



Mojave River Academy

MOJAVE RIVER ACADEMY SCHOOLS REGULAR BOARD MEETING - September 17 2026

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Date and Time

Thursday September 17, 2026 at 8:00 AM PDT

Location

Mojave River Academy Central Office: 13911 Park Ave, Suite 108, Victorville, CA 92392

Teleconference Locations:

Mojave River Academy Bakersfield Campus: 1601 New Stine Road, #150, #224, Bakersfield, CA 93309

Mojave River Academy Barstow Campus: 2151 Main St, Barstow, CA 92311

Mojave River Academy Beaumont Campus: 77 Beaumont Avenue, Suite C, Beaumont, CA 92223

Mojave River Academy Colton Campus: 851 S Mt Vernon Ave, Colton, CA 92324

Mojave River Academy Desert Hot Springs Campus: 14020 Palm Drive, Desert Hot Springs, CA 92240

Mojave River Academy Fontana Campus: 8922 Beech Avenue, Fontana, CA 92335

Mojave River Academy Hesperia Campus: 14466 Main Street, Suite B-100, Hesperia, CA 92345

Mojave River Academy Palm Springs Campus: 1776 N.Palm Canyon Dr. Palm Springs, CA 92262

Mojave River Academy Phelan Campus: 9723 Sierra Vista Rd., Phelan, CA 92371

Mojave River Academy Tehachapi Campus: 20948 Sage. Lane, Tehachapi, CA 93561

Mojave River Academy Victorville Campus: 14554 7th Street, Victorville CA 92395

Mojave River Academy West Victorville Campus: 12384 Palmdale Road, Suites 201-202, 205-206, Victorville, C
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Agenda

I. Opening Items	8:00 AM
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A. Call the Meeting to Order

The meeting will be called to order at 8:00 am.

B. Roll Call

Board Chair, Mr. Jesse Gaona, will call the name of each Board Member, and each member in attendance will state, "Present."

Mr. Jesse Gaona -

Mr. Jonathan Mendez -

Mr. Gilberto Rivera Jr. -

C. Hearing from the Audience on Closed Session Items

Guidelines for Public Comment

This is an opportunity for citizens to address the school board on any item that is on the agenda and other school related matters, or suggest topics for future agendas. With regards to items not on the agenda, the Board cannot discuss or take action per state law.

Speakers who wish to address the Board must fill out and return a Speaker's Card prior to the beginning of the meeting. Speakers shall limit their comments to three minutes or less. Charges or complaints against employees should be submitted first to the Superintendent and then to the Governing Board under the provisions of the Governing Board Policy (BP 1312.1 Complaints Concerning School Employees). Speakers are cautioned that under California Law, no person is immune from liability for making intentionally false or defamatory comments regarding any person simply because those comments are made at a public meeting.

PLEASE LIMIT COMMENTS TO THREE (3) MINUTES PER INDIVIDUAL. TOTAL TIME FOR PUBLIC INPUT ON EACH ITEM IS LIMITED TO TWELVE (12) MINUTES.

D. Adjourn into Closed Session

E. Closed Session Items

1. Conference with Legal Counsel - Existing Litigation

	Purpose	Presenter	Time
	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 Cod section 54957: Ed Code 44932(a): Section (a), Section (c), and Section (g)		
	5. Acquisition of Land, Facilities, and Real Estate		
F.	Reconvene in Open Session		
G.	Pledge of Allegiance Pledge will be led by Jesse Gaona.		
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 CEO Report		
J.	Board Member Comments Board Member Comments by Board Members can be made at this time.		
K.	Comments from Attending Public Guidelines for Public Comment This is an opportunity for citizens to address the school board on any item that is on the agenda and other school related matters, or suggest topics for future agendas. With regards to items not on the agenda, the Board cannot discuss or take action per state law. Speakers who wish to address the Board must fill out and return a Speaker's Card prior to the beginning of the meeting. Speakers shall limit their comments to three minutes or less. Charges or complaints against employees should be submitted first to the Superintendent and then to the Governing Board under the provisions of the Governing Board Policy (BP 1312.1 Complaints Concerning School Employees). Speakers are cautioned that under California Law, no person is immune from liability for making intentionally false or defamatory comments regarding any person simply because those comments are made at a public meeting.		

