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Coral Academy of Science Las Vegas

Minutes

Academic Committee Meeting

Date and Time
Thursday September 18, 2025 at 4:30 PM

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

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

Directors Present
Dr. Carryn Warren, Elizabeth Kazelskis, Melinda Kabar

Directors Absent
None

Guests Present
Amber Nhan, CASLV Academic Program Coordinator, Andrea Katotakis, CASLV Tamarus Campus Principal, Andrea Shepard, CASLV Executive Assistant, David Hall, CASLV Internal Legal Counsel, Dr. Ercan Aydogdu, CASLV Executive Director & CEO, Dr. Mustafa Gunozu, CASLV Chief Academic and School Officer, Mia Nelson, CASLV Nellis AFB Campus Principal, Mine Eraslan, CASLV Assessment & Accountability Director, Selim Tanyeri, CASLV Chief Student Services Officer

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I. Opening Items

A. Call the Meeting to Order

Dr. Carryn Warren called a meeting of the board of directors of Coral Academy of Science Las Vegas to order on Thursday Sep 18, 2025 at 4:30 PM.
Ms. Kabar joined the meeting at 4:42 pm.

B. Public Comment

There were no public comments.

II. Discussion & Possible Action Items

A. Report on 2024-2025 School Year Star Ratings (For Possible Action)

The committee received an overview of the 2024-2025 school year performance data from Dr. Jessica Barr, CASLV's data analyst, via pre-recorded videos. Dr. Barr focused

on CASLV's star rating metric, highlighting both the strengths and areas for improvement across each campus. She provided summative performance visuals for each campus with a detailed analaysis.

This was an information item only; no action was taken.

B. Review of Draft Improvement Plan for Nellis Elementary School (For Possible Action)

Ms. Nelson presented the Nellis Elementary School Improvement Plan and provided an overview of the 2025–2026 Academic Priorities and Goals, addressing questions from committee members. Her presentation highlighted the following priorities:

Priority 1: Student Success
Academic Proficiency: The goal is to increase pooled proficiency on the Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium (SBAC) from 42.5% in 2024–2025 to 47.5% in 2025–2026. Results from the prior year showed proficiency at 42.2%.
Priority 2: Adult Learning Culture
Teacher Retention: The goal is to increase 3rd–5th grade teacher retention from 27% (5 teachers) to 70% (8 teachers). Current retention is 8 of 11 teachers for 2025–2026, meeting the goal.
Emphasis is placed on fostering a positive school culture, strengthening student engagement, and promoting collaboration among staff.
Priority 3: Connectedness
Chronic Absenteeism: The goal was to reduce the 2023-2024 school year's chronically absenteeism percentage from 11.5% to 10.35% for the following school year. The 2024-2025 chronic absenteeism rate came out as 6.3% which significantly surpassing the set goal.
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A continued commitment remains toward improving student achievement and overall academic growth.

Dr. Ercan emphasized the importance of teaching in the classroom and he recommended budgeting strategically in order to pay teachers more to attract high-quality teachers.

Elizabeth Kazelskis made a motion to task the administration to look at the budget and recommend a motivational stipend or bonus for the top three performing teachers at Nellis AFB to promote growth in achievement there.
Melinda Kabar seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

C.

Approval of District Student Learning Plan (Read by Grade 3) (For Possible Action)

The committee reviewed the Nevada Department of Education's updated guidance for the Read by Grade 3 (RBG3) initiative. The guide outlines statutory requirements under Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS) and Nevada Administrative Code (NAC), with updates from Senate Bills 52, 278, and 460.

Key Points Discussed:

Student Learning Plan (SLP): The board must review & evaluate for approval a student learning plan used for monitoring growth in reading as required by RBG3. The plan must include a description of intervention services and instruction as outlined in the local literacy plan (LLP). It must also include a notice that students who qualify for RBG3 services will continue to receive RBG3 services in reading until adequate proficiency is achieved based on the score on the state-approved assessment. The current CASLV SLP encompasses all of the requirements.

Elizabeth Kazelskis made a motion to approve the district student learning plan (Read by Grade 3) as presented.
Dr. Carryn Warren seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

D. Revision of the Five-Year Strategic Plan: Update to High School Academic Goal Metric (For Possible Action)

Dr. Gunozu reported that the team, after consulting with the high school team, decided to replace the second academic goal metric. The previous honors diploma metric was difficult to measure and had unrealistic targets for the current year. The new metric will focus on the Average ACT Composite Score, which is more measurable and meaningful. The revised measure will be reflected in the Academic Goal section of the Strategic Plan.
Elizabeth Kazelskis made a motion to approve the revision of the five-year strategic learning plan by replacing the percentage of students who graduated with an honors diploma with the ACT composite score.
Melinda Kabar seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

E. Overview of the System Accreditation Process (For Possible Action)

Dr. Gunozu presented on the accreditation process, noting that it provides quality support to help organize and strengthen schools. The process will take more than a year to complete and includes a comprehensive review of data to improve school management and performance. A timeline of the accreditation steps was shared. The accreditation team, comprised primarily of retired Nevada educators, will visit all CASLV campuses and may request to meet with the Board. If approved, system accreditation will be valid for six years.

This was an information item only; no action was taken.

F. Amendment and Approval of Special Education Support Staff, LLC (SESS) Contract for the 25-26 School Year (For Possible Action)

Mr. Selim reported that the school maintains contracts with outside providers for various services, including health screenings as well as occupational and physical therapy. He clarified that these services are available on an as-needed basis, with fees applied only when utilized. Mr. Selim also summarized the updated hourly rates and noted that the agreement represents a basic membership structure; if services are not used, no payment is required.
Elizabeth Kazelskis made a motion to approve the Special Education Support Staff, LLC (SESS) Contract for the 25-26 School Year.
Dr. Carryn Warren seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

III. Public Comments (Information)

A. Public Comment

There were no public comments.

IV. Closing Items

A. Adjourn Meeting

Elizabeth Kazelskis made a motion to adjourn the meeting.
Melinda Kabar 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 6:12 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Andrea Shepard, CASLV Executive Assistant