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Environmental Charter Schools

Minutes

Board of Directors' Meeting

In-Person at ECS Home Office

Date and Time
Thursday June 22, 2023 at 5:00 PM

Location
In-person location: ECS Home Office - 2625 Manhattan Beach Blvd #100, Redondo Beach, CA 90278

Two-way teleconference locations: 1100 Shasta Avenue, San Jose, CA 95126 | Building 14, Jamaica, NY 11430

ECS Board Members Term and End Date
Mr. Anthony Jowid, President.....3 years June 30, 2025
Dr. Betsy Hamilton, Vice President.....3 years June 30, 2025
Dr. Denise Berger, Secretary.....3 years June 30, 2023
Ms. Zena Fong.....3 years 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
Mr. Herb Sims.....3 years June 30, 2025
Mr. Mason Williams.....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.

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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, Dr. Betsy Hamilton, Dr. Madhu Chatwani, Herb Sims (remote), Jenina Ramirez, Kennedy Hilario (remote), LESD Representative, Mason Williams, Zena Fong

Directors Absent
Dr. Denise Berger

Guests Present
Charity Rock (remote), Danielle Kelsick, Dorothy Lee (remote), Farnaz Golshani-Flechner, Jeremiah Rosario David, 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 Jun 22, 2023 at 5:03 PM.

C. Approve the agenda

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

Roll Call

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

Superintendent Farnaz Golshani-Flechner conducted an opener where attendees, staff and board members walked around to discuss the following questions: Name a time you planned out something out that worked, what went well?

B. 22/23 EdTec Financial Update and 23/24 Budgets Presentation

Edtec consultant Dorothy Lee presented the financial update slides for each of the schools for the 22/23 school year as well as the 23/24 school year financial budgets.

C.

Edgility Compensation Analysis and Next Steps

Superintendent Farnaz Golshani-Flechner presented the slides for the Edgility compensation analysis and discussed with the board the next steps Environmental Charter Schools will take.

D. 2023-24 Local Control and Accountability Plans Presentation for all ECS Schools

Superintendent Farnaz Golshani-Flechner and Director of Strategic Initiatives Jen Fenton presented to the board the 2023-24 School Year Local Control and Accountability Plans for all ECS schools. The presentation included the following sections: LCAP overview, ECS shared goals, overall successes and themes, site-specific needs, budget versus actual expenditures, and engaging partners.

IV. Public Hearing

A. Public Comment Hearing regarding the actions and expenditures proposed in each ECS schools' 2023-24 Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP)

There were no public speakers present to provide public comment at this hearing.

V. Consent Items A-P

A. Approve 3/16/2023 board meeting minutes

Dr. Betsy Hamilton made a motion to approve the minutes from Board of Directors' Meeting on 03-16-23.
Dr. Madhu Chatwani seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

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

B. Approve 5/12/2023 special board meeting minutes

Dr. Betsy Hamilton made a motion to approve the minutes from Special Board of Directors' Meeting on 05-12-23.
Dr. Madhu Chatwani seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

Roll Call

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

C. Approve 3-year board term renewals (July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2026) for the listed board members

Dr. Betsy Hamilton made a motion to approve 3-year board term renewals (July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2026) for the listed board members -Dr. Denise Berger (Board Secretary) -Zena Fong -Dr. Madhu Chatwani -Kennedy Hilario.
Dr. Madhu Chatwani seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

Roll Call

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

D. Approve 2023-2024 ECS Board Committees & Terms

Dr. Betsy Hamilton made a motion to approve 2023-2024 ECS Board Committees & Terms.
Dr. Madhu Chatwani seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

Roll Call

Jenina Ramirez	Aye
Kennedy Hilario	Aye
Dr. Betsy Hamilton	Aye
Anthony Jowid	Aye
Herb Sims	Absent
Zena Fong	Aye

Roll Call

Mason Williams	Aye
Dr. Denise Berger	Absent
LESD Representative	Aye
Dr. Madhu Chatwani	Aye

E. Approve 2023-2024 ECS Board & Committee Calendar

Dr. Betsy Hamilton made a motion to approve 2023-2024 ECS Board & Committee Calendar.
Dr. Madhu Chatwani seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

Roll Call

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

F. Approve ECHS-Gardena Title I Schoolwide Program Plan 2023

Dr. Betsy Hamilton made a motion to approve ECHS-Gardena Title I Schoolwide Program Plan 2023.
Dr. Madhu Chatwani seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

Roll Call

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

G. Approve revised ECS Expanded Learning Opportunities Program (ELO-P) Plan

Dr. Betsy Hamilton made a motion to approve revised ECS Expanded Learning Opportunities Program (ELO-P) Plan.