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L.	Approve Minutes	Approve Minutes	
The Board of Directors will consider approving the minutes of the August 26, 2026 special board meeting.			
Approve minutes for MOJAVE RIVER ACADEMY SCHOOLS SPECIAL BOARD MEETING - August 26 2026 Agenda on August 26, 2026			

II. Consent Items

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.

III. Action Items - Mojave River Academy Schools

A. Approval of E-Waste Old Tech Items

The Board of Directors will consider approving the designation and subsequent donation or disposal of the following obsolete, surplus, or non-functioning technology equipment as e-waste:

- Approximately 135 iMacs at an estimated current value of \$500 each, totaling \$67,500
- Approximately 805 Chromebooks at an estimated current value of \$90 each, totaling \$72,450
- Approximately 8 Omen Gaming PCs at an estimated current value of \$500 each, totaling \$4,000
- Approximately 8 broken monitors with no estimated current value
- Approximately 2 broken 3D printers with no estimated current value
- Miscellaneous cabling and peripherals

The total estimated current value of the equipment is approximately **\$143,950**, excluding miscellaneous cabling and peripherals.

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	The IT Department is requesting that these items be designated as e-waste for donation or disposal, as appropriate.		
B.	Approval of 2026–2029 Center for Teacher Innovation (CTI) Teacher Induction Program MOUs RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that the Board of Directors approve the 2026–2029 Memoranda of Understanding (MOUs) between the Riverside County Office of Education (RCOE), Center for Teacher Innovation (CTI), and the Mojave River Academy charter schools for Teacher Induction Services. BACKGROUND / SUMMARY: Mojave River Academy charter schools participate in the Center for Teacher Innovation (CTI) Teacher Induction Program administered by the Riverside County Office of Education (RCOE). The program provides participating teachers with induction support, mentoring, and credentialing services to assist them in completing the requirements necessary to obtain a clear teaching credential. The proposed MOUs establish the program scope, operational responsibilities, and fiscal terms for CTI Teacher Induction Services for the 2026–2029 term for the following seven Mojave River Academy charter schools: • Mojave River Academy – Gold Canyon (IN300331) • Mojave River Academy – Marble City (IN300332) • Mojave River Academy – National Trails (IN300336) • Mojave River Academy – Oro Grande (IN300333) • Mojave River Academy – Rockview Park (IN300334) • Mojave River Academy – Route 66 (IN300330) • Mojave River Academy – Silver Mountain (IN300335) FISCAL IMPACT: Fee structures and per-teacher induction service rates are established in accordance with the 2026–2029 RCOE CTI fee schedule outlined in each site-specific agreement. Associated costs will be funded through the general operating budgets of the participating charter schools.		
C.	Approval of Book Surplus The board of directors will consider surplussing the following titles that are no longer being used with the current curriculum:		

	Purpose	Presenter	Time
ISBN #s are listed for items that are currently tracked in our inventory system.			
-Discovering Food and Nutrition 9780078616822			
-Give Please a Chance			
-McGraw Hill Classroom Big Books			
-Ayn Rand The Fountainhead			
-Ayn Rand Anthem 071162007992			
-Ayn Rand We the Lining			
-Lord of the Flies 9780399501487			
-The Joy Luck Club 9780143038092			
-Pride and Prejudice 9781591940678			
-The Story of My Life 9780553213874			
-Children of the Lamp			
-Crispin - The Cross of Lead			
-The True Confessions of Charlotte Doyle			
-Ender's Game 9780812550702			
-ART2-D2's Guide to Folding and Doodling 9781419705342			
-The Namesake 9780618485222			
-Wuthering Heights			
-12 Angry Men 9780143104407			
-The Odyssey 9780140268867			
-Huck Finn 9780141321097			
-Maniac McGee 9780316809061			
-Charlotte's Web 9780061124952			
-The Sisters Grimm 9780810993228			

D. Approval for American Guard Services

The Board of Directors will consider approval of a contract between American Guard Services and Mojave River Academy for security services at designated school sites. The estimated cost for the current fiscal year is \$862,267.12

E. Approval of Requisition No. 323 with Cintas

The Board of Directors will consider approving Requisition No. 323 with Cintas for the provision of janitorial supplies and medical supply cabinets. The estimated expenditure for FY 2026–2027 is \$100,000.00.

