

The Farmworker's Institute of Education and Leadership Development

FIELD BOARD OF DIRECTORS SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

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

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September 14, 2020 at 12:00 pm

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1. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: *Mr. Villarino called the meeting to order at 12:03 pm*

2. ESTABLISH A QUORUM *Secretary Patrick Pine established a quorum at 12:07 pm*

Roll Call:

David Villarino (*Present*)

Dr. Nora Dominguez (*Present by phone*)

Dr. Mark Martinez (*Present by phone, joined at 12:06 pm*)

Dr. Jesse Ortiz (*Present by phone*)

Ines De Luna (*Present by phone*)

Nadia Villagran (*Present by phone*)

Nonvoting:

Patrick Pine, Secretary (*Present*)

Michael Gomez, Treasurer (*Present, joined at 12:05 pm*)

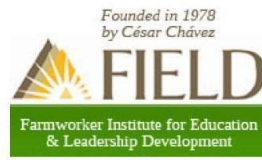
Joseph Casas (*General Counsel*) (*Not present*)

Staff Present:

Rosa Ruelas (*Present by phone*)

Delilah Martinez (*Present by phone*)

Susana Navarro-Llamas (*Present*)



3. SALUTE TO THE FLAG / FARMWORKER POEM

No salute to the flag/Farmworker Poem

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. Jesse Ortiz moved and Ines DeLuna seconded. There was no discussion and motion was approved unanimously.

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 12:08 pm. He asked if there was any comments by the public. There were none.

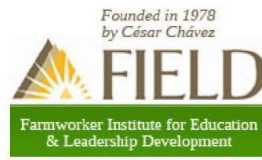
6. CLOSE PUBLIC FORUM

Public forum closed at 12:09 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 items



8. OPEN 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:

- a) Approval of minutes from August 15, 2020 meeting.

Minutes from the August 15, 2020 meeting were not ready for approval.

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:

President Villarino reported that we were joining the CA alliance for children and adults which is an umbrella organization that helps organizations utilize mental health and other public resources for participants.

Mr. Villarino discussed the need to engage in an advocacy campaign for an exemption from pending rules & regulations restricting delivery of high school opportunities.

11. INFORMATION ITEMS (nonvoting):

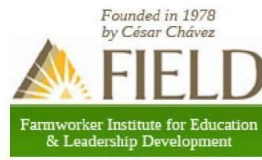
- a) **Rosa Ruelas - Financial Manager**

Review of EPIC unaudited financials for the fiscal year ending on June 30, 2020.

Rosa shared the EPIC Charter School Unaudited Actuals Financial Report dated July 1, 2019, to June 30, 2020. It reflects the total revenue of \$6.9M, with total expenditures of \$5.1M. Revenue of \$5,784,645 was received from state apportionment at 438.23 ADA and the remaining \$1,165,483 from other state and local revenue including the CTEIG grant. EPIC's excess revenue is 1.8M with an ending fund balance is 3.7M placing EPIC in a much better position than last year.

- a) **Delilah Martinez - Director of Educational Programs & Executive Director EPIC Public Hearing for review and comment by members of the public: EPIC de Cesar Chavez Learning Continuity and Attendance Plan (Learning Continuity Plan) for the 2020-21 school year.**

The LCP Public Hearing was opened for discussion. Delilah Martinez explained the EPIC de Cesar Chavez Learning Continuity and Attendance Plan (Learning Continuity Plan) for 2020-21 to Board members and all Board meeting attendees.



12. OLD BUSINESS:

13. NEW BUSINESS:

FIELD/EPIC:

- 1. Action Item:** Shall the FIELD/EPIC Board of Directors approve the EPIC unaudited financials for the fiscal year ending on June 30, 2020?

Chair entertained a motion to approve the EPIC unaudited financials for the fiscal year ending on June 30, 2020. Ines DeLuna moved, Nadia Villagran seconded the motion. No discussion, motion carried unanimously.

14. ADJOURNMENT:

Chair entertained a motion to adjourn, Mark Martinez moved, Ines DeLuna seconded,. No discussion, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 12:59 pm.

Next Meeting Date: Regularly Scheduled FIELD Board Meeting; Saturday, September 19, 2020, time and location to be determined.

This Meeting Agenda was posted at least 72 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.