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Environmental Charter Schools

Minutes

Special Governance Committee Meeting

By Teleconference/Zoom

Date and Time
Wednesday October 28, 2026 at 3:00 PM

Location
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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.

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Committee Members Present

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

Committee Members Absent

Mason Williams

I. Opening Items

A. Call the Meeting to Order

Danielle Kelsick called a meeting of the Governance Committee of Environmental Charter Schools to order on Wednesday Oct 28, 2026 at 3:10 PM.

B. Committee member roll call

C. Approve the agenda

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

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

II. Presentations from the Floor

A. Presentations from the floor on agenda items

None.

III. Discussion Items / Updates

A. Review of ECS Board Member Onboarding Process

Jeremiah Rosario David reported that the ECS New Board Member Onboarding Guide has not been revised in several years and will be updated to align with the Board Member Commitments & Governance Expectations and the Board Governance Proposal. Staff will circulate a redline of recommended revisions to committee members in advance of the next committee meeting, and before the November 30, 2026 Board meeting if possible.

B. Menlo Charter Properties Board Appointments: Kennedy Hilario and Remco Waller

Jeremiah Rosario David reported that the Board appointed Kennedy Hilario and Remco Waller to the Menlo Charter Properties Board of Directors at its October 26, 2026 special meeting, with MCP terms aligned to their ECS Board terms, and that the MCP Board is now fully seated.

C.

ECS Bylaws Review Session

Jeremiah Rosario David led a review of the ECS Fifth Amended Bylaws (December 12, 2024) and the reader's guide linked in the agenda. The committee reviewed provisions on members, number and election of directors, interested persons, conflicts of interest, terms, meetings, committees, officers, insurance, and the relationship between the charter and the bylaws.

Staff will research the origin of the interested-person definition in Article II.C.3(b), refer it to legal counsel, and email recommended optional revisions to the committee. The committee will then consider whether any revisions warrant an amendment, which requires authorizer consent; staff will maintain a working copy of proposed revisions.

D. Board Composition, Recruitment Pipeline, and Quorum

Superintendent Danielle Kelsick provided an update on the board recruitment pipeline. The committee discussed quorum requirements, including that a quorum must participate from within Los Angeles County and that each teleconference location must appear on the posted agenda, and the effect of last-minute cancellations on quorum.

Staff will prepare a one-page visual on attendance confirmation timelines and the consequences of late cancellations for the November 30, 2026 Board meeting. Dr. Denise Berger will poll committee members on availability for an additional committee meeting before the November 30, 2026 Board meeting.

E. LACOE Governance Review, 2025-26 School Year

Tabled to the next committee meeting.

F. Preview of Next Agenda: Superintendent Evaluation Goals and Settlement Authority

Tabled to the next committee meeting.

IV. Recommendation Items

A. Recommend that the Board receive the LACOE End-of-Year Governance Review for 2025-26 at its next regular meeting

Tabled to the next committee meeting.

V. Closing Items

A. Adjourn Meeting

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

Roll Call

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

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,
Jeremiah Rosario David