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## Coral Academy of Science Las Vegas

### Minutes

#### Coral Academy of Science Board Meeting

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**Date and Time**

Wednesday April 8, 2026 at 4:30 PM

**Location**

CASLV Centennial Hills Campus

7951 Deer Springs Way

Las Vegas, NV 89131

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### **Directors Present**

Chan Lengsavath, Esq., Dr. Carryn Warren (remote), Elizabeth Kazelskis, Feyzi Tandogan, Melinda Kabar (remote)

### **Directors Absent**

Ann Diggins, Brin Gibson

### **Guests Present**

Andrea Shepard, CASLV Executive Assistant, David Hall, Esq., CASLV Legal Counsel, Dr. Ercan, CASLV Executive Director and CEO, Ismail Kocabiyik, CASLV Windmill Campus Principal, Kayla Davis, CASLV Centennial Hills Campus Principal, Mark Gardberg, Esq. CASLV Legal Counsel, Nick Sarishahin, CASLV Chief Financial and Operations 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 Apr 8, 2026 at 4:33 PM.

### **B. Public Comment**

Ms. Miller, a first-grade teacher at CASLV Centennial Hills, shared that she would like to see an additional salary column for employees who have obtained credentials or education before earning a doctorate degree. She also expressed interest in expanding high school opportunities in the Centennial Hills area.

Mr. Lengsavath noted that these topics have been discussed previously and that the potential high school expansion for the Centennial Hills families, in particular, continues to be a significant topic of interest.

Melinda Kabar briefly left the meeting from 4:41 PM to 4:43 PM.

## **II. Consent Agenda**

### **A.**

### **March 10, 2026 Board Meeting Minutes (For Possible Action)**

Elizabeth Kazelskis made a motion to approve the consent agenda.

Feyzi Tandoğan seconded the motion.

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

### **III. Information/Discussion Items**

#### **A. Report of Purchases and Expenses Between \$10,000 and \$25,000 (Information)**

Dr. Ercan reviewed the purchases and expenses in detail.

Information item, no action.

#### **B. Financial Update (Information)**

As of March, the budget was projected to break even; however, the organization is currently operating with a surplus. To date, 69% of projected revenues have been received, while 64% of budgeted expenditures have been incurred. Most budget categories are expected to remain at or near projected levels, and any variances will continue to be closely monitored. All SPCSA financial performance standards are currently on target.

#### **C. Executive Director's Progress Report (Information)**

Dr. Ercan Aydogdu presented the Executive Director's Progress Report and provided updates on organizational initiatives, student achievements, campus events, and upcoming activities across CASLV.

### **Organizational & Community Updates**

- CASLV leadership and staff attended the CSAN State of the Sector event, where Governor Lombardo served as the keynote speaker.
- CASLV held a groundbreaking ceremony for the Nellis AFB Campus expansion project. The event was attended by Nellis AFB leaders, Lt. Governor Stavros Anthony, representatives from Governor Lombardo's Office, members of the Nevada Legislature, Congressional representatives, local officials, and charter school partners. The expansion reflects continued growth and support for military families in Southern Nevada.
- The Nellis campus expansion will create capacity for approximately 700 additional students.

### **End-of-Year Celebration**

- Planning updates were shared for the End-of-Year Celebration scheduled for May 8, 2026, at the M Resort.

- Sponsorship support totaled \$72,250, with contributions from several community and business partners.
- Approximately 272 staff members and 81 spouses are expected to attend, with total attendance projected to exceed 400 guests.

### **Human Resources & Recruitment**

- The HR team participated in the NFBLME Rising Leader Fellowship initiative, supporting leadership development opportunities for future Black and Latino male educational leaders.
- HR representatives also attended the 2026 Spring Job Fair at the Las Vegas Convention Center to support recruitment efforts.

### **Student & Campus Achievements**

- The Nellis AFB Campus Pre-K program earned a 5-Star QRIS rating from the Nevada Department of Education in recognition of the quality of care and instruction provided to students.
- Sandy Ridge Campus high school students earned three Congressional Award Gold Medals and two Silver Medals for achievements in service, personal development, and perseverance.
- Eastgate Campus hosted “The Great American Challenge,” where fifth-grade students showcased academic projects and learning experiences. Mayor Michelle Romero attended the event.
- CASLV students earned multiple awards and recognitions at the Southern Nevada Regional Science and Engineering Fair at UNLV.
- CASLV Cadence robotics teams competed successfully at the 2026 VEX IQ CREATE U.S. Open Tournament. Mr. Jenner was recognized nationally as “Teacher of the Year” following another successful robotics season and a third consecutive Nevada State Championship.
- Sandy Ridge students Matthew I. and Jacob G. received recognition from the Las Vegas Review-Journal for their community service initiative supporting individuals in need in Downtown Las Vegas.
- Sandy Ridge Campus hosted the “I Can Be” Career Fair in partnership with the Henderson Chamber of Commerce, providing students with exposure to various career pathways and industry professionals.
- Sandy Ridge students also participated in Pi Day activities focused on mathematics and probability concepts.
- Tamarus Campus hosted an SBAC Rally to encourage and motivate students prior to state testing.

### **Student Engagement & Enrichment**

- Sandy Ridge students participated in a behind-the-scenes educational experience at Mandalay Bay and Cirque du Soleil's "Michael Jackson ONE" production, learning about performing arts careers and production operations.
- Eastgate and Tamarus campuses hosted Robotics and STEM family engagement nights featuring hands-on learning activities, classroom showcases, and community participation.

