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Coral Academy of Science Las Vegas

Minutes

Coral Academy of Science Board Meeting

Date and Time
Wednesday October 29, 2025 at 4:30 PM

Location
8985 S. Eastern Ave. #375
Las Vegas, NV 89123

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Directors Present
Brin Gibson (remote), Chan Lengsavath, Esq., Dr. Carryn Warren, Elizabeth Kazelskis, Feyzi Tandogan

Directors Absent
Ann Diggins, Melinda Kabar

Guests Present
Andrea Shepard, CASLV Executive Assistant, April Feldman, Assistant Principal CASLV Cadence Campus, Asma Hallman, Secondary Dean of Students at CASLV Cadence Campus, Bridget Johnson-Peevy, CASLV Chief People Officer, Celeste Mansell, Secondary Dean of Students CASLV Cadence Campus, David Hall, Esq., CASLV Legal Counsel, Dr. Ercan Aydogdu, CASLV CEO and Executive Director, Emruallah Eraaslan, CASLV Cadence Campus Principal, Jessica Paquin, CASLV School Safety, Security and Student Success Coordinator, Mark Gardberg, Esq. CASLV Legal Counsel, Nick Sarishahin, CASLV Chief Financial and Operations Officer , Selim Tanyeri, CASLV Chief Student Services Officer

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I. Opening Items

A. Call the Meeting to Order

Chan Lengsavath, Esq. called a meeting of the board of directors of Coral Academy of Science Las Vegas to order on Wednesday Oct 29, 2025 at 4:30 PM.

B. Public Comment

There were no public comments.

II. Consent Agenda

A. September 24, 2025 Board Meeting Minutes (For Possible Action)

Dr. Carryn Warren made a motion to approve the minutes from Coral Academy of Science Board Meeting on 09-24-25.
Elizabeth Kazelskis seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

B. Report of Purchases and Expenses Between $10,000 and $25,000 (Information)

Dr. Carryn Warren made a motion to approve the consent agenda.
Elizabeth Kazelskis seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

III. Information/Discussion Items

A. Quarterly Discipline Report (Information)

CASLV School Safety, Security, and Student Success Coordinator, Ms. Paquin presented the quarterly discipline report in detail while answering questions from the board.

B. SPCSA Organizational Performance Framework (OPF) Final Ratings (Information)

Dr. Ercan explained that Coral Academy met all the areas except one, which was approaching. There is no exceeding standards in the rubric; if there were then we would have received many exceeding standards. The only area approaches is Special Education. He wanted to inform the board that we received this report.

C. Financial Update (Information)

Ms. Patel reviewed the statement of revenues and expenditures and confirmed that CASLV remains in a strong and stable financial position. The organization continues to maintain strong cash reserves. Overall financial stability remains strong with no financial concerns at this time.

D. Executive Director’s Progress Report (Information)

Dr. Ercan shared districtwide accomplishments and key updates on campus projects, student achievements, and community engagement initiatives.

- **CASLV Mission Statement:** The CASLV Mission Statement has been officially updated. The State Public Charter School Authority (SPCSA) has approved our amended mission statement.
- **Eastgate Campus Updates:** Eastgate’s purchasing process was successfully finalized at a 5.11% interest rate. The new playground construction begins next week, with a grand opening scheduled for November 6 at 3:30 p.m. The project was fully funded through donations. CASLV paid only for the rubber playground surfacing.
- **U.S. News & World Report 2026 Rankings:** CASLV campuses earned top positions among the best schools in Nevada. Tamarus ranked #2 Best Elementary School and #2 Best Elementary Charter School in Nevada. Centennial Hills ranked #6 Best Elementary Charter and #15 Best Elementary School in Nevada. Eastgate

ranked #13 Best Elementary Charter and #28 Best Elementary School in Nevada. Nellis AFB ranked #31 Best Elementary Charter and #143 Best Elementary School in Nevada.
For middle schools, Windmill ranked #2 Best Middle Charter and #4 Best Middle School, Sandy Ridge ranked #7 Best Middle Charter and #9 Best Middle School, Centennial Hills ranked #8 Best Middle Charter and #10 Best Middle School, and Nellis AFB ranked #33 Best Middle Charter and #39 Best Middle School in Nevada.

