



# Environmental Charter Schools

## Board of Directors' Meeting

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### Date and Time

Monday March 18, 2019 at 5:00 PM PDT

### Location

ECHS Auxiliary Office, 2625 Manhattan Beach Blvd, Suite 100, Redondo Beach, CA 90278

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### ECS Board Members

### Term and End Date

Mr. Anthony Jowid, President.....	2 years June 30, 2019
Mr. Ken Deemer, Vice President.....	3 years June 30, 2019
Ms. Denise Berger, Secretary.....	3 years June 30, 2020
Ms. Cathy Creasia.....	3 years June 30, 2020
Ms. Zena Fong.....	2 year June 30, 2020
Mr. Ernie Levroney.....	2 year June 30, 2019
Ms. Jenina Ramirez.....	3 years June 30, 2021
Lawndale Elementary School District Representative.....	Rotating Position

### ECS Staff

Ms. Alison Diaz, Executive Director & Founder  
Ms. Farnaz Golshani-Flechner, Chief Operating Officer  
Ms. Kami Cotler, Director of Strategic Initiatives  
Ms. Danielle Kelsick, Director of Curriculum and Instruction  
Ms. Beth Bernstein-Yamashiro, Principal at ECMS - Inglewood  
Ms. KC Villoria, Principal at ECHS  
Dr. Qiana O'Leary, Principal at ECMS - Gardena  
Mr. Dave Trejo, Principal-in-Residence

### **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. (footnote Noguera).

**COMMUNITY** - We care. We collaborate. We respect the rights and voices of our stakeholders.

**CURIOSITY** - We question. We explore. We innovate.

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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.

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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 meeting of the Governing Board may request assistance by contacting ECS at (310) 214-3408, option 5.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION**

For more information concerning this agenda or for materials relating to this meeting, please contact ECS at (310) 214-3408, option 5.

**Agenda**

	Purpose	Presenter	Time
<b>I. Opening Items</b>			<b>5:00 PM</b>
<b>A.</b> Record Attendance and Guests		Anthony Jowid	2 m
• Dr. Juan Manuel Santos, Lawndale Elementary School District (LESD) Assistant Superintendent of <a href="#">Human Resources</a> (attending as LESD board representative for this ECS board meeting)			
<b>B.</b> Call the Meeting to Order		Anthony Jowid	1 m
<b>C.</b> Approve the Agenda	Vote	Anthony Jowid	2 m

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<b>D. Opener</b>	Farnaz Flechner	10 m
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**II. Presentations from the Floor 5:15 PM**

<b>A. Presentations from the Floor on Non-agenda Items</b>	FYI
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<b>B. Presentations from the Floor on Agenda Items</b>	FYI
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**III. Reports/Presentations 5:15 PM**

<b>A. Principals Updates</b>	FYI	ECMS-I, ECMS-G and ECHS Principals	24 m
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- ECMS-Inglewood slides is [here](#)
- ECMS-Gardena slides is [here](#)
- ECHS slides is [here](#)

<b>B. CEO/COO Update</b>	FYI	Alison Diaz / Farnaz Flechner	5 m
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<b>C. Financial Update</b>	FYI	Dorothy Lee	7 m
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- EdTec financial update is [here](#)
- ECHS January 2019 financials is [here](#)
- ECMS-G January 2019 financials is [here](#)
- ECMS-I January 2019 financials is [here](#)
- ECS Consolidated Balance Sheet as of January 31, 2019 is [here](#)

<b>D. Fundraising YTD Update</b>	FYI	Julie Vo	7 m
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- Fundraising YTD Update is [here](#)

**IV. Study Session 5:58 PM**

<b>A. LCAP, Budget, and Strategic Priorities Study Session</b>	Discuss	Farnaz Flechner / Kami Cotler	75 m
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- Introductory reading: Embracing the Power of Less - Educational Leadership is [here](#)
- LCAP Budgets and Planning 2019-20 Board Presentation is [here](#)

