The Farmworker’s Institute of Education and Leadership Development  
FIELD BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES

Location: FIELD Headquarters  
122 E. Tehachapi Blvd. Suite C  
Tehachapi, CA 93561


Friday July 7, 2017 12:00 PM

NOTE: In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act if you need special assistance to participate in the meeting, please contact us 24 hours prior to the meeting.

ON THE WEB: Agendas may be viewed at www.farmworkerinstitute.org

1. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:
Mr. Villarino called the meeting to order at 12:01 P.M.

2. ESTABLISH A QUORUM

   Roll Call: David Villarino-President (Present)  
               Patrick Pine, Secretary (non-voting) (Present)  
               Michael Gomez, Treasurer (non-voting) (Present)  
               Anthony Chavez (Present)  
               Dr. Mark Martinez (Present)  
               Rick Najera (Present)  
               Inez DeLuna (Joined at 12:06 P.M.)  
               Dr. Nora Dominguez (Present)  
               Joseph Casas (General Counsel – nonvoting)

   Staff Present: Richard Alvarez (Present)  
                 Rosa Ruelas (Present)  
                 Dr. Tamar Asatryan (Present)  
                 Susana Escamilla (Present)
3. **SALUTE TO THE FLAG / FARMWORKER POEM**  
Skipped

4. **ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**  
Mr. Villarino asked everyone to review the agenda. There were no comments. Chair entertained a motion to approve the agenda as amended. Dr. Mark Martinez moved and Dr. Nora Dominguez seconded the motion. Adoption of the agenda was at 12:03 P.M.

5. **OPEN PUBLIC FORUM**  
It is appropriate for the public to address the FIELD Board regarding items of public interest within the jurisdiction of the board before or during the Board's consideration of the items. Time allowed may be limited to three minutes per item. If a large number wish to speak on a specific item, the board may limit total input to 30 minutes on any item. Individuals or groups may address the board on items not listed on the agenda; however, no action can or will be taken on the unlisted items. Further, Education Code §35145.5 also establishes the right of the public to place items on the agenda directly relating to business of the FIELD/EPIC Board of Directors. Agenda requests must be made in writing ten days prior to board meetings.

In accordance with the law, the public and Board are hereby given notice that a tape recording of today’s meeting is being made. This recording is to assist in the completion of the minutes. It is NOT a transcript of the meeting and may be disposed of in 30 days. The official transcript of this meeting will continue to be the adopted minutes.

Mr. Villarino opened public forum at 12:03 PM. He asked if there were any comments by the public.

6. **CLOSE PUBLIC FORUM**  
There were no comments by the public and public forum was closed at 12:04 PM.

7. **CLOSED SESSION**  
The board may call for a closed session to discuss confidential personnel matters, potential litigation, or other matters allowed under the Brown Act.

No closed session

8. **OPEN SESSION**  
No report since there is no closed session

9. **APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AGENDA:**
All consent agenda items for the FIELD BOARD OF DIRECTORS are considered to be routine and will be enacted by one motion unless a board member requests separate action on a specific item. Approval recommended on all items listed:

10. REPORTS: SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT AT ANY TIME DURING THE MEETING AND NOT AT A SPECIFIC TIME.
There is very limited board discussion, between the board, except to ask questions or refer matters to staff, and no action will be taken unless listed elsewhere on the agenda or on a subsequent agenda:

Mr. Villarino went into discussion regarding embarking an effort on career technical curriculum in our High School, EPIC, which can increase attendance. He stated that 20% of our EPIC students came from our ESL program. He let the board know that Rick Najera brought the Hispanic Association of Colleges and Universities conference to his attention.

11. INFORMATION ITEMS (nonvoting):

1) Review of Hispanic Association of Colleges and Universities (HACU) 31st Annual Silver Sponsorship

Participating in the HACU conference will give David Villarino the opportunity to be on a panel with other Hispanic influencers and recruit potential partners.

Rick also stated that it can help bring exposure to FIELD on a more national level.

David then stated that the sponsorship is for $25,000. He stated that we can allocate the $25,000 from our EPIC budget.

David will be making an invitation with other colleges that may be able to be co-sponsors. He will share the 6 registrations that come with the HACU sponsorship with the college presidents that co-sponsor.

Dr. Nora Dominguez asked what happens if we do not get co-sponsors. David stated that there is room in the budget and FIELD is working on submitting grants as well.
12. **OLD BUSINESS:** None at this time.

13. **NEW BUSINESS:**

   **FIELD/EPIC:**

   1. Action Item- Shall the FIELD/EPIC Board approve HACU 31st Annual Silver Sponsorship of $25,000?

   Chair entertained motion to approve Silver sponsorship for HACU’s 31st Annual Conference of $25,000. Dr. Nora Dominguez moved and it was second by Mark Martinez. Rick Najera abstained. Motion was carried and Rick Najera abstained. Mr. David Villarino, Dr. Nora Dominguez, Anthony Chavez and Dr. Mark Martinez all voted yes on the sponsorship of $25,000 with Rick Najera abstaining.

14. **ADJOURNMENT:**

   Next Meeting Date: Regularly Scheduled FIELD Board Meeting; Saturday August 26, 2017. Time and location to be determined.

   *This Meeting Agenda was posted at least 24 hours in advance of the meeting at the FIELD Main Office, 410 West J. Street, Suite A, Tehachapi, CA 93561, online on the website, and at the meeting location.*

Dr. Nora Dominguez made a motion to adjourn at 12:16 PM and it was seconded by Inez DeLuna. It was voted on and it was carried unanimously and meeting was adjourned.