### **Staff Wellness**

- Through a Wellness Grant provided by UnitedHealthcare, massage chairs were purchased for all campuses to support employee wellness initiatives. Larger campuses, including Cadence and Nellis, each received two chairs.

### **Next Meeting**

- The next meeting is scheduled for May 26, 2026, at 4:30 p.m. at the Central Office.

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

### **A. Selection of Copier Machine Lease Vendor (Excluding CASLV Cadence Campus) (For Possible Action)**

Mr. Nick explained that the current copier machine lease agreements for all campuses, excluding CASLV Cadence Campus, are approaching expiration. Our team including the campus principals conducted a review of operational needs, service levels, and pricing, and evaluated alternative vendors to ensure cost-effectiveness and improved service delivery. Based on this review, we are recommending entering into a new lease agreement with a different vendor that provides more competitive pricing and/or enhanced service terms. This transition will support continued operational efficiency across campuses while aligning with budgetary goals.

Approval of this item will authorize administration to execute a new copier machine lease agreement with the selected vendor for the applicable campuses

Elizabeth Kazelskis made a motion to approve AIS for a 5-year contract to be the copier service provider for 6 campuses (all but Cadence) and the Central Office in the amount of \$6,855.58 per month, plus copy fees.

Feyzi Tandogan seconded the motion.

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

### **B. Selection of General Contractor for Eastgate Campus Front Desk Renovation (For Possible Action)**

Mr. Nick reported that the team initiated a competitive solicitation process for the Eastgate Campus front desk renovation project following Board approval to work with an architect on redesigning the campus front entry. The remodel is intended to improve the

safety and efficiency of the school, with a primary focus on relocating the main office closer to the main entrance.

After finalizing the design with the architect, the team began the Request for Proposal (RFP) process to secure a general contractor for the project. The RFP was publicly released on February 23, and a mandatory pre-bid meeting for prospective contractors was held on February 27. By the March 27 submission deadline, four bids had been received.

Mr. Nick stated that the submitted proposals were evaluated. The recommended general contractor was chosen based on qualifications, cost, and overall responsiveness to the project requirements. Approval of this item will authorize the team to enter into an agreement with the selected contractor for the Eastgate Campus front desk renovation project. Martin-Harris is able to complete the project within our timeline during the summer.

Elizabeth Kazelskis made a motion to approve Martin-Harris as the general contractor for \$1,054,106.

Feyzi Tandogan seconded the motion.

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

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

### **A. Executive Director & CEO Evaluation (For Possible Action)**

This item was tabled for the next board meeting.

### **B. 2026-2027 School Year Board Meeting Calendar (For Possible Action)**

Dr. Ercan presented the proposed Board meeting dates for the 2026–2027 school year. He noted that the schedule must be submitted to the SPCSA and explained that the dates can still be amended later if needed. Dr. Ercan clarified that the proposed dates are for regular Board meetings, while committee meeting schedules can be established separately.

Feyzi Tandogan made a motion to approve the 2026-2027 school year board meeting calendar.

Chan Lengsavath, Esq. seconded the motion.

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

### **C. FY 2026-2027 Tentative Budget (For Possible Action)**

The board reviewed the FY 2026–2027 Tentative Budget presented by Mr. Nick, which included an overview of the budget development timeline, enrollment projections, projected revenues and expenditures, and operational priorities for the upcoming school year.

Projected district-wide enrollment for FY 2026–2027 is 5,642 students, with a funding-adjusted enrollment of 5,545 students based on a 98% funding factor. Per pupil funding is projected at \$9,486.

The proposed FY 2026–2027 budget totals approximately \$63.9 million in both projected revenues and expenditures, resulting in a balanced budget. State funding represents the largest revenue source at approximately \$57.2 million, or 90% of total revenues, including PCFP, ELL, At-Risk, Special Education, and Pre-K funding. Federal revenues are projected at approximately \$4.7 million and include IDEA, Title I, NSLP, and Impact Aid funding. Local revenues total approximately \$2 million and include interest income, student fees, fundraising, and donations.

Projected expenditures are primarily driven by salaries and benefits totaling approximately \$44.7 million. Additional expenditures include purchased services of approximately \$5.3 million, facility costs of approximately \$8.1 million, and supplies and operational expenses totaling approximately \$5.8 million.

The presentation concluded with board discussion and a question-and-answer session regarding the tentative budget and projected operational needs for FY 2026–2027. Elizabeth Kazelskis made a motion to approve the FY 2026–2027 tentative budget as presented.

Dr. Carryn Warren seconded the motion.

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

#### **D. CASLV Local Literacy Plan for 2026/2027 and 2027/2028 School Years (For Possible Action)**

Dr. Ercan presented the updated CASLV Local Literacy Plan for the 2026–2027 and 2027–2028 school years. The plan has been revised to align with the state’s updated format requirements and to support ongoing student literacy growth and achievement.

Ms. Kabar asked questions regarding how alignment is implemented across campuses. Dr. Ercan indicated that Dr. Gunozu will follow up with her to address those questions. Chan Lengsavath, Esq. made a motion to approve the local literacy plan as presented, pending discussion with Ms. Kabar and Dr. Gunozu.

Melinda Kabar seconded the motion.

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

### **VI. Public Comments (Information)**

#### **A. Public Comment**

There were no public comments.

### **VII. Closing Items**

**A. Adjourn Meeting**

Chan Lengsavath, Esq. made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Elizabeth Kazelskis 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 5:56 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Andrea Shepard, CASLV Executive Assistant