Environmental Charter Schools

Minutes

Special Finance Committee Meeting

By Teleconference/Zoom

Date and Time
Wednesday August 19, 2026 at 1:00 PM

Location
Zoom: https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84651586517?pwd=Nq7a9fgZkv9yUo1N4hMhcSeyN9favH.1&jst=2

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Finance Committee Members

- Andrew Ellenbogen (Chair)
- Remco Waller
- Bruce Greenspon
- Danielle Kelsick
- Sarahai Garibay

Finance Committee Charter

Financial Oversight

- Review and recommend the annual operating budget to the Board.
- Monitor organizational financial performance against budget throughout the year.
- Review long-range financial forecasts, cash flow, reserves, and financial sustainability.
- Review significant financial risks and recommend strategies to mitigate those risks.
- Monitor compliance with financial policies, loan covenants, and other fiscal obligations.
- Promote Board financial literacy through orientation and periodic financial training.

Audit Responsibilities
Acting as the Audit Committee, the Committee shall:

- Recommend the appointment, retention, or replacement of the independent auditor.
- Oversee the annual audit process.
- Review audited financial statements, management letters, and auditor recommendations.
- Monitor management's implementation of audit findings and internal control improvements.
- Review the adequacy of financial reporting systems and internal controls.
- Oversee auditor independence, including review of audit and non-audit services.
- Recommend acceptance of the annual audit to the Board.

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Committee Members Present
Andrew Ellenbogen (remote), Bruce Greenspon (remote), Danielle Kelsick, Remco Waller (remote), Sarahai Garibay (remote)

Committee Members Absent
None

Guests Present

Jeremiah Rosario David (remote)

I. Opening Items

A. Record attendance and guests

B. Call the Meeting to Order

Andrew Ellenbogen called a meeting of the Finance Committee of Environmental Charter Schools to order on Wednesday Aug 19, 2026 at 1:02 PM.

C. Approve agenda

Remco Waller made a motion to approve agenda.
Danielle Kelsick seconded the motion.
The committee **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

Roll Call

Bruce Greenspon	Aye
Andrew Ellenbogen	Aye
Sarahai Garibay	Aye
Remco Waller	Aye
Danielle Kelsick	Aye

D. Committee structure and operation

The Committee discussed the bulleted items listed in the Committee structure and operation agenda item.

II. Presentations from the Floor

A. Presentations from the floor on agenda items

None.

III. Discussion Items / Updates

A. Committee Charter review

The Committee discussed the currently adopted Finance Committee Charter. They recommended no revisions to the Charter.

B. 2026-27 Committee Meeting Calendar

The Committee discussed the available dates for regular Committee meetings, and decided to meet Wednesday afternoons the week before each ECS board meeting. The Committee will recommend their Calendar to the board.

C.

Timeline and deliverables to the Board

The Committee discussed the bulleted items listed in the Timeline and Deliverables to the Board agenda item.

D. 2025-26 Unaudited Actuals and FY26 Financial Update

Vertex Education consultant Anita Amoh presented the FY 26 Financial Update slides and the 2025-26 Unaudited Actuals in the Committee packet.

E. Audit Committee function

Director of Compliance & Operations Jeremiah Rosario David described the Committee's audit-related responsibilities as provided in the Finance Committee Charter.

IV. Recommendation Items

A. Recommendation items

Andrew Ellenbogen made a motion to recommend the 2026-27 Finance Committee Calendar, 2025-26 unaudited actuals for ECHS-Lawndale, ECMS-Gardena, ECMS-Inglewood, and ECHS-Gardena, and private donations over $1,000.
Danielle Kelsick seconded the motion.
The committee **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

Roll Call

Bruce Greenspon	Aye
Remco Waller	Absent
Danielle Kelsick	Aye
Andrew Ellenbogen	Aye
Sarahai Garibay	Aye

V. Closing Items

A. Adjourn Meeting

Andrew Ellenbogen made a motion to adjourn meeting.
Danielle Kelsick seconded the motion.
The committee **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

Roll Call

Andrew Ellenbogen	Aye
Bruce Greenspon	Aye
Danielle Kelsick	Aye
Remco Waller	Absent
Sarahai Garibay	Aye

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 2:32 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jeremiah Rosario David