



**The Farmworker's Institute of Education and Leadership Development**  
**Board of Directors Meeting**  
**84-245 Indio Springs Parkway, Indio, CA, 92203**  
**9am**  
**Jan 24, 2015**

**I. Call to Order**

David Villarino  
President

**II. Chavez' Inspirational Poem**

Anthony Chavez  
Director

**III. Roll Call**

Jennie Freeman  
Secretary

- Directors In attendance: David Villarino, Anthony Chavez, Ines DeLuna, Dr. Robert Frost, Dr. Mark Martinez, Rick Najera, Sam Rodriguez
- Staff present: Liz Chavez-Villarino, Joseph Casas,
- Officers Present: Jennie Freeman
- Guest Present: Jesus Garcia, Joey Acuna,

**IV. Reading and approval of Minutes:**

**Action Item**

- A. The minutes from the August 14, 2013 annual board meeting, Bakersfield, CA
- B. The minutes from the May 27, 2014 monthly Board Meeting, Tehachapi, CA
- C. The minutes from the July 2014 Annual Board Meeting, Bakersfield, CA
- D. The minutes from the October 2014 quarterly Board Meeting, Tehachapi, CA

**V. Approval of the Agenda**

**Action Item**

**VI. Public Comment**

**VII. Review of Financial Statements:**

**Information only**

- A. 2013-2014 Un Audited Financial Statements

**VIII. Executive Report and Budget**

**Information only**

- A. Review of Corporate Plan and Program Summary for 2014-2015

**IX. Discussion Items**

**Information only**

- A. **Kern Service and Conservation Corps (KSACC)** Anthony Chavez, Program Supervisor  
Presentation of grants, proposals, project sponsors work history, expansion potential and expertise in supervising corps.
- B. **College Career Pathways Consortium** Presentation on career pathways and sustainability, distance learning, statewide consortium and outcomes
- C. **FIELD's EPIC de Cesar Chavez.** A discussion on potential legislation to limit the age of students who may be served by FIELD's EPIC, a statewide high school charter school serving 12 graders in FIELD's learning centers.

**X. New Business**

- A. Approval of Legislative efforts to secure EPIC de Cesar Chavez target market.

**Action Item**

**IX. Adjournment:**

**The Farmworker's Institute of Education and Leadership Development  
Board of Directors Meeting  
Fantasy Springs Resort, Indio, California**

**January 24, 2015**

Meeting called to order at 9:05 am. President David Villarino-Gonzalez presided. BOD members present were: Anthony Chavez, Ines DeLuna, Dr. Robert Frost, Dr. Mark Martinez, Rick Najera (joined at 12:30 pm), Sam Rodriguez, and David Villarino-Gonzalez. A quorum was present.

Secretary/Treasurer Officer Jenny Freeman recorded.

Staff members present were: Liz Chavez-Villarino and Joseph Casas. Guests in attendance were Joey Acuna and Jesus Garcia.

Director Chavez led Cesar Chavez' Inspiration Poem.

Motion by Director Chavez to amend agenda to limit review of only July 2014 and August 2014 BOD meeting minutes; seconded by Director Frost. Motion carried.

Motion by Director Frost to approve July 2014 and August 2014 BOD meeting minutes; seconded by Director Rodriguez. Motion carried.

Motion by Director Frost to approve the agenda; seconded by Director DeLuna. Motion carried.

**PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

No public comment

**THANK YOU/RECOGNITION FOR HOST CABAZON INDIAN TRIBE**

Gift Presentation made by Directors Chavez, Chavez-Villarino, and Villarino-Gonzalez to the Cabazon tribe for sponsoring and hosting BOD meeting. Gift was accepted by Joey Acuna, on behalf of Chairman Douglas Welmas, Cabazon Band of Mission Indians. Mr. Acuna then commented on Cabazon Band of Mission Indians' history, their future plans of economic development, health and educational groups. He also stated Tribal Administrator Paul Slama is interested in FIELD'S program in Mecca.

**FINANCE**

A review of FIELD's Financial Statements, Corporate Plan and Program summary for 2014-2015 was given by Liz Chavez-Villarino.

## DISCUSSION ITEMS

Director Villarino-Gonzalez is to contact Directors Frost and Martinez and communicate discussion regarding a presentation to Corps of Engineers for the purpose of building relations and funding.

## STAFF INTRODUCTIONS

Introduction of Coachella Staff: Mr. Serrano, Wendy Valdez, Carmen Martinez, Monica Martinez, and Anna Saenz . The staff discussed their career pathways and outcomes.

Director Chavez, Program Supervisor of Kern Service and Conservation Corps (KSACC) presented status of grants, proposals, project work history, expansion potential and shared his expertise in supervising corps.

Director Villarino-Gonzalez stated Felix Garsera was hired as a much needed Business Manager.

BOD members reviewed the FIELD Annual Report.

Motion by Director Najera for FIELD to engage in legislative / advocacy support for our charter renewal; seconded by Director Martinez. A brief discussion regarding the time restraint and need for an appointment of ad hoc committee by President Villarino of legislative person. motion carried.

Motion by Director Martinez for Director Villarino-Gonzalez the ability to hire contract employee for position of legislative and budgetary advocacy; seconded by Director Najera. Motion carried.

Jesus Garcia, Demographer Statistician, presented extensive data analysis on statistics specifically of US Latino population and voter electorate.

Director Rodriguez wished to add a thank you to Director Chavez for sharing his story of past involvement of historical communication mechanism that Cesar Chavez instituted throughout the state of California.

Motion by Director Najera to adjourn; seconded by Director Frost. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 3:25 pm.

NEXT MEETING to be determined

End