F. Approval of Agreement with The Stepping Stones Group, LLC for Special Education Related Services and Mental Health Services (SY 2026–27)

The Board of Directors will consider approving an agreement with The Stepping Stones Group, LLC, a California Department of Education–certified Nonpublic Agency, to provide special education related services and mental health services for the 2026–27 school year. Services will be provided on an hourly, as-needed basis based on student needs, with rates ranging from \$57 to \$115 per hour depending on the specialty, as outlined in the attached SY 2026–27 rate sheet. Services will be billed biweekly based on actual hours provided. The total annual cost will vary depending on student needs and services utilized. The agreement term ends July 1, 2027.

**G. Ratification of Out-of-State Training – ALICE
Instructor Certification Training**

The Board of Directors will consider ratifying the out-of-state travel and training expenses for Donovan Delton's attendance at the ALICE Instructor Certification Training in Sierra Vista, Arizona, September 1–4, 2026. The training provided the knowledge and certification necessary to effectively train Mojave River Academy staff. The approved travel budget was **\$2,600**, which included registration, airfare, and hotel expenses.

**H. Approval of Clinical Supervision Services
Agreement with Compassionate Heart
Counseling**

The Board of Directors will consider approving a Clinical Supervision Services Agreement with Compassionate Heart Counseling (Christine Holmes, LCSW) to provide clinical supervision services for Associate Clinical Social Workers (ACSWs) at Mojave River Academy, effective September 18, 2026. The total cost of services under the agreement shall not exceed **\$25,000**.

**I. 2025–26 Unaudited Actuals Financial Report for
all Mojave River Academy Schools, per Ed.
Code Section 42100 (b)**

The Board of Directors will consider approving the 2025–26 Unaudited Actuals Financial Reports for all Mojave River Academy Schools: Oro Grande, Route 66, Silver Mountain, National Trails, Marble City, Rockview Park, and Gold Canyon. California Education Code Section 42100(b) requires each charter school to approve, on or before September 15, an annual statement of all receipts and expenditures for the preceding fiscal year in a format prescribed by the Superintendent of Public Instruction, and file it with its chartering authority. Mojave River Academy Schools received approval from its authorizer for an extension, allowing the Board to approve the reports on September 17, 2026.

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J.	2025-26 Proposition 28 Arts and Music in Schools Annual Report		
	The Board of Directors will consider approval of the 2025–2026 Proposition 28 annual reports for all Mojave River Academy charter schools. These reports detail the use of Arts and Music in Schools funding and confirm compliance with applicable program requirements.		
K.	2025-26 Education Protection Account (EPA) Expenditure Reports		
	The Board of Directors will consider approving the 2025-26 EPA Actuals for all Mojave River Academy Schools. Per Article XIII, Section 36(e)(6) of the California Constitution, each charter school must annually publish an accounting of Education Protection Account (EPA) funds received and their expenditures on its website. The governing body has sole authority to determine how EPA funds are spent, and all spending decisions must be made in open session at a public meeting. EPA funds may not be used for administrator salaries, benefits, or administrative costs. For the 2025–26 fiscal year, all MRA Schools used their EPA funds for teacher salaries.		
L.	Service Agreement: Oro Grande School District and Mojave River Academy Schools		
	The Board of Trustees will consider approving a Services Agreement between Oro Grande School District and Mojave River Academy Schools.		
M.	Memorandum of Understanding: Charter Oversight and Operations		
	The Board of Directors will consider approving the Memorandum of Understanding between Oro Grande School District and Mojave River Academy Schools that relates to Charter Oversight and Operations.		
N.	Proposition 39 In-Lieu Agreement: Facilities Use		
	The Board of Trustees will consider approving Proposition 39 In-Lieu Agreement By and Between Oro Grande School District, Mojave River Academy Schools, and Riverside Preparatory School regarding Facilities Use.		
O.	Transition Settlement and Mutual Release Agreement		
	The Board of Trustees will consider approving a Transition Settlement and Mutual Release Agreement between Oro Grande School District and Mojave River Academy Schools.		

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

V. Future Business

A. Future Business

The next board meeting of the Mojave River Academy Schools Board of Directors will be held on November 12, 2026 at 8:00am at Mojave River Academy, 13911 Park Ave Suite 108, Victorville, CA 92392.

VI. 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.