

**The Farmworker’s Institute of Education and Leadership Development
FIELD/EPIC BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
MINUTES**

**Location: University of La Verne
10800 Stockdale Hwy., Suite 201
Bakersfield, CA 93311**

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107 Oak Place, Tehachapi, CA 93561 (Patrick Pine)
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March 13, 2019 at 12:00 pm.

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1. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Mr. Villarino Called Meeting to order at 12:00 am.

2. ESTABLISH A QUORUM

Roll Call:

David Villarino (*present*) Joseph Casas (General Counsel – nonvoting) (*not present*)

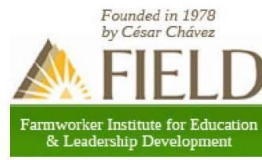
Anthony Chavez (*by phone*) Patrick Pine, Secretary (non-voting) (*by phone*)

Dr. Mark Martinez (*present*) Michael Gomez, Treasurer (non-voting) (*not present*)

Raji Brar (*present*) Dr. Nora Dominguez (*present*)

Ines de Luna (*not present*)

Secretary Patrick Pine confirmed a quorum was present.



Staff Present:

Delilah Martinez (by phone) Rosa Ruelas (present)
Susana Navarro-Llamas (present)

Mr. Villarino introduced staff present.

3. SALUTE TO THE FLAG / FARMWORKER POEM

No flag salute was taken.

4. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Chair entertained a motion to approve agenda. Raji Brar moved and Anthony Chavez seconded the motion. The motion was approved by David Villarino, Anthony Chavez, Raji Brar, Mark Martinez and Nora Dominguez. Motion carried unanimously.

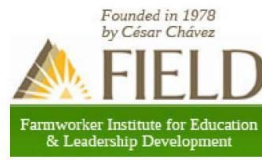
5. OPEN PUBLIC FORUM

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 12:02 p.m. He asked if there were any comments by the public. There were none.



6. CLOSE PUBLIC FORUM

Public Forum closed at 12:05 p.m.

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 January 22, 2019 meeting.

Chair entertained a motion to approve minutes from January 22, 2019 meeting. Mark Martinez moved and Anthony Chavez seconded. There was no discussion and the motion was approved unanimously by David Villarino, Anthony Chavez, Nora Dominguez, Mark Martinez and Raji Brar.

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:

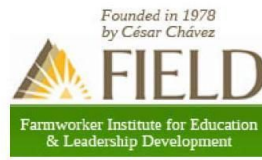
Mr. Villarino gave a report on ESL sites North, Coastal, & Southern and 1.3 Million grant for training CTE ag, solar, etc.

Mr. Villarino discussed that vacant board position needed to be filled and addressed the board for approval of Jesse Ortiz.

11. INFORMATION ITEMS (nonvoting):

Rosa Ruelas- went over the balance sheet report and discussed FIELD's financial situation.

Through January 31, 2019 we are showing a loss of \$336,990. Reduced salaries, site closures, Budget cuts have been taken which will bring the negative fund balance positive by the end of the fiscal year.



Rosa also discussed approval of Auditor selection of Clem Payne, Jr. which will be providing 2018-2019 audit services.

12. OLD BUSINESS:

None at this time.

13. NEW BUSINESS:

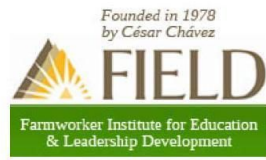
14. FIELD/EPIC:

1. **Action Item**-Shall the FIELD/EPIC Board approve EPIC Charter School petition renewal?
Chair requested a motion to approve 2019-2024 EPIC Charter School 5 year petition renewal. Nora Dominguez moved and was seconded by Raji Brar. Motion carried unanimously.
2. **Action Item**-Shall the FIELD/EPIC Board approve course approvals for new CTE classes?
The topic was not discussed.
3. **Action Item**-Shall the FIELD/EPIC Board approve the selection of Auditor?
Chair requested a motion to approve the selection of independent Auditor selection Clem Payne Jr. Nora Dominguez moved and seconded by Raji Brar. Motion carried unanimously.
4. **Action Item**-Shall the FIELD/EPIC Board approve the appointment of board member trustee Dr. Jesse Ortiz?
Chair requested a motion to approve the appointment of board member trustee Dr. Jesse Ortiz to fill vacant position. Mark Martinez moved and seconded by Nora Dominguez. Motion Carried unanimously.
5. **Action Item**-Shall the FIELD/EPIC Board approve the 2nd Interim EPIC report?
Chair entertained a motion to approve 2nd Interim EPIC report. Raji Brar moved and seconded by Mark Martinez. Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT:

Chair entertained a motion to adjourn and Raji Brar moved to adjourn. Dr. Mark Martinez seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 1:45pm

Next Meeting Date: Regularly Scheduled FIELD Board Meeting; Saturday, June 8th, 2019 time and location to be determined.



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