



Coral Academy of Science Las Vegas

Minutes

Special Board Meeting

Date and Time

Wednesday April 27, 2022 at 5:00 PM

Location

8965 S. Eastern Ave. #280 Las Vegas, NV 89123

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All items are action or possible action items if denoted as such.

Directors Present

Ann Diggins (remote), Arlene Hayman, Brin Gibson (remote), Chan Lengsavath (remote), Dr. Carryn Warren (remote), Elizabeth Kazelskis, Feyzi Tandogan (remote)

Directors Absent

None

Guests Present

Andrea Shepard, CASLV Executive Assistant, Dr. Ercan Aydogdu, Jorge Alarcon (remote), Mark Gardberg, CASLV Legal Counsel (remote), Mark McGinty (remote), Mustafa Gunozu, Nick Sarisahin

I. Opening Items

A. Call the Meeting to Order

Ann Diggins called a meeting of the board of directors of Coral Academy of Science Las Vegas to order on Wednesday Apr 27, 2022 at 5:00 PM.

B. Public Comment

No public comment.

II. Discussion/Possible Action Items

A. Distance Education Program Renewal Application for July 1, 2022, through June 30, 2025 (For Possible Action)

Mr. Gunozu explained board approval is required to submit a distance education program application for the next three years.

The existing permission expires in June 2022 and we would like to apply now for NDE's assessment.

The document carries our responses to the questions and incorporates an agreement that we complete with the student's parent as well as a list of NDE courses.

This program assists CASLV students who would like to take high school or college credits. It is also beneficial to the school as outlined below.

Students in CASLV's Distance Education program are selected and enrolled based on requirements that can include:

Enrichment/Remediation: A student needs more advanced courses, but the school is unable to provide them owing to the limitation(s) of:

- Scheduling challenges,
 - Facility,
 - Staffing,
 - Budget and/or,
 - The number of students who need to take the class.
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- **Credit recovery, general health, and safety concerns.**

Enrollment in the program is subject to administration approval. The request can be made by the teachers, parents, or students.

Ms. Kazelskis gave a brief explanation of this program since her children have used this program and she is familiar with it.

Arlene Hayman made a motion to approve the Distance Education Program renewal application for July 2022 through June 2025.

Feyzi Tandogan seconded the motion.

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

B. Change Orders for Cadence Campus Construction (For Possible Action)

Project architect, Mr. McGinty indicated they negotiated the fencing with the City of Henderson. This is needed and required. The project manager, Mr. Alarcon explained the project is on budget with \$27k in the positive. There are still additional costs that will be incurred regarding civil fees. The core budget should not increase. An overview of the drawing outlining the fence was reviewed. Ms. Diggins asked the board for questions or comments.

Regarding the landscaping change order, Mr. Alarcon explained this is part of the requirement to complete the project. During the city review, they increased the landscaping along Pabco and Cadence. Mr. McGinty said there were long negotiations regarding this. Ms. Kazelskis asked why the City of Henderson is not able to help with the cost of the artificial turf due to water restrictions in Nevada. Mr. McGinty explained they do not contribute to development, and noted we have to have turf to open the school.

Ms. Diggins asked if the options are about \$150k which does not include future water bills for seed or \$500k for turf. Mr. McGinty confirmed that is correct. Ms. Diggins asked if the board would like to look for funds to cover the turf or move forward as proposed within the budget. Dr. Warren said she does not agree with real grass and watering. Dr. Warren asked if a cost analysis regarding cost to upkeep an acre and half of the grass should be done. Ms. Kazelskis said with consideration to the current water crisis, this should be done correctly with artificial turf, as it is a new school. As a parent, she has seen how difficult it is to maintain grass at the CASLV Tamarus and Sandy Ridge campuses.

Ms. Diggins agreed with Ms. Kazelskis and asked if we can incorporate turf in the new build. Mr. Gardberg asked if there was bidding done for artificial turf and Mr. Alarcon explained Wildhorse Landscaping is contracted to do the landscaping because they are the subcontractor contracted to do all of the landscaping. Ms. Kazelskis asked if we covered 3/4 of the playground now with turf and finish it when the gym is completed. Ms. Diggins said it sounds like we only have two options, either we approve this as is and move forward with the grass, or the board needs to determine if we come up with funding for turf.

Mr. McGinty noted that because the school is opening now just approximately 80 days away, we have to tread carefully. Anything that could slow down City review and risk the campus opening being delayed-as a change to turf-must be carefully considered.

Mr. Gibson said he cannot vote on an alternative to the grass now because he does not know where the reserves sit or what other change orders will be coming. He suggests we delegate to Ms. Diggins, Mr. Lengsavath, and the administration to make the decision or approve the grass. Ms. Diggins asked for a sense from the board regarding this. She suggested Mr. Nick and Mr. Ercan analyze the reserve funds and meet with the board president and treasurer to make a final decision based on that data. The board is in agreement. Dr. Warren said she is very uncomfortable with all the change orders.

