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Mojave River Academy

Minutes

MOJAVE RIVER ACADEMY SCHOOLS REGULAR BOARD MEETING - September 17 2026

Date and Time
Thursday September 17, 2026 at 8:00 AM

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, CA 92392

Directors Present
G. Rivera, J. Gaona, J. Mendez

Directors Absent
None

I. Opening Items

A. Call the Meeting to Order

J. Gaona called a meeting of the board of directors of Mojave River Academy to order on Thursday Sep 17, 2026 at 8:00 AM.

B. Roll Call

C. Hearing from the Audience on Closed Session Items

There were no comments from the public regarding closed session items.

D. Adjourn into Closed Session

J. Gaona made a motion to adjourn into Closed Session.
J. Mendez seconded the motion.
Closed Session start time: 8:00 am.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

E. Closed Session Items

F. Reconvene in Open Session

J. Gaona made a motion to reconvene into Open Session.
J. Mendez seconded the motion.
Open Session start time: 8:17 am.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

G. Pledge of Allegiance

Pledge was led by Jesse Gaona.

H. Reporting Out of Closed Session Action

The Board President reported that no action was taken during closed session.

I. Information Items

Human Resources Department Report — Derrick Delton, CPO

Mr. Delton reported enrollment has surpassed 4,300 students, up approximately 400 from last year, with MRA Connect nearing 350. He reported 15 new hires since the August meeting and 13 employees currently on approved leave, and provided a legislative update on the Pregnancy Leave for Educators Act (AB 2901), effective January 1, 2027.

2025-26 Unaudited Actuals — MaryLou Cusino, Director of Fiscal Services
Ms. Cusino presented the 2025-26 Unaudited Actuals, reviewing attendance, revenue, expenses, and ending fund balances by site.

Campus Highlight — Beaumont
The Board viewed a campus highlight featuring the Beaumont site.

J. Board Member Comments

Board President Jesse Gaona reported that he had visited several sites during the week. He commented that the visits provided a valuable opportunity to observe operations firsthand and to meet with staff on site, and he expressed appreciation to the teams at each location.

K. Comments from Attending Public

There were no comments from the attending public.

L. Approve Minutes

J. Gaona made a motion to approve the minutes from MOJAVE RIVER ACADEMY SCHOOLS SPECIAL BOARD MEETING - August 26 2026 Agenda on 08-26-26.
J. Mendez seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

II. Action Items - Mojave River Academy Schools

A. Approval of E-Waste Old Tech Items

J. Gaona made a motion to approve the disposal of E-waste old tech items.
J. Mendez seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

B. Approval of 2026–2029 Center for Teacher Innovation (CTI) Teacher Induction Program MOUs

J. Gaona made a motion to approve the 2026-2029 Center for Teacher Innovation (CTI) Teacher Induction Program MOUs.
J. Mendez seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

C. Approval of Book Surplus

J. Gaona made a motion to approve book surplus.
J. Mendez seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

D. Approval for American Guard Services

J. Gaona made a motion to approve American Guard Services.
J. Mendez seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

E. Approval of Requisition No. 323 with Cintas

J. Gaona made a motion to approve of Requistion No. 323 with Cintas.
J. Mendez seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

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

J. Gaona made a motion to approve the aggreement with The Stepping Stones Group LLC for Special Education Related Services and Mental Health Services.
J. Mendez seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

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

J. Gaona made a motion to approve the ratification of out-of-state training - Alice Instructor Certification training.
J. Mendez seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

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

J. Gaona made a motion to approve the clinical supervision services agreement with Compassionate Heart Counseling.
J. Mendez seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

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

J. Gaona made a motion to approve the 2025-2026 Unaudited Actuals Financial Report for all Mojave River Academy Schools: Gold Canyon, Oro Grande, Route 66, Rockview Park, Silver Mountain, National Trails, and Marble City, per Ed. Code Section 42100 (b).
J. Mendez seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

J. 2025-26 Proposition 28 Arts and Music in Schools Annual Report

J. Gaona made a motion to approve 2025-2026 Proposition 28 Srts and Music in School Annual Report for Mojave River Academy Schools: Gold Canyon, Oro Grande, Rockview Park, Silver Mountain, National Trails, Marble City, and Route 66.
J. Mendez seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

K. 2025-26 Education Protection Account (EPA) Expenditure Reports

J. Gaona made a motion to aqpprove the 2025-2026 Education Protection Account (EPA Expenditure Reports for Mojave River Academy Schools: Gold Canyon, Oro Grande, Rockview Park, Silver Mountain, National Trails, Marble City, and Route 66.
J. Mendez seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

L. Service Agreement: Oro Grande School District and Mojave River Academy Schools

J. Gaona made a motion to approve the service agreement: Oro Grande School District and Mojave River Academy Schools.
J. Mendez seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

M. Memorandum of Understanding: Charter Oversight and Operations

J. Gaona made a motion to approve the Memorandum of Understanding: Charter Oversight and Operations between Mojave River Academy Schools and Oro Grande School District.
J. Mendez seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

N. Proposition 39 In-Lieu Agreement: Facilities Use

J. Gaona made a motion to approve the Proposition 39 In-Lieu Agreement: Facilities Use between Oro Grande School District and Mojave River Academy Schools.
J. Mendez seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

O. Transition Settlement and Mutual Release Agreement

J. Gaona made a motion to approve the transition settlement and mutual release agreement between Oro Grande School District and Mojave River Academy Schools.
J. Mendez seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

III. Future Business

A. Future Business

The next board meeting of the Mojave River Academy Schools Board of Directors will be held October 22 2026 at 8:00am at Mojave River Academy, 13911 Park Ave. Suite 108, Victorville, CA 92392.

IV. Closing Items

A. Adjourn Meeting

J. Gaona made a motion to adjourn the meeting.
J. Mendez seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.
There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 8:36 AM.

Respectfully Submitted,
J. Gaona

Documents used during the meeting

None

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.