- **Alumni Salomee Levy:** Cornell graduate; currently working at Congresswoman Dina Titus's Office visited the Central Office.
- **Sandy Ridge Campus:** Earned **5-Star NSPF rating:** Guests included Councilwoman Monica Larson and Henderson Mayor Michelle Romero.
- **Tamarus Campus Shines Bright with 5 Stars:** Tamarus Campus has earned a 5-Star
  NSPF rating, a true reflection of our community's dedication, teamwork, and pursuit of excellence. The celebration was even more special with its fun Star Wars theme, bringing extra excitement to this outstanding achievement. Special thanks to Brianna Boulay from
  Congresswoman Susie Lee's Office, CASLV Board President Chan Lengsavath, Esq.
  for joining our ceremony.
- **Windmill Campus Earns 5-Star & Diamond Recognition:** Windmill Campus has achieved a 5-Star NSPF rating and received Diamond recognition from the Nevada Department of Education's MTSS program, a true testament to our community's dedication, excellence, and hard work. Special thanks to Senator Carrie Buck, Henderson Mayor Michelle Romero, and CASLV Board President Chan Lengsavath, Esq. for joining us in celebrating this remarkable accomplishment.
- **Sandy Ridge Robotics Teams Excel at PACK EXPO LV:** The FRC Sandy Ridge Robotics team
  represented Coral Academy of Science Las Vegas at the Future Innovators Robotics Showcase during PACK EXPO Las Vegas 2025, where students impressed the audience with their ingenuity, design skills, and teamwork, a true reflection of Coral Academy's spirit
  of innovation and excellence.
- **Inspiring"Girl Powered" STEM Workshop at Windmill:** Students engaged in hands-on activities including VEX IQ Robotics, Drones, Medical Detectives, and C CAP Art AR. Guest speaker Jennifer Muna, SVP Operations at ANDMORE.COM, inspired students with her STEM career insights and highlighted the importance of Social Emotional Learning, reflecting Coral Academy's commitment to empowering Future Women of STEM.
- **Sandy Ridge Cross Country:** Sandy Ridge's Cross Country teams competed at the Thunderbird
  Invitational in Indian Springs, where the boys' team earned an impressive first-place

victory. Our top five runners were Joshua J., Pierce N., Jonah J., Tristan B., and Noah D., with junior Joshua J. setting a personal record in the 4,000-meter race with a time of 14:41.30, showcasing the dedication and talent of our athletes.

- **Coral Golfers Shine at the 2025 3A Championship:** Students Danika P., Julie K., Kajalend O. L. represented CASLV. Danika P. earned **3rd place** at Regionals. Their dedication,
perseverance, and school spirit throughout the season truly reflect the excellence we strive for at Coral Academy.
- **Proud Alumni Spotlight! - Class of 2015: Clara Buck (CASLV Class of 2015):** Our distinguished alumnus, Clara Buck, (Class of 2015) has been recognized as an Outstanding Teaching Assistant at the University of Minnesota. She is currently pursuing her studies in algebra and combinatorics, with a focus on solvable lattice models arising from quantum groups. It's wonderful to see our graduates making meaningful contributions in higher education and
beyond. Clara's dedication and achievements truly represent the spirit of Coral Academy.
- **Sandy Ridge Campus Tennis Team Smashes Competition:** CASLV–Sandy Ridge Boys Tennis Team for an outstanding season.The team finished 3rd in the 3A Division Boys State
Championships, a remarkable achievement. And our doubles champions, Austin G.
and Matthew I., the #1 3A Southern Division Boys Doubles Team, will also advance to the state championship matches.
- **Windmill Campus D.R.E.A.M. Graduation:** At Windmill Campus, 5th-grade students
presented their "My Dream Board" projects and celebrated their D.R.E.A.M. Graduation in collaboration with the Henderson Police Department. Officer Alex from Henderson PD shared motivational insights on responsibility, decision-making, and goal setting, while students proudly took their pledge to make positive, healthy choices, highlighting their growth and commitment to a bright future.
- **Walking Together for Respect and Kindness:** The Respect Walk served as a powerful finale to Nevada's Week of Respect, as CASLV – Cadence hosted its 3rd Annual Respect Walk during the first week of October. Over 1,600 students stepped out to take a stand against bullying, promote kindness, and spread positivity throughout the campus and the wider community.
- **VEX IQ Team 20058B "Eagle IQ":** VEX IQ Robotics Team 20058B. Eagle IQ kicked off the 2025–2026 season with an outstanding performance at Greenspun's "Dawn of the Robots" Season Opener on October 18, 2025. The team earned the Amaze Award, 3rd Place Teamwork Champion, and Robot Skills Champion, showcasing their dedication, creativity, and unstoppable energy. A phenomenal start to the season, keep soaring, Team
20058B!
- **Starfire Cyclones - Centennial Hills Campus:** The Starfire Cyclones Team A from Coral

