

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/87934952083>

Meeting ID: 879 3495 2083 by phone (669) 900-9128

Wednesday, October 27, 2021 at 12:00 PM

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1. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: *Secretary Patrick Pine called the meeting to order at 12:02 pm*

2. ESTABLISH A QUORUM: *Secretary Patrick Pine established a quorum at 12:05 pm*

Roll Call:

David Villarino (*present, by video conference*) Dr. Nora Dominguez (*present, by video conference*)(*joined at 12:03 pm*)
Dr. Mark Martinez (*not present*) Dr. Jesse Ortiz (*present, by video conference*)
Ines De Luna (*present, by video conference*) 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:

Silva Ohannessian (*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. Ines De Luna moved and Nadia Villagran 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.

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) *No Board Meeting Minutes to approve*

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.

Board Director Dr. Jesse Ortiz requested to add a new item to be added to the December Agenda to discuss and potentially revise bylaws to include Board Members Secretary and Treasurer to become voting members.

11. INFORMATION ITEMS (nonvoting):

- a) 457 (b) Retirement Plan

Mr. Roger Rocha, Managing Director of Pensionmark shared with the board of directors the advantages of participating in a 457 (b) Retirement Plan and discussed the eligible plans under 457(b) that allow employees of sponsoring organizations to defer income taxation on retirement savings into future years.

12. OLD BUSINESS:

13. NEW BUSINESS:

FIELD/EPIC:

1. **Action Item:** Shall the FIELD Board of Directors/EPIC Board of Trustees Approve the Adoption of Board Resolution for Retirement 457 (b)?

Chair entertained a motion to approve the Adoption of Board Resolution for Retirement 457 (b). Nadia Villagran moved and Ines de Luna seconded. There was no discussion and the motion was approved by Nora Dominguez, Ines De Luna, Jesse Ortiz, Nadia Villagran. Mr. Villarino abstained from voting.

14. ADJOURNMENT:

Meeting adjourned at 12:31 pm.

Next Meeting Date: Regularly Scheduled FIELD Board Meeting; Saturday, December 11, 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.