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**SPECIAL BOARD MEETING  
MINUTES**  
**The Farmworkers Institute of Education and Leadership Development, Inc**  
**FIELD BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**Location:** Farmworkers Institute of Education & Leadership Development  
FIELD CTE Operations Center  
2240 S. Union Ave  
Bakersfield, CA 93307

**Zoom Meeting/Teleconference Location:**  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85193179468>  
**By phone (669) 444-9171 Meeting ID: 851 9317 9468**

**Wednesday, January 17th at 12:30 pm**

**NOTE:** In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act if you need special assistance to participate in the meeting, please contact us 48 hours prior to the meeting.

**ON THE WEB:** Agendas may be viewed at [www.farmworkerinstitute.org](http://www.farmworkerinstitute.org)

- 1. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:** *Secretary Patrick Pine called the meeting to order at 12:32 pm*
- 2. ESTABLISH A QUORUM:** *Secretary Patrick Pine established a quorum at 12:34 pm*

**Roll Call:**

David Villarino <i>(present)</i>	Dr. Nora Dominguez <i>(present)</i>
Dr. Mark Martinez <i>(present)</i>	Ines De Luna <i>(present)</i>
Nadia Villagran <i>(not present)</i>	Greg Cervantes <i>(present)</i>
Oscar Gonzales <i>(present)</i>	

**Nonvoting:**

Patrick Pine, Secretary *(present)*  
Michael Gomez, Treasurer *(present)*  
John C. Lemmo, General Counsel *(not present)*

**Staff Present:**

Susana Navarro-Llamas *(present)*

**3. SALUTE TO THE FLAG / FARMWORKER POEM**

*Salute to the Flag and Farmworker Poem were dispensed.*

#### **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 for FIELD. Nora Dominguez moved, Mark Martinez seconded the motion. 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 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 12:36 pm. He asked if there were any comments by the public. There were none.*

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

- *Public forum closed at 12:39 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**

- *Open session resumed at 12:40 pm*

#### **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:*

*No Minutes for board review*

**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:**

**1. David Villarino - President CEO**

- a) Discuss & finalize the Cesar Chavez Breakfast Awardees

*Mr. Villarino shared the names for board consideration in receiving awards at our upcoming Cesar Chavez Breakfast on March 28th, 2024. Awards to be given out are the Chavez Legacy, Lifetime Achievement, Excellence, Si Se Puede, Integrity & Chavez Opportunity Awards.*

*Mr. Cervantes shared his thoughts on the matter and he recommended Ken Salazar, Senator and Ambassador of Mexico as well as Antonio Hernandez and Paul Chavez as he recently retired. They will be considered for next year's awards.*

*After much discussion, it was decided the following:*

- 1. Chavez Legacy Award - Senator Richard Polanco (ret.)*
- 2. Chavez Opportunity Award - Tony Thurmond, California State Superintendent of Public Instruction*
- 3. Chavez Innovation Award- Dr. Carlos Alvarez*
- 4. Lifetime Achievement Award - Magda Menendez, Mexican American Opportunity Foundation*
- 5. Excellence Award - Greg Bynum, Real Estate Development*
- 6. Si Se Puede Award- Flor Martinez, Celebration Nation*

*Mr. Villarino also shared FIELD will be donating \$1,000 to the Helen Chavez Scholarship fund for the Mission Neighborhood Services in San Francisco. Ceremony honoring Helen Chavez, this contribution will go towards Scholarships. Dr. Mark Martinez suggested to up the contribution to \$2,000.*

**12. OLD BUSINESS:**

*No old business*

**13. NEW BUSINESS:**

*No new business*

**14. ADJOURNMENT:**

*Chair entertained a motion to adjourn. Ines DeLuna moved, Mark Martinez seconded. There was no discussion and the motion was approved unanimously.*

*The meeting adjourned at 1:10 pm*

*Next Meeting Date: Regularly Scheduled FIELD Board Meeting; Friday, March 8, 2024 time and location to be determined.*

*This Special Meeting Agenda was posted at least 24 hours in advance of the meeting at FIELD, CTE Operations Center, 2240 S. Union Ave. Bakersfield, CA 93307 online on the website, and at the meeting location.*