Brin Gibson made a motion to approve the first change order No 4.22 from owner allowance for iron and chain link fencing in the amount of up to \$195,689.00; second change order No 4.9R regarding landscaping is approved with the condition that the delegation of authority to accept the change order for the seed/grass or turf is dependent on the Board President, Ms. Diggins, and the Board Treasurer, Mr. Lengsavath upon review of the reserve funds with Mr. Nick and Mr. Ercan. The change orders No 4.22 and 4.9R 1 additional planting materials of up to \$55,995, 2 additional irrigation of up to \$135,745, 3 additional decorative rocks of up to \$44,410, and 5 decomposed grains at service road of up to \$24,480 are approved in this motion.

Ann Diggins seconded the motion.

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

C. Southwest Gas Payment for Cadence Campus Construction (For Possible Action)

Mr. Alarcon explained this is similar to the fees paid to NV Energy. This is required to bring the utility from the street to the building. Mr. Nick said the funds will come from the general budget.

Brin Gibson made a motion to approve the Southwest Gas payment for Cadence Campus construction in the amount of up to \$36,681.00.

Ann Diggins seconded the motion.

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

D. Vendor Selection Policy Update (For Possible Action)

Mr. Nick explained per the federal grant guidelines we need to add the debarment and suspension clause. The SPSCA also recommended this. Mr. Gardberg said it is useful and a net positive for CASLV to add this update.

Feyzi Tandogan made a motion to approve the Vendor Selection Process Policy.

Elizabeth Kazelskis seconded the motion.

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

E. Technology Orders (For Possible Action)

Mr. Nick noted three quotes were received for CASLV Sandy Ridge campus. The computer lab needs to be renewed. Dell was the lowest with the same product at \$31,493.40 for 30 computers.

Brin Gibson made a motion to approve the technology orders contracted with Dell in the amount of up to \$31,493.40.

Arlene Hayman seconded the motion.

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

F. Turf Installation at CASLV Tamarus Campus (For Possible Action)

Mr. Ercan explained two years ago the grass at CASLV Tamarus campus was replaced by turf. However, due to the limited budget, we were unable to cover the entire playground at that time. We want to extend the turf and remove the rocks from the playground area.

We received three bids to extend the turf, and the lowest is Vegas Green Mountain Landscaping in the amount of \$60k. Dr. Warren asked if it will be the same type that is currently on the playground. Mr. Ercan said it will be similar but would be impossible to have an exact match. Dr. Warren asked if the school fundraising is being used for this and Mr. Nick said we can use school fundraising funds.

Arlene Hayman made a motion to approve the turf installation at the Tamarus campus contracted with Vegas Green Mountain Landscaping to a maximum of \$60k pending discussion with the school principal for fundraising contribution to the cost.

Elizabeth Kazelskis seconded the motion.

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

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Amendment to the CASLV Nellis Campus Ground Lease Agreement (For Possible Action)

Mr. Ercan explained with the discussion of adding a high school, we would like to take advantage of amending our initial lease. Our initial lease agreement was signed in 2017 for 43 years with all options to extend. Nellis Air Force leadership has agreed to extend it to 50 years and will be one term instead of additional extension terms. Mr. Ercan requested that this is approved as soon as possible to expedite the process. Mr. Gardberg reviewed the advantages, and one potential downside, of this with the board, and Mr. Ercan explained that the Administration worked closely with Mr. Gardberg on the Lease Amendment and strongly supports it.

Elizabeth Kazelskis made a motion to approve the amendment to the CASLV Nellis Campus Ground Lease Agreement.

Feyzi Tandogan seconded the motion.

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

H. Budget Hearing Notice (For Possible Action)

Mr. Nick said this is the same budget as presented in the last board meeting. The timeline is also the same and we will update the budget in September 2022 based on enrollment numbers. Mr. Nick presented the line items in detail and indicated uncertainties.

Feyzi Tandogan made a motion to approve the budget hearing notice.

Chan Lengsavath seconded the motion.

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

III. Public Comments (Information)

A. Public Comments

Mr. Ercan made the following public comments:

CASLV's 15th-year celebration will be held on May 25th with all staff and the board will be invited.

On May 27th CASLV's high school graduation will take place and there will be special speakers that include Congresswomen Susie Lee and Clark County Commission Chair Commissioner Gibson. For middle school, recently appointed Lieutenant Governor Lisa Chong will speak.

The next board meeting will be held on June 2nd, 2022 and we will provide board training along with the appeals process training.

IV. Closing Items

A. Adjourn Meeting

Ann Diggins made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Arlene Hayman 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 6:30 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Andrea Shepard, CASLV Executive Assistant