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Environmental Charter Schools

Minutes

Special Board of Directors' Meeting

By Teleconference/Zoom

Date and Time
Thursday November 21, 2024 at 2:00 PM

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

OR

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ECS Board Members Term and End Date
Dr. Betsy Hamilton, President.....3 years June 30, 2025
Dr. Denise Berger, Secretary.....3 years June 30, 2026
Mr. Anthony Jowid.....3 years June 30, 2025
Ms. Zena Fong.....3 years June 30, 2026
Ms. Jenina Ramirez.....3 years June 30, 2027
Dr. Madhu Chatwani.....3 years June 30, 2026
Mr. Kennedy Hilario.....3 years June 30, 2026

Mr. Herb Sims.....3 years June 30, 2025
Mr. Mason Williams.....3 years June 30, 2025
Mr. Andrew Ellenbogen.....3 years June 30, 2026
Lawndale Elementary School District Representative, Rotating Position

ECS Staff
Ms. Farnaz Golshani-Flechner, Superintendent
Ms. Danielle Kelsick, Deputy Superintendent of Instruction
Ms. Tracy Bondi, Director of Finance
Mr. Jeremiah David, Director of Compliance & Operations
Ms. Sarah Jamieson, Director of Human Resources
Ms. Jen Fenton, Director of Strategic Initiatives
Dr. Shalene Wright, Director of SpEd and English Language Development
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.

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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Directors Present

Andrew Ellenbogen (remote), Dr. Denise Berger, Dr. Madhu Chatwani, Herb Sims (remote), Jenina Ramirez (remote), Kennedy Hilario (remote), LESD Representative, Mason Williams (remote), Zena Fong (remote)

Directors Absent

Anthony Jowid, Dr. Betsy Hamilton

Directors who arrived after the meeting opened
Dr. Denise Berger, Dr. Madhu Chatwani, LESD Representative

Directors who left before the meeting adjourned
Mason Williams

Guests Present
Alison Diaz (remote), Farnaz Golshani-Flechner (remote), Jeremiah Rosario David (remote)

I. Opening Items

A. Record attendance and guests

B. Call the Meeting to Order

Jenina Ramirez called a meeting of the board of directors of Environmental Charter Schools to order on Thursday Nov 21, 2024 at 2:03 PM.

C. Approve the agenda

Kennedy Hilario made a motion to approve the agenda.
Zena Fong seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

Roll Call

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

D. Opener

Tabled.
LESD Representative arrived.

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. Presentation on California Healthy Air, Plumbing, and Efficiency Program (CalSHAPE) Phase 2 grants for ECHSG, ECHSL and ECMS-I

Founder and Director of Growth & Sustainability Alison Diaz presented the CalSHAPE Phase 2 grants slides in detail. This was followed by a full Q&A and discussion among the board members and the ECS staff in attendance.
Dr. Madhu Chatwani arrived.
Dr. Denise Berger arrived.
Mason Williams left.

IV. Action Item

A. Approve California Healthy Air, Plumbing, and Efficiency Program (CalSHAPE) Phase 2 for ECHSG, ECHSL and ECMSI

Kennedy Hilario made a motion to approve California Healthy Air, Plumbing, and Efficiency Program (CalSHAPE) Phase 2 for ECHSG, ECHSL and ECMSI, with service agreement changes to be made after attorney recommendations.
Zena Fong seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

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

B. Approve revised 2024-25 board & committee calendar

Andrew Ellenbogen made a motion to approve revised 2024-25 board & committee calendar with additional revision of rescheduled board meeting date from March 13, 2025 to February 27, 2025.
Dr. Denise Berger seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

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

V. Closing Items

A. Adjourn Meeting

Kennedy Hilario made a motion to adjourn the meeting.
Zena Fong seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

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

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 2:47 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jenina Ramirez