



Mojave River Academy

MOJAVE RIVER ACADEMY SCHOOLS REGULAR BOARD MEETING - Apr 16 2026 Agenda

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Date and Time

Thursday April 16, 2026 at 8:00 AM PDT

Agenda

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I. Opening Items			8:00 AM
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A. Call the Meeting to Order			
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The meeting will be called to order at 8:00 am.

B. Roll Call			
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Board Chair, Mr. Jesse Gaona will call out the name of each Board Member it attendance will state "present".

Mr. Jesse Gaona -

Mr. Jonathan Mendez -

Mr. Gilberto Rivera Jr.

C. Hearing from the Audience on Closed Session Items			
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D. Adjourn into Closed Session

E. Closed Session Items

1. Conference with Legal Counsel - Existing Litigation
2. Conference with Legal Counsel - Anticipated Litigation
3. Pupil Personnel - Consideration of Student Discipline
4. Public Employee Assignment/ Discipline/ Dismissal/ Release/
Reassignment/ Transfer for Employee - Government Code section 54957: Ed Code 44932(a): Section (a), Section (c), and Section (g)
5. Acquisition of Land, Facilities, and Real Estate
6. Student Discipline - Student ID - 116090

[Stipulated Expulsion Student 116090 - Scott Heitman.pdf](#)

F. Reconvene in Open Session

Reconvene in Open Session. This is the tentative time to begin Open Session: however, this could be delayed due to length of time necessary to discuss issues in Closed Session.

G. Pledge of Allegiance

Pledge will be led by Jesse Gaona.

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H. Reporting Out of Closed Session Action

Board Chair, Mr. Jesse Gaona will report out any action taken in Closed Session and the votes of the Board.

I. Information Items

Authorized Representative

J. Board Member Comments

Board Member Comments by Board Members can be made at this time.

K. Comments from Attending Public

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L. Approve Minutes

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The Board of Directors will consider approving the minutes of the March 26, 2026 regular board meeting.

II. Monthly Enrollment Lottery

The Board of Directors will conduct an enrollment lottery for grades TK through 12th for Mojave River Academy Schools for the month of April 2026. The attendance of

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Parent/Legal Guardian during the lottery is not mandatory nor required. The school sites will be contacting Parent/Legal Guardian if a spot is available for their student.

Parent/Legal Guardians are encouraged to make sure to keep their contact information updated with the school sites.

Learning Centers listed by Charter:

Charter: Gold Canyon

Fontana Learning Center

Desert Hot Springs Learning Center

Charter: Marble City

Phelan Learning Center

Desert Hot Springs Learning Center

Charter: National Trails

Colton Learning Center

Beaumont Learning Center

Charter: Oro Grande

West Victorville Learning Center

Bakersfield Learning Center

Charter: Rockview Park

Hesperia Learning Center

Desert Hot Springs Learning Center

Charter: Route 66

Victorville Learning Center

Palm Springs Learning Center

Charter: Silver Mountain

Barstow Learning Center

Tehachapi Learning Center

III. **Consent Items**

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Consent Items may be moved to the ACTION ITEM(s) - MOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA - MOJAVE RIVER ACADEMY SCHOOLS category for separate action and discussion at the request of the Board of Directors.

*A consent agenda groups routine meeting discussion points into a single agenda item. In so doing, the grouped items can be approved in one action, rather than through the filing of multiple motions.

A. April 2026 Personnel Report

B. March 2026 PO Report

IV. Action Items - Mojave River Academy Schools

8:00 AM

A. Contracts/Agreements

The Board of Directors will consider approving the following Contracts/Agreements:

1. Agreement with Advanced Exercise for the purchase and installation of sports flooring and related materials in the amount of \$123,897.29, based on Proposal #095187-R1 dated March 30, 2026, and executed April 2, 2026.
2. Agreement with Advanced Exercise for the purchase and installation of fitness equipment and related materials in the amount of \$247,321.59, based on Proposal #095211-R0 dated March 27, 2026, and executed April 2, 2026.
3. Agreement with Swedlows Distributors Inc. for furniture, delivery, and assembly services in an amount not to exceed \$41,034.52 for a term of March 23, 2026 through June 30, 2026, executed April 2, 2026.
4. Agreement with Spectrum Business for enterprise internet services in an estimated amount of \$185,400 annually for a term of March 18, 2026 through March 17, 2029, executed March 18, 2026.
5. Agreement amendment with Margaret Williams to increase the not to exceed amount to \$22,300, executed March 5, 2026.
6. Agreement with M&D Artificial Turf & Landscaping LLC for artificial turf installation services in an amount not to exceed \$46,465 for a term of March 1, 2026 through March 31, 2026.
7. Intent to Award to California Tool & Welding Supply for the purchase of welding supplies and materials in an amount not to exceed \$13,679.78, based on Quote #083590 dated January 27, 2026.

