



**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: 856 3001 6989 Passcode: 357811**

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

**March 12, 2021 @ 12:00 pm**

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**1. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:**

**2. ESTABLISH A QUORUM**

**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 *(Present, by video conference)*

Nadia Villagran *(Present, by video conference)*

**Nonvoting:**

Patrick Pine, Secretary *(Not present)*

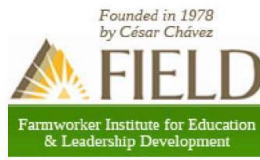
Michael Gomez, Treasurer *(Present, by video conference)*

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

**Staff Present:**

Rosa Ruelas *(Present, by video conference)*

Susana Navarro Llamas *(Present, by video conference)*



### **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 adopt the Agenda. Mark Martinez moved and Ines De Luna 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 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 the public forum at 12:05 pm. He asked if there were any comments by the public. There were none.*

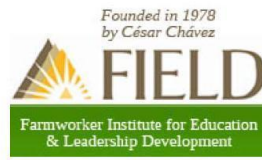
### **6. CLOSE PUBLIC FORUM**

*Public forum closed at 12:06 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**

### **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 the February 20, 2021 meeting

*Mr. Villarino asked the Board Members to review Minutes from February 20, 2021. There were no comments. Chair entertained a motion to approve the minutes, Nadia Villagran moved, Mark Martinez seconded. There was no discussion and the motion was approved unanimously.*

### **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):**

#### **1) David Villarino, President/CEO**

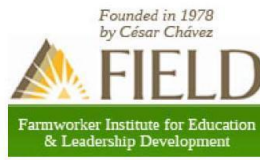
- a) Guzman litigation update

*Mr. Villarino shared an update on the Guzman litigation, it has been officially settled, our insurance company came in and paid off the attorneys after a 3-year process.*

*Mr. Villarino continued to share with the board the possibility of visiting the Mondregon Cooperative, an 80k planning grant has been submitted which allows us to visit businesses and to find out how we can measure the impacts and how we can structure the cooperatives.*

#### **2) Rosa Ruelas - Financial Manager**

*Rosa Ruelas shared with the board FIELD's 2nd Interim Report. This is a report to our authorizer from June 30, 2020 through July 30, 2021 with a projection of what is going to look like through the end of the fiscal year. This report reflects the Adopted Budget, Actuals through January 31, 2021, and our Fund Balance. Rosa continued to share the good news in regards to our growth funding, back in the fall EPIC applied for the growth funding and instead of the state giving us an ADA 438 they approved a new ADA of 639. This increased our revenue, the difference between apportionment is 2.5M. Rosa also shared The Total Expenditures, Net Increase (decrease) in Fund balance, and Fund balance.*



**12. OLD BUSINESS:**

**13. NEW BUSINESS:**

**FIELD/EPIC:**

1. **Action Item:** Shall the FIELD Board of Directors/EPIC Board of Trustees approve EPIC'S 2nd Interim Report?

*Chair entertained a motion to approve EPIC'S 2nd Interim Report. Nadia Villagran moved, Mark Martinez seconded. There was no discussion and the motion was approved unanimously.*

**14. ADJOURNMENT:**

Meeting adjourned at 11:39 pm

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.*