APPROVED

Environmental Charter Schools

Minutes

Special Board of Directors' Meeting

Date and Time
Monday May 18, 2026 at 5:00 PM

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

Two-way teleconference locations: ECMS-Gardena (812 W. 165th Place, Gardena, CA 90247) |
ECMS-Inglewood (3600 W Imperial Hwy, Inglewood, CA 90303) | ECHS-Lawndale (16315 Grevillea Ave.
Lawndale, CA 90260) | ECHS-Gardena (2818 Manhattan Beach Blvd, Gardena, CA 90249) | 1100 Shasta Avenue, San Jose, CA 95126 | 13885 Dogleg Lane, Broomfield, CO 80023 | 2620 Jones St, San Francisco, CA 94133 | 3011 Elm St., Manhattan Beach, CA 90266 | 2001 Palm Avenue, Manhattan Beach, CA 90266 | 3513 Walnut Avenue Manhattan Beach, CA 90266 | 8750 El Tovar Pl, West Hollywood, CA 90069 | 4163 Sea View Lane, Los Angeles, CA 90065 | 14407 Larch Ave, Lawndale, CA 90260 | 402 Alpine Street, Pasadena, CA 91106

ECS Board Members	Term	and	End Date
Dr. Betsy Hamilton, President	3 years		June 30, 2028
Ms. Zena Fong, Vice President	3 years		June 30, 2026
Dr. Denise Berger,	3 years		June 30, 2026
Mr. Anthony Jowid	3 years		June 30, 2028
Dr. Madhu Chatwani	3 years		June 30, 2026
Mr. Kennedy Hilario	3 years		June 30, 2026
Mr. Herb Sims	3 years		June 30, 2028
Mr. Mason Williams	3 years		June 30, 2028

Mr. Andrew Ellenbogen.....3 years June 30, 2026
Mr. Remco Waller.....3 years June 30, 2028
Lawndale Elementary School District Representative, Rotating Position

ECS Staff
Ms. Danielle Kelsick, Superintendent
Ms. Lucia Bañuelos, Deputy Superintendent of Schools
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 & English Language Development
Mr. Cesar Delgado, Director of Student Wellness
Dr. Geneva Matthews, Principal at ECMS-Inglewood
Mr. Dave Trejo, Principal at ECMS-Gardena
Dr. Beth Bernstein-Yamashiro, Principal at ECHS-Gardena
Ms. Jennifer Larsen, Principal at ECHS-Lawndale

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), Anthony Jowid (remote), Dr. Betsy Hamilton (remote), Dr. Denise Berger (remote), Dr. Madhu Chatwani (remote), Herb Sims (remote), Kennedy Hilario, Mason Williams (remote), Remco Waller (remote), Zena Fong (remote)

Directors Absent
LESD Representative

Directors who arrived after the meeting opened
Kennedy Hilario

Directors who left before the meeting adjourned
Dr. Madhu Chatwani, Remco Waller

Guests Present
Danielle Kelsick, Jen Fenton (remote), Jeremiah Rosario David (remote), Lucia Bañuelos (remote), Sarah Jamieson (remote), Tracy Bondi (remote)

I. Opening Items

A. Record attendance and guests

B. Call the Meeting to Order

Dr. Betsy Hamilton called a meeting of the board of directors of Environmental Charter Schools to order on Monday May 18, 2026 at 5:04 PM.

C. Approve the agenda

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

Roll Call

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

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

Roll Call

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

IV. Closed Session

A. PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION (Government Code § 54957)

Kennedy Hilario arrived.
Dr. Madhu Chatwani left.
Remco Waller left.

V. Report out of Closed Session

A. Report out

Board President Dr. Betsy Hamilton reported out that the board met in closed session to conduct the Superintendent’s annual performance evaluation. The board will propose Superintendent’s compensation and take action at the next regular board meeting. Betsy stated that timing actually aligns better because they will have an up-to-date analysis on state funding from the Governor’s May Revise Budget.

VI. Closing Items

A. Adjourn Meeting

Anthony Jowid made a motion to adjourn meeting.
Mason Williams seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

Roll Call

Kennedy Hilario	Aye
LESD Representative	Absent
Anthony Jowid	Aye
Zena Fong	Aye
Dr. Betsy Hamilton	Aye
Dr. Madhu Chatwani	Absent
Andrew Ellenbogen	Aye
Remco Waller	Absent
Herb Sims	Aye
Dr. Denise Berger	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 6:49 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jeremiah Rosario David