

The Farmworker’s Institute of Education and Leadership Development, Inc
FIELD BOARD OF DIRECTORS SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA
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

Zoom Meeting/Teleconference Location:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85491119048>

By phone (669) 900-9128 Meeting ID: 854 9111 9048

May 21, 2021 at 12:00 pm

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

1. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: *Mr. Villarino called the meeting to order at 12:05 pm*

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

Roll Call:

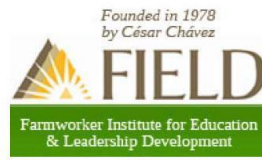
David Villarino (<i>present, by video conference</i>)	Dr. Nora Dominguez (<i>not present</i>)
Dr. Mark Martinez (<i>present, by video conference</i>)	Dr. Jesse Ortiz (<i>not present</i>)
Ines De Luna (<i>present, by video conference</i>)	Nadia Villagran (<i>present, by video conference</i>)

Nonvoting:

Patrick Pine, Secretary (*Present, by video conference*)
Michael Gomez, Treasurer (*Present, by video conference*)
Joseph Casas (*General Counsel*) (*Not present*)

Staff Present:

Dr. Tamar Asatryan (*Present, by video conference*)
Maria Rawls (*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. Nadia Villagran moved, seconded by Ines De Luna. There was no discussion and the 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 12:08 pm. He asked if there were any comments by the public. There were none.

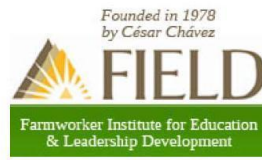
6. CLOSE PUBLIC FORUM

Public forum closed at 12:08 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.

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 May 10, 2021 meeting

Mr. Villarino asked the Board Members to review Minutes from May 10, 2021. There were no comments. Chair entertained a motion to approve the minutes, Ines De Luna 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):

- a) David Villarino, President/CEO
 - Budget Trailer Bill Victory

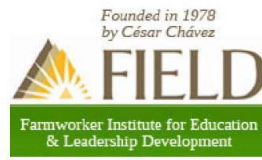
Mr. Villarino began by sharing that the Budget Trailer Bill language was withdrawn and thanked all the board members, and the staff, and especially our students for all the work that they did in mobilizing the folks behind the petition that went to the Senate Budget Committee and the Assembly Budget Committee.

Mr. Villarino also shared that Bakersfield Public Works denied the purchase to buy the 10 acre property (BARC) due to our charter school being on the property; the appeal process has begun to overturn this decision.

Mr. Villarino mentioned we are moving forward with a pay increase for our Conservation Corps, Admissions and Records and all low wage employees, once the fiscal year begins a reimbursement will be given to all the employees who took a paycut back in March.

- b) **Dr. Tamar Asatryan, Operations Officer**
 - Expanded Learning Opportunities Grant Plan

Dr. Tamar shared the Expanded Learning Opportunities Grant Plan with the board members. The Grant will be providing supplemental instruction and support to students, including those identified as needing academic, social-emotional, and other supports, including the provision of meals, snacks. Grant will also help mitigate the effects of returning to school from COVID-19.



- c) Maria Rawls, Director of Asset and Development Services
Emilio Huerta, Law Office of Emilio Huerta
 - Limited Liability Company structure proposed for Desert Palms/Lancaster affordable housing for FIELD Programs.

Mr. Emilio Huerta went over the Limited Liability Company structure proposed for Desert Palms/Lancaster affordable housing for FIELD Programs with the board of directors.

12. OLD BUSINESS:

13. NEW BUSINESS:

FIELD/EPIC:

1. **Action Item:** Shall the FIELD Board of Directors/EPIC Board of Trustees approve the Expanded Learning Opportunities Grant Plan?

Chair entertained a motion to approve the Expanded Learning Opportunities Grant Plan. Nadia Villagran moved, Ines De Luna seconded. There was no discussion and the motion was approved unanimously.

2. **Action Item:** Shall the FIELD Board of Directors/EPIC Board of Trustees approve the Limited Liability Company as a FIELD Subsidiary (name tbd) that allows FIELD to be Member vs Managing Member of Kingdom Desert Palms, LLC?

Chair entertained a motion to approve the Limited Liability Company as a FIELD Subsidiary (name tbd) that allows FIELD to be Member vs Managing Member of Kingdom Desert Palms, LLC. Mark Martinez moved, Ines De Luna seconded the motion. There was no discussion and the motion was approved unanimously.

14. ADJOURNMENT:

Chair entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mark Martinez moved and Ines De Luna seconded. Motion was approved unanimously, meeting adjourned at 12:58 pm.

Next Meeting Date: Regularly Scheduled FIELD Board Meeting; Saturday, June 26, 2021, time and location to be determined.

This Special 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.