

**The Farmworker’s Institute of Education and Leadership Development, Inc**  
**FIELD BOARD OF DIRECTORS SPECIAL MEETING**  
**EPIC de Cesar Chavez Board of Trustees Meeting**  
**MINUTES**

**Location:** Farmworker Institute of Education and  
Leadership Development  
(FIELD) Headquarters  
106 S. Robinson Street  
Tehachapi, CA 93561

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**Meeting ID: 817 7370 3378 Passcode: 317501**

**By phone: (669) 900-9128**

**February 4, 2021 @ 12:00 pm**

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**1. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:** *Mr. Villarino called the meeting to order at 12:16 pm*

**2. ESTABLISH A QUORUM** *Secretary Patrick Pine established a quorum at 12:18 pm*

**Roll Call:**

David Villarino (*Present, by video conference*)

Dr. Nora Dominguez (*Present, by video conference*)

Dr. Mark Martinez (*Present, by video conference*)

Dr. Jesse Ortiz (*Present, by video conference*)

Ines De Luna (*Not present*)

Nadia Villagran (*Present, by video conference*)

**Nonvoting:**

Patrick Pine, Secretary (*Present, by video conference*)

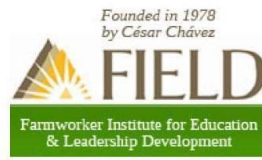
Michael Gomez, Treasurer (*Present, by video conference*)

Joseph Casas (*General Counsel*) (*Present, by video conference*)

**Staff Present:**

Rosa Ruelas (*Present, by video conference*)

Stephanie Battle Bender (*Present, by video conference*)



### **3. SALUTE TO THE FLAG / FARMWORKER POEM**

*No salute to flag or farmworker poem*

### **4. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

### **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 wishes 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 12:20 pm. He asked if there was any comments by the public. There were none.*

### **6. CLOSE PUBLIC FORUM**

*Public forum closed at 12:21 pm.*

### **7. CLOSED SESSION**

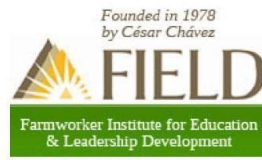
*The board may call for a closed session to discuss confidential personnel matters, potential litigation, or other matters allowed under the Brown Act.*

- a) Guzman Litigation Update

*Closed Session began at 12:22 pm.*

### **8. OPEN SESSION**

*No action was taken of Closed Session. Technology issues prevented the Board from returning to open session on public line. Informational items were shared with board. Action was deferred until next board meeting of February 20.*



**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:*

- a) Approval of minutes from December 19, 2020 meeting.

*No action was taken.*

**10. REPORTS: THE BOARD MAY, IF TIME PERMITS, TAKE BOARD REPORTS AND 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: .*

**11. INFORMATION ITEMS (nonvoting):**

- a) Informed board of low-interest loan from Cal Treasures Charter School Financing authority ASAP
- b) Informed board of offer to purchase 10.0-acre parcel in Bakersfield, CA.
- c) Financial Report - Rosa Ruelas, Financial Manager

**12. OLD BUSINESS:**

**13. NEW BUSINESS:**

**FIELD/EPIC:**

- 1. **Action Item:** Shall the FIELD Board of Directors/EPIC Board of Trustees approve the offer to purchase the BARC property on Union Street, Bakersfield?

*No action was taken on this item.*

**14. ADJOURNMENT:**

Next Meeting Date: Regularly Scheduled FIELD Board Meeting; Saturday, March 27, 2021, time and location to be determined.

*This Meeting Agenda was posted at least 24 hours in advance of the meeting at Farmworker Institute of Education and Leadership Development (FIELD) Corporate office, 106 S. Robinson Street, Tehachapi, CA 93561, online on the website, and at the meeting location.*