Academy of Science Las Vegas – Centennial Hills Campus kicked off the new VEX IQ
season with an impressive showing at the Dawn of the Robots Tournament at Greenspun Junior High on October 18. Competing alongside both middle and elementary teams, the Cyclones placed 14th in overall match play and 11th in overall skills, demonstrating sharp driving skills with 3-color pin stacks and scoring four points in the challenging autonomous programming round.

- **Eastgate Campus PTO Hosts Event:** The Eastgate Campus PTO hosted an unforgettable event at Sandy Ridge Campus, bringing together students, families, and staff for a day full of fun and community spirit. Student and parent-run booths featured games, activities, delicious food, and surprises, while students showcased their talents through hands-on experiences. With participation from over 21 clubs and organizations, attendees
enjoyed extra excitement, and bonus tickets and prizes made the day even more memorable.
- **Eastgate Multicultural Family Night:** On Thursday, October 2nd, Eastgate Campus
hosted Multicultural Family Night at Coral Academy of Science Las Vegas in celebration of Hispanic Heritage Month, bringing families together to honor the vibrant cultures, traditions, and contributions of the Hispanic and Latin communities. The evening featured music, dance, student projects, hands-on activities, traditional foods, and memorable performances, celebrating the diversity and unity that make the Eastgate community so special.
- **Next Meeting:** December 15, 2025, 4:30 pm at Central Office.

IV. Discussion & Possible Action Items- Contracts, Purchases, and Procurements

A. Henderson Chamber of Commerce Membership and Sponsorship (For Possible Action)

Dr. Ercan indicated that there is a $500 increase this year. He shared that the Henderson Chamber of Commerce has formed workforce committees, and he has been invited to participate in those committees. Dr. Ercan explained that since he serves on the Henderson Chamber of Commerce Board he is bringing this forward for approval although it is within his approval limit.
Elizabeth Kazelskis made a motion to approve the Henderson Chamber of Commerce membership and gold sponsorship in the amount of $7,500.
Dr. Carryn Warren seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

B. Cleaning Company Contract Amendment (For Possible Action)

Mr. Nick presented this item, noting a slight increase and explaining that this is a request for retroactive approval effective July. The total cost is $40,318 monthly, and the increase is due to additional spaces at the Cadence and Windmill campuses.
Elizabeth Kazelskis made a motion to approve the cleaning company contract amendment for nightly cleaning services.
Dr. Carryn Warren seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

C. Charter Schools Association of Nevada (CSAN) Membership Payment (For Possible Action)

Dr. Ercan explained that this falls within his approval limit; however, as president of their board, he is bringing it before the board for approval. He also provided an overview of what CSAN does for CASLV while responding to questions from board members.
Dr. Carryn Warren made a motion to approve the CSAN membership and payment in the amount of $18,690.00.
Feyzi Tandogan seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

