spring semester goals in the ECHS principal update slides.

D. EdTec financial update

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

- ECHS-Lawndale - operating income increased by $6k from previous forecast
- ECMS-Gardena - operating income decreased by $52k from previous forecast
- ECMS-Inglewood - operating income decreased by $39k from previous forecast
- ECHS-Gardena - operating income decreased by $41k from previous forecast

E. Board member donations

Tabled.

IV. Study Session

A. Charter renewal planning conversation

Superintendent Farnaz Golshani-Flechner and Director of Compliance & Operations Jeremiah David presented the charter renewal slides. This was followed by brainstorming sessions among the attendees in breakout rooms.

V. Public Hearing

A. Public Comment: Revised ECS - Safe Return to In Person Instruction and Continuity of Services Plan

No speakers were present to provide comments at this public hearing.

VI. Consent Items A-P

A. Approve Board Resolution 2022-2023 #4 - Authorizing Remote Board Meetings

Dr. Denise Berger made a motion to approve Board Resolution 2022-2023 #4 - Authorizing Remote Board Meetings.
Kennedy Hilario seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

Roll Call

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

B. Approve 12/8/2022 board meeting minutes

Dr. Denise Berger made a motion to approve the minutes from Board of Directors' Meeting on 12-08-22.
Kennedy Hilario seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

Roll Call

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

C. Approve 1/17/2023 Governance Committee meeting minutes

Dr. Denise Berger made a motion to approve the minutes from Governance Committee Meeting on 01-17-23.
Kennedy Hilario seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

Roll Call

Jenina Ramirez	Aye
Kennedy Hilario	Aye

Roll Call

Zena Fong	Aye
Dr. Denise Berger	Aye
Mason Williams	Absent
Dr. Betsy Hamilton	Aye
Dr. Madhu Chatwani	Absent
Anthony Jowid	Aye
LESD Representative	Absent
Herb Sims	Abstain

D. Approve 1/19/2023 Audit Committee meeting minutes

Dr. Denise Berger made a motion to approve the minutes from Audit Committee Meeting on 01-19-23.
Kennedy Hilario seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

Roll Call

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

E. Approve 1/20/2023 Finance Committee meeting minutes

Dr. Denise Berger made a motion to approve the minutes from Finance Committee Meeting on 01-20-23.
Kennedy Hilario seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

Roll Call

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

F.

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.
Kennedy Hilario seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

Roll Call

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

G. 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.
Kennedy Hilario seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

Roll Call

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

H. Approve contracts

Dr. Denise Berger made a motion to approve contracts.
Kennedy Hilario seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

Roll Call

Jenina Ramirez	Aye
Zena Fong	Aye
Anthony Jowid	Aye

Roll Call

Dr. Betsy Hamilton	Aye
Mason Williams	Absent
Herb Sims	Abstain
Kennedy Hilario	Aye
LESD Representative	Absent
Dr. Denise Berger	Aye
Dr. Madhu Chatwani	Absent

I. Approve revised Lawndale Properties LLC Lease Agreement as recommended by Finance Committee

Dr. Denise Berger made a motion to approve revised Lawndale Properties LLC Lease Agreement as recommended by Finance Committee.
Kennedy Hilario seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

Roll Call

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

J. Approve revised Yukon LLC Sublease Agreement Amendment as recommended by Finance Committee

Dr. Denise Berger made a motion to approve revised Yukon LLC Sublease Agreement Amendment as recommended by Finance Committee.
Kennedy Hilario seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

Roll Call

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

K. Approve School Plans for Student Achievement for ECHSL, ECMSG, ECMSI, ECHSG

Dr. Denise Berger made a motion to approve School Plans for Student Achievement for ECHSL, ECMSG, ECMSI, ECHSG.
Kennedy Hilario seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

Roll Call

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

L. Approve School Accountability Report Cards (SARCs) for ECHSL, ECMSG, ECMSI, ECHSG

Dr. Denise Berger made a motion to approve School Accountability Report Cards (SARCs) for ECHSL, ECMSG, ECMSI, ECHSG.
Kennedy Hilario seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

Roll Call

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

M. Approve sale or disposal of ECS e-waste (surplus technology equipment)

Dr. Denise Berger made a motion to approve sale or disposal of ECS e-waste (surplus technology equipment).
Kennedy Hilario seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

Roll Call

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

N. Approve California Energy Commission’s CalSHAPE Program Board Resolution for ventilation program funding at ECHS-G

Dr. Denise Berger made a motion to approve California Energy Commission’s CalSHAPE Program Board Resolution for ventilation program funding at ECHS-G.
Kennedy Hilario seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

Roll Call

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

O. Approve revised ECS - Safe Return to In Person Instruction and Continuity of Services Plan

Dr. Denise Berger made a motion to approve revised ECS - Safe Return to In Person Instruction and Continuity of Services Plan.
Kennedy Hilario seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

Roll Call

Zena Fong	Aye
Anthony Jowid	Aye
Herb Sims	Abstain
Dr. Denise Berger	Aye
Dr. Madhu Chatwani	Absent
Mason Williams	Absent

Roll Call	
Dr. Betsy Hamilton	Aye
LESD Representative	Absent
Kennedy Hilario	Aye
Jenina Ramirez	Aye

P. Elect Dr. Betsy Hamilton as board vice president

Dr. Denise Berger made a motion to elect Dr. Betsy Hamilton as board vice president.
Kennedy Hilario seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

Roll Call	
Herb Sims	Abstain
Dr. Denise Berger	Aye
Zena Fong	Aye
Kennedy Hilario	Aye
LESD Representative	Absent
Anthony Jowid	Aye
Dr. Betsy Hamilton	Aye
Mason Williams	Absent
Dr. Madhu Chatwani	Absent
Jenina Ramirez	Aye

VII. Action Item

A. Approve FY21/22 Audit Report as Recommended by Audit Committee

Kennedy Hilario made a motion to approve FY21/22 Audit Report as Recommended by Audit Committee.
Dr. Betsy Hamilton seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

Roll Call	
Zena Fong	Aye
Mason Williams	Absent
LESD Representative	Absent
Anthony Jowid	Aye
Kennedy Hilario	Aye
Dr. Denise Berger	Aye
Jenina Ramirez	Aye
Dr. Betsy Hamilton	Aye
Dr. Madhu Chatwani	Absent
Herb Sims	Abstain

VIII. Upcoming Dates/Announcements

A.

Next ECS Board Meeting

B. Next ECS Committee Meetings

C. Appreciations

Appreciations were shared for Assistant Superintendent of Instruction Danielle and her instructional leadership team and Superintendent Farnaz Golshani-Flechner for leading the collective achievements of their staff. An appreciation was made of the board members for the energy and ideas that they provided in the board study session.

IX. Closing Items

A. Adjourn Meeting

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

Roll Call

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

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 7:01 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Anthony Jowid