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

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

H. Approve 6/16/2023 Finance Committee meeting minutes

Dr. Betsy Hamilton made a motion to approve 6/16/2023 Finance Committee meeting minutes.
Dr. Madhu Chatwani seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

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

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

Dr. Betsy Hamilton made a motion to approve private donations over $1,000 as recommended by Finance Committee.
Dr. Madhu Chatwani seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

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

Roll Call

Mason Williams	Aye
Jenina Ramirez	Aye
Dr. Madhu Chatwani	Aye
Herb Sims	Absent

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

Dr. Betsy Hamilton made a motion to approve check registers and credit card statements as recommended by Finance Committee.
Dr. Madhu Chatwani seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

Roll Call

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

K. Approve contracts

Dr. Betsy Hamilton made a motion to approve contracts.
Dr. Madhu Chatwani seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

Roll Call

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

L. Approve 2023-2024 Education Protection Act Plan and Resolution as recommended by Finance Committee

Dr. Betsy Hamilton made a motion to approve 2023-2024 Education Protection Act Plan and Resolution as recommended by Finance Committee.
Dr. Madhu Chatwani seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

Roll Call

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

M. Approve Arts, Music and Instructional Materials Block Grant Expenditure Plan as recommended by Finance Committee

Dr. Betsy Hamilton made a motion to approve Arts, Music and Instructional Materials Block Grant Expenditure Plan as recommended by Finance Committee.
Dr. Madhu Chatwani seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

Roll Call

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

N. Approve amended term for ECHS-Gardena / MBB & Gardena lease as recommended by Finance Committee

Dr. Betsy Hamilton made a motion to approve amended term for ECHS-Gardena / MBB & Gardena lease as recommended by Finance Committee.
Dr. Madhu Chatwani seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

Roll Call

LESD Representative	Aye
Jenina Ramirez	Aye

Roll Call

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

O. Approve 23/24 Finance Committee Goals as recommended by Finance Committee

Dr. Betsy Hamilton made a motion to approve 23/24 Finance Committee Goals as recommended by Finance Committee.
Dr. Madhu Chatwani seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

Roll Call

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

P. Approve revised ECS Financial Policies - Capitalization & Depreciation policy as recommended by Finance Committee

Dr. Betsy Hamilton made a motion to approve revised ECS Financial Policies - Capitalization & Depreciation policy as recommended by Finance Committee.
Dr. Madhu Chatwani seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

Roll Call

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

VI. Action Items

A. Approve 2023-24 Local Accountability and Control Plans for ECHS-L, ECMS-G, ECMS-I, ECHS-G

Dr. Madhu Chatwani made a motion to approve 2023-24 Local Accountability and Control Plans for ECHS-L, ECMS-G, ECMS-I, ECHS-G.
Mason Williams seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

Roll Call

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

B. Approve 23/24 budgets for ECHS-L, ECMS-G, ECMS-I, ECHS-G as recommended by Finance Committee

Jenina Ramirez made a motion to approve 23/24 budgets for ECHS-L, ECMS-G, ECMS-I, ECHS-G as recommended by Finance Committee.
Zena Fong seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

Roll Call

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

C. Approve 2023 California School Dashboard Local Indicators for ECHS-L, ECMS-G, ECMS-I, ECHS-G

Dr. Madhu Chatwani made a motion to approve 2023 California School Dashboard Local Indicators for ECHS-L, ECMS-G, ECMS-I, ECHS-G.

Dr. Betsy Hamilton seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

Roll Call

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

D. Approve 2023-2024 Academic Calendars for ECHS-L, ECMS-G, ECMS-I, ECHS-G

Dr. Madhu Chatwani made a motion to approve 2023-2024 Academic Calendars for ECHS-L, ECMS-G, ECMS-I, ECHS-G.
Mason Williams seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

Roll Call

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

VII. Upcoming Dates/Announcements

A. Next ECS Board Meeting

Superintendent Farnaz Golshani-Flechner stated the next ECS board mMeeting will be on August 3rd.

B. Next ECS Committee Meetings

Superintendent Farnaz Golshani-Flechner stated the next ECS committee meetings will be in September.

C. Appreciations

Superintendent Farnaz Golshani-Flechner appreciated Deputy Superintendent of Instruction Danielle Kelsick, Director of Strategic Initiatives Jen Fenton and Director of Compliance & Operations Jeremiah David for helping putting the academic calendars and LCAPs together and taking on additional roles to the extent that they did.

Director of Compliance & Operations Jeremiah David appreciated Superintendent Farnaz Golshani-Flechner and Deputy Superintendent of Instruction Danielle Kelsick for the thoughtful strategy that they have been doing with the working groups and listening tours to make the organization better.

Director of Strategic Initiatives Jen Fenton also appreciated Superintendent Farnaz Golshani-Flechner and Deputy Superintendent of Instruction Danielle Kelsick for the hard work that they have been doing.

Board President Anthony Jowid appreciated Superintendent Farnaz Golshani-Flechner and Deputy Superintendent of Instruction Danielle Kelsick for the sacrifices they have made to better the organization.

Board member Betsy Hamilton shared appreciation for the board members for taking time out of their day to support the organization.

Superintendent Farnaz Golshani-Flechner shared an appreciation of Director of Finance Traci Bondi for all of the hard work she has done.

VIII. Transition to Closed Session

A. Adjourn to Closed Session

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

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

IX. Closed Session

A.

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL—ANTICIPATED LITIGATION

The board met in closed session.

X. Report Out of Closed Session

A. Report Out

The board returned from closed session with nothing to report.

XI. Closing Items

A. Adjourn Meeting

Zena Fong made a motion to adjourn meeting.
Dr. Madhu Chatwani seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

Roll Call

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

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 7:30 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Anthony Jowid