V. Discussion/Possible Action Items-Governance/Policies/Finance

A. Critical Needs Positions (For Possible Action)

Ms. Peevy presented this, noting that the position must be designated as a critical need, particularly for special education–related roles such as speech pathologists, given the growing needs of our special education students. There is only one opening, but we currently have staff in critical needs positions whose assignments expire in January. To avoid terminating them or reducing their pay, we need to renew these positions using the same process previously employed.
Dr. Carryn Warren made a motion to approve this based on the facts presented to us, and find there is a critical need.
Feyzi Tandogan seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

B. 2026-2027 School Year Calendar (For Possible Action)

Dr. Ercan explained that the team worked with campus principals to develop next year’s calendar and surveyed parents and staff for input. The parent survey specifically asked whether they preferred 2 or 3 weeks of winter break. The survey received strong participation, with over 1,300 parents and the highest staff turnout to date.

After reviewing the results and considering instructional time, the team decided on Option 1, which includes 2 weeks of winter break. The rationale is that a longer break of 3 weeks could lead to loss of student motivation and knowledge, particularly following SBAC assessments.

Feyzi Tandogan made a motion to approve the proposed 2026-2027 School Year Calendar.
Elizabeth Kazelskis seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

C. Amendment of Appeals Policy (For Possible Action)

Mr. Selim reported that the policy was updated last year. Most changes were cosmetic; however, substantive edits have been made to differentiate between non-significant suspensions (under 3 days, handled at the campus level) and significant suspensions/expulsions (which follow a more formal process).

Mr. Gibson inquired whether parents must be notified of these changes to ensure proper applicability for the current year.

Mr. Selim confirmed that it is standard practice to provide the updated policy to any family whose student is suspended or expelled at the time of the decision. Additionally, it is important to notify the entire school community. To prevent any applicability issues, the board discussed making the updated policy effective January 1, 2026.
Elizabeth Kazelskis made a motion to approve the amendment of the appeals policy effective January 1, 2026.
Dr. Carryn Warren seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

D. Financial Audit Report (For Possible Action)

Mr. Nick presented the financial audit report indicating it was a clean audit with no findings while reviewing the the report in detail and answering questions from the board.
Feyzi Tandogan made a motion to approve the financial audit report for Fiscal Year 2025.
Dr. Carryn Warren seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

E. FY 2025-2026 Budget Amendment (For Possible Action)

Mr. Nick explained that, with AB398 funding from the Nevada Department of Education, CASLV will receive $1,498,928.55. Following approval of the budget amendment, these funds will be distributed to our staff. While building leases are decreasing, debt-related expenses have increased due to the purchase of Eastgate Campus; overall, the budget remains balanced. Mr. Nick will update the report to reflect the AB398 funding.
Elizabeth Kazelskis made a motion to approve the 2025-2026 budget amendment as presented.
Feyzi Tandogan seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

VI. Closed (Non-Meeting) Sessions

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Expulsion of Student(s) (Information, Discussion)

The closed session was held from 6:18 p.m. - 7:27 p.m.

VII. Potential Action(s) (For Possible Action)

A. Expulsion Recommendation(s) for Student(s) (re: item VI. A) (For Possible Action)

Elizabeth Kazelskis made a motion to deny the appeal and approve the staff's recommendation of expulsion of Student X.
Brin Gibson seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

Roll Call	
Feyzi Tandogan	No
Elizabeth Kazelskis	Aye
Melinda Kabar	Absent
Brin Gibson	Aye
Dr. Carryn Warren	No
Chan Lengsavath, Esq.	Aye
Ann Diggins	Absent

VIII. Public Comments (Information)

A. Public Comment

There were no public comments.

IX. Closing Items

A. Adjourn Meeting

Elizabeth Kazelskis made a motion to adjourn the meeting.
Feyzi Tandogan seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously 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 7:30 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Andrea Shepard, CASLV Executive Assistant