Environmental Charter Schools

Minutes

Special Governance Committee Meeting

By Teleconference/Zoom

Date and Time
Tuesday August 18, 2026 at 3:00 PM

Location
Zoom: https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87010943281?pwd=S5vniJOMbLzWfpSG98UP6TaBeGlu3A.1&jst=2

Alternative access:

- Dial-In: 669-900-6833, Meeting ID: 87010943281, Passcode: 861568
- Two-way Teleconference Locations: 2625 Manhattan Beach Blvd, Suite 100, Redondo Beach, CA 90278 | 13885 Dogleg Lane, Broomfield, CO 80023 | 4163 Sea View Lane, Los Angeles, CA 90065 | 3011 Elm St, Manhattan Beach, CA 90266
- Each teleconference location listed above is open and accessible to the public. Members of the public may attend and address the Committee from any listed location.

Governance Committee Members

- Anthony Jowid (Chair)
- Dr. Denise Berger
- Mason Williams
- Danielle Kelsick
- Jeremiah Rosario David

Governance Committee Charter

- Recommend policies, practices, and governance processes that promote effective Board leadership and decision-making.
- Recruit, vet, and recommend prospective Board members aligned with the organization's strategic priorities and desired Board composition.
- Oversee Board member onboarding, orientation, and ongoing governance education.
- Monitor Board composition, succession planning, officer development, and committee structure.
- Lead the annual Board self-evaluation and recommend actions to strengthen Board effectiveness.
- Lead the Superintendent's annual goal-setting and performance evaluation and provide recommendations to the full Board.
- Oversee the Board's strategic planning process, including recommending timelines, facilitating Board engagement, and monitoring implementation of governance responsibilities related to the strategic plan.
- Periodically review Board policies, committee charters, bylaws, and governance documents, recommending revisions as needed.
- Perform other governance responsibilities assigned by the Board.

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 STANDING COMMITTEE 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 regular meetings. However, any such presentation will be for information only. The public should be aware that the Committee 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 Committee on any topic or subject matter that falls within the Committee's purview. Speakers may sign up immediately prior to the beginning of the Committee meeting by speaking with the Committee Chair.

Should a member of the public wish to speak on matters not listed on the agenda at regular meetings, they may speak during the Presentations from the Floor section of the agenda. Speakers will be given a maximum of two (2) minutes each to address the Committee (non-English speakers utilizing translators will be given a maximum of four (4) minutes each). Please note that the Committee allows a maximum of 16 minutes for this section, on a first-come, first-served basis.

Should a member of the public wish to speak on matters listed on the agenda, they may speak at the beginning of the specific agenda item. Speakers will be given a maximum of two (2) minutes each to address the Committee (non-English speakers utilizing translators will be given a maximum of four (4) minutes each). Please note that the Committee allows a maximum of 6 minutes to each agenda item on a first-come, first-served basis.

The public should be aware that the Committee is unable by law to deliberate or take action on items raised during the Presentations from the Floor section.

REASONABLE ACCOMMODATION WILL BE PROVIDED FOR ANY INDIVIDUAL WITH A DISABILITY

Pursuant to the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, any individual with a disability who requires reasonable accommodation to attend or participate in this Committee meeting may request assistance by contacting ECS at (310) 214-3408, option 5.

AGENDA POSTING

This agenda is posted in the exterior public display case adjacent to the side entrance of the ECS Home Office, 2625 Manhattan Beach Blvd, Suite 100, Redondo Beach, CA 90278, which is freely accessible to the public 24 hours a day, at each teleconference location listed above, and on the ECS public meeting portal.

ACCESO AL IDIOMA

Para solicitar una traducción de esta agenda o servicios de interpretación para esta reunión, comuníquese con ECS al (310) 214-3408, opción 5, con al menos 48 horas de anticipación.

PUBLIC INSPECTION OF AGENDA MATERIALS

Writings that are public records and are distributed to a majority of the Committee in connection with an open session agenda item are available for public inspection at the ECS Home Office, 2625 Manhattan Beach Blvd, Suite 100, Redondo Beach, CA 90278, during regular business hours, and on the ECS public meeting portal. Writings distributed less than 72 hours before the meeting will be made available for public inspection at the same time they are distributed to members of the Committee. For more information concerning this agenda or for materials relating to this meeting, please contact ECS at (310) 214-3408, option 5.

Committee Members Present

Anthony Jowid (remote), Danielle Kelsick, Dr. Denise Berger (remote), Jeremiah Rosario David, Mason Williams (remote)

Committee Members Absent

None

I. Opening Items

A. Record Attendance

B. Call the Meeting to Order

Anthony Jowid called a meeting of the Governance Committee of Environmental Charter Schools to order on Tuesday Aug 18, 2026 at 3:01 PM.

C. Approve the agenda

Mason Williams made a motion to approve the agenda.
Dr. Denise Berger seconded the motion.
The committee **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

Roll Call	
Dr. Denise Berger	Aye
Anthony Jowid	Aye
Jeremiah Rosario David	Aye
Danielle Kelsick	Aye
Mason Williams	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 Governance Committee Charter. They recommended no revisions to the Charter.

B. Board and Committee Pipeline Pathways

The Committee discussed the bulleted items listed in the Board and Committee Pipeline Pathways agenda item.

C. 2026-27 Committee Meeting Calendar

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

D. Timeline and Deliverables to the Board

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

E. Governance Compliance Standing Report

Director of Compliance & Operations Jeremiah Rosario David reported on the bulleted items listed in the Governance Compliance Standing Report agenda item. All board members are in compliance with required trainings, conflict of interest and Form 700 procedures.

F. Board Meeting Redesign

The Committee discussed the bulleted items listed in the Board Meeting Redesign agenda item.

IV. Recommendation Items

A. Recommendation Items

The Committee resolved to provide recommendations to the board for the 2026-27 Governance Committee Calendar.

V. Closing Items

A. Adjourn Meeting

Mason Williams made a motion to adjourn meeting.
Dr. Denise Berger seconded the motion.
The committee **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

Roll Call

Jeremiah Rosario David	Aye
Mason Williams	Aye
Danielle Kelsick	Aye
Dr. Denise Berger	Aye
Anthony Jowid	Aye

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 3:59 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Anthony Jowid