**V. Approve Consent Items A-L****7:13 PM**

- A.** Approve Previous Meeting Minutes for January 28, 2019 Board Meeting      Approve Minutes      Jeremiah David      3 m
- Approve minutes for Board of Directors' Meeting on January 28, 2019
- B.** Accept Minutes From the Following Committee Meetings      Vote      Jeremiah David
- Governance Committee Meeting Minutes on March 8, 2019 is [here](#)
- C.** Accept January and February 2019 Check Registers      Vote      Farnaz Flechner
- January 2019 check register is [here](#)
  - February 2019 check register is [here](#)
- D.** Accept January-February 2019 Private Donations over \$1,000      Vote      Julie Vo
- Private donations list is [here](#)
- E.** Accept ECHS, ECMS-I, ECMS-G Second Interim Financial Reports      Vote      Farnaz Flechner
- ECHS Second Interim Financial Reports is [here](#)
  - ECMS-I Second Interim Financial Reports is [here](#)
  - ECMS-G Second Interim Financial Reports is [here](#)
- F.** Approve Revised ECHS, ECMS-I, ECMS-G Comprehensive School Safety Plans      Vote      Kami Cotler
- Revised ECHS Comprehensive School Safety Plan is [here](#)
  - Revised ECMS-I Comprehensive School Safety Plan is [here](#)
  - Revised ECMS-G Comprehensive School Safety Plan is [here](#)
- G.** Approve Sale/Disposition of ECHS Technology Equipment      Vote      Jeremiah David
- List of ECHS technology equipment for sale/disposition is [here](#)
- H.** Approve ECMS-I Spring 2019 El Capitan State Beach Outdoor Education Contract in Arrears      Vote      Beth Bernstein-Yamashiro
- Spring 2019 El Capitan State Beach Outdoor Education Contract - 8th Grade (Outdoor Education at ECMS-I) - \$24,940 expected annual cost, view contract [here](#)
- I.** Approve MyTherapy Services Contract Renewal      Vote      Jeremiah David
- MyTherapy Services Contract Renewal - \$32,472 expected annual cost, view contract [here](#)
- J.** Approve MOU between City of Lawndale and ECHS for Expanded School Site Facilities      Vote      Alison Diaz

- MOU between City of Lawndale and ECHS for Expanded School Site Facilities is [here](#)

**K.** Approve Corporate Resolution for ECS 403(b) plan      Vote      Alison Diaz

- Corporate Resolution for ECS 403(b) plan is [here](#)

**L.** Approve Updated ECS Committee Rosters      Vote      Alison Diaz

- Updated ECS committee rosters is [here](#)
  - Removed from Facilities Committee
    - John Kim (chair - resigned)
    - Alayna Santos (staff member - no longer at ECS)

**VI. Action Items** **7:16 PM**

**A.** Accept FY 18-19 Audit Engagement Letter      Vote      Farnaz Flechner      1 m

- FY 18-19 Audit Engagement Letter is [here](#)

**B.** Approve InSite EFS Services Agreement      Vote      Alison Diaz      3 m

- InSite EFS Services Agreement (site procurement services for ECHS 2) is [here](#)

**C.** Approve Next Special Board Meeting Date      Vote      Alison Diaz      3 m

**VII. Upcoming Dates/Announcements** **7:23 PM**

**A.** Next ECS Committee Meetings      FYI      Alison Diaz      1 m

- Equity and Diversity Committee Meeting - March 28, 2019
- Finance Committee Meeting - April 5, 2019
- Governance Committee Meeting - April 17, 2019
- Academic Excellence Committee Meeting - May 2, 2019

**B.** Student Led Tours      FYI      Julie Vo      1 m

- Sign up for a tour [here](#)
  - Tue, April 16 @ 10am at ECHS

**C.** Upcoming Events      FYI      Alison Diaz      2 m

- ECHS
- ECMS-Inglewood
- ECMS-Gardena

**D.** Appreciations      FYI      Anthony Jowid      2 m

**VIII. Closing Items** **7:29 PM**

**A.** Adjourn Meeting      Vote      Anthony Jowid      1 m