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	8. Agreement with Swedlows Distributors Inc. for furniture, delivery, and assembly services for Mojave River Academy in an amount not to exceed \$39,035.86 for a term of April 3, 2026 through June 30, 2026, executed April 10, 2026.		
B.	Approval of Overnight Grad Bash 2026 Student and Chaperone Tickets – Universal Studios Hollywood		
	The Board of Directors will consider approving the purchase of student and chaperone tickets for the overnight Grad Bash 2026 event at Universal Studios Hollywood for all Mojave River Academy sites. The total cost for all participating sites is not to exceed \$60,000, which includes student and chaperone tickets.		
C.	Individual Memberships - GoGo Speech		
	The Board of Directors will consider approving individual GoGo Speech memberships for new Speech-Language Pathologists Maral Gezalyan and Gina Tashijan for a six-month term, not to exceed \$100.		
D.	Approval of Consulting Services Agreement with Jensen School Business Consulting, Inc.		
	The Board of Directors will consider approving an Agreement for Consulting Services between Mojave River Academy and Jensen School Business Consulting, Inc. to provide professional business and financial consulting services for the 2025–2026 school year, in an amount not to exceed \$40,000.		
E.	Approval of Health and Ethnic Studies Curriculum Purchase		
	The Board of Directors will consider approving the purchase of Health and Ethnic Studies curriculum, including digital access and paper textbooks, for an annual implementation fee of \$1,500, digital access in the amount of \$12,000, and paper textbooks for Ethnic Studies in the amount of \$27,096, for a total cost not to exceed \$40,596.		
F.	Request for Out of State Conference for Caleb Gray - NCSC 2026		
	The Board of Directors will consider approving an overnight out of state conference for Caleb Gray to attend National Alliance for Public Charter Schools in New Orleans, LA from 6/23/26 to 6/27/26.		
G.	Approval of CDW-G Chromebook Devices		

The Board of Directors will consider approving the purchase of 1,000 Lenovo Chromebooks, including Google Chrome Education upgrades, protective cases, installation services, device services, and recycling fees, as well as 500 Lenovo USB-C 65W power adapters through CDW-G for Mojave River Academy. The total combined cost will not exceed **\$571,576.01**, inclusive of taxes and fees. This purchase supports student technology access, device management, and ongoing device functionality across school sites.

H. Authorization of Officers for Mojave River Academy Bank Accounts

The Board of Directors will consider approving the designation of Kari Hemsley, Joshua Garcia, and MaryLou Cusino as authorized officers for Mojave River Academy bank accounts, with the authority to execute documents, agreements, and conduct other official banking matters on behalf of the organization.

I. Approval of Phase 1 Esports & Technology Flagship Project and GameSync Consulting Agreement

The Board of Directors will consider approving the following:

- Phase 1 of the preliminary project vision and budget estimate for the Mojave River Academy Esports & Technology Flagship, as presented by GameSync Consulting, in an amount not to exceed \$760,000 for technology, furniture, and integration
- The Master Services Agreement with GameSync Esports & Gaming Centers, LLC, doing business as GameSync Consulting, in the total amount of \$11,500.00 for consulting services, with additional scope, deliverables, and fees to be defined in future Statements of Work.

J. Approval of Vendor Selection for Fitness Equipment and Sports Flooring at Mojave River Sports Academy

The Board of Directors is recommended to approve the selection of Advanced Healthstyles Fitness Equipment, Inc, dba: Advanced Exercise, encompassing the procurement and installation of fitness equipment and sports flooring for Mojave River Sports Academy, in total amount of \$371,218.88, with prevailing wage costs excluded and paid by Advanced Exercise (DIR #1000842654).

K. Board Policies and Administrative Regulations

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	The Board of Directors will consider approving all Board Policies and Administrative Regulations.		
L.	Approval of Amended 2026–2027 MRA School Calendar		
	The Board of Directors will consider approving the amended 2026–2027 Mojave River Academy MRA School Calendar.		
M.	Approval of Amended Mojave River Academy Organizational Chart		5 m
	The Board of Directors will consider approving the amended Mojave River Academy Organizational Chart.		
N.	Approval of 2025–2026 and 2026–2027 Salary Schedules		
	The Board of Directors will consider approving the following salary schedules to support staffing and compensation for the upcoming school years:		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 25/26 Certificated Virtual Teachers • 26/27 Certificated Virtual Teachers • 26/27 Certificated Teachers • 26/27 Certificated CWA/Counselors and Teachers on Assignment • 26/27 Classified Hourly • 26/27 Classified Management • 26/27 Certificated Psychologists, Speech Language Pathologists, Marriage and Family Therapists, and Social Workers 		
O.	Approval of Chromebook Distribution for Graduating Seniors		
	The Board of Directors will consider approving the distribution of Chromebooks to graduating seniors, including the associated total value and number of devices.		
P.	Approval of Overnight Field Trip – Directing Change Film Festival Award Ceremony		
	The Board of Directors will consider approving an overnight field trip for students from West Victorville, Barstow, and Tehachapi to attend the Directing Change Film Festival Award Ceremony. The trip will include appropriate supervision by assigned staff and compliance with all school policies and procedures for overnight travel.		

Q. Approval of Vehicle Purchase – 2026 Ford Explorer

The Board of Directors will consider approving the purchase of a 2026 Ford Explorer sport utility vehicle for operational use. The total cost of the vehicle is not to exceed \$63,000, which includes applicable taxes, fees, and rebates.

R. Approval of Records Management Services Agreement with Parchment

The Board of Directors will consider approving an agreement with Parchment for records management and transcript services to support student records requests, processing, and secure fulfillment for Mojave River Academy. The agreement will begin July 1 and is not to exceed \$63,000 for a three-year term.

V. Action Item(s) - Moved From Consent Agenda - Mojave River Academy Schools

VI. Future Business

A. Future Business

The next board meeting of the Mojave River Academy Schools Board of Directors will be held on May 21, 2026 at 8:00am at Mojave River Academy, 13911 Park Ave Suite 108, Victorville, CA 92392.

VII. Closing Items

A. Adjourn Meeting

Individuals with disabilities who require reasonable accommodations to participate in this meeting may request assistance by contacting Susanna Garcia at sgarcia@mojaveriver.net at least 48 hours in advance of the meeting.