

**IMPERIAL VALLEY REGIONAL OCCUPATIONAL PROGRAM  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
Adopted Minutes**

Meeting of December 18, 2014  
Imperial Valley Regional Occupational Program Main Office

**CALL TO ORDER:** Ms. Armenta called the meeting to order at 6:31 a.m. The following persons were present:

**Ms. Alicia Armenta**, Board President, Imperial County Office of Education  
**Mr. Matt Hester**, Board Member, Holtville Unified School District  
**Mr. Augustine Sadorra**, Board Member, Calipatria Unified School District  
**Ms. Carol Sassie**, Board Member, Brawley Union High School District  
**Ms. Jacinto "Jay" Jimenez**, Board Member, Central Union High School District  
**Mr. Victor Lopez**, Board Member, Imperial Unified School District  
**Mr. Ciro Calderon**, Clerk of the Board, Calexico Unified School District  
Mr. Gabriel Aguirre, Project Coordinator, Imperial Valley ROP  
Ms. Denise Cabanilla, Team Gear Up & Higher Ed Director, Imperial County Office of Education  
Ms. Cecilia Duron, Director of Business & Human Services, Imperial Valley ROP  
Mr. Federico Garcia, Program Manager, Imperial Valley ROP  
Ms. Lupe Garcia, Program Assistant, Imperial Valley ROP  
Mr. Edwin Obergfell, Superintendent, Imperial Valley ROP  
Mr. Jose Martinez, Adult Development Specialist, Imperial Valley ROP  
Ms. Wendy Prewett, Project Coordinator, Imperial Valley ROP  
Ms. Wendy Ramirez, Office Manager, Imperial Valley ROP  
Ms. Daniela Rodriguez, Attendance Analyst, Imperial Valley ROP  
Mr. Phil Villamor, Director of Education, Imperial Valley ROP

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Ms. Armenta led the pledge of allegiance.

**PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS:** None.

**INTRODUCTIONS/ ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Ms. Armenta and Mr. Obergfell welcomed back Mr. Jimenez. Mr. Obergfell asked Ms. Rodriguez to present the new IVROP website funded by Vesper.

**CONSENT AGENDA:** A motion was made by Mr. Sadorra and seconded by Mr. Jimenez to approve the items on Consent Agenda as presented. ***Motion carried unanimously.***

- Minutes of November 13, 2014, Regular Meeting;
- November '14 Warrant Order Numbers: 15312442-15312531; 15313442-15313542; 15315564-15315612.

**PERSONNEL:** ***APPOINTMENT OF PERSONNEL.*** A motion was made by Mr. Lopez and seconded by Mr. Jimenez to approve the appointment of Mr. Mark Arroy, Ms. Ilse Briseño, Mr. Jonathan Dale, Mr. Adrian Gonzales, and Ms. Kris Zara. ***Motion carried unanimously.***

**NEW BUSINESS:** *ACCEPT FUNDING OF.* A motion was made by Mr. Jimenez and seconded by Mr. Hester to accept the funding of Carl Perkins 131 (\$74,157). *Motion carried unanimously.*

*2014-15 1<sup>st</sup> INTERIM FINANCIAL REPORTS.* Ms. Duron reviewed the 2014-15 1<sup>st</sup> Interim Financial Report. A motion was made by Mr. Sadorra and seconded by Mr. Lopez to approve the 2014-15 1<sup>st</sup> Interim Financial Reports. *Motion carried unanimously.*

**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:**

*MONTHLY BUDGET UPDATE.* Ms. Duron informed the board that the grants fund themselves. The Monthly Budget Update was a comparison from last month to this month.

*IVROP COMMUNITY FOUNDATION.* Mr. Obergfell announced that Mr. Villamor had presented on the National Career Readiness Certificate to the IVROP Community Foundation Board. The testing fees for the National Career Readiness Certificate will be added as an action item for the next IVROPCF board meeting. The IVROPCF Board approved a \$500 Career Technical Education Student Leadership Organization Scholarship for Central Union High School Future Leaders of America. Mr. Jimenez informed the board that Ms. Armenta, Mr. Ben Abatti, Jr., and he had been a Star for the Dancing with the Stars. The Dancing with the Stars is scheduled for Friday, May 1, 2015.

*WASC.* Mr. Villamor reported on the major topics for WASC. He reviewed the minutes from the last WASC meeting. He pointed out the focus areas. Ms. Garcia e-mailed the instructors regarding the suggestions that were made to revise the Vision Statement. Mr. Jimenez commended Mr. Obergfell and Mr. Villamor for doing a fantastic job at presenting the new MOU to all the school districts. Mr. Jimenez and Ms. Sassie pointed out the importance of keeping all the school district board members informed. The board suggested having Mr. Villamor send out a summary to all the school district boards.

**PRESENTATION:** Mr. Garcia presented on Project Second Chance. Mr. Garcia explained how Second Chance provides hope to participants. Mr. Garcia spoke highly of his staff. Second Chance has partnered with ICSO, ICPD, and Day Reporting Center. He pointed out the causes why the inmates return to jail. Project Second Chance can assist the inmates while in jail to break the cycle when they are released. Providing classes to the inmates ensures the transition of individuals from prison to the community, provides public safety, reduces recidivism costs, promotes intra and inter-agency collaboration, and promotes Family Stabilization by supporting participants and families. Mr. Garcia said he'll be gathering data and will be sharing data with partners to receive funding for the following year. Ms. Bonnie Walther received Moral Reconciliation Therapy (MRT) training to provide counseling for the inmates. Drug and alcohol education will also be provided to the inmates to deal with issues after being released. Project Padres and Project Éxito will serve as resources for parenting/relationships. The areas of training for the participants will be Basic Construction/Technology, Electrical/Solar Panel Installation, and Heating Ventilation & AC. Participants will also be prepared with job search skills needed to get and keep a job. Mr. Obergfell clarified services amongst ROP Programs and Projects are provided where funding sources allow for multiple services. Project Second Chance was funded for one year. Communication is in place with Federal Monitors. Project Second Chance works mostly with male participants due to the population in the jail. The Curriculum is evidence based and ROP Programs have worked with this curriculum. A total of forty-five inmates will be served. Inmates are going through assessments and screening. Currently a total of thirteen inmates are enrolled.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** None.

**LEGISLATION:** None.

**OTHER:** *ARTICLES.* Mr. Obergfell made reference to the Imperial Valley Press articles dated November 14, 2014 and December 1, 10, 2014.

**BOARD AND  
SUPERINTENDENT  
COMMENTS:**

Ms. Armenta wished everyone a Merry Christmas. Ms. Armenta told Mr. Obergfell he is doing a great job.

Mr. Calderon said IVROP has a great team. He wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

Mr. Hester said IVROP Staff work hard. He wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

Mr. Jimenez informed the board that has been with IVROP for a long time. He was happy to be back. It's great to work with excellent Staff lead by a good leader. He wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

Mr. Lopez said he likes being part of this organization. He informed the board that Ms. Lisa Tabarez Imperial Superintendent will be relocating. Ms. Madeline Willis was asked to return to the Imperial High School District as Interim Superintendent. He reminded the board that Edwin's contract will be ending in June. He wished everyone Safe and Happy Holidays.

Mr. Sadorra said he enjoys the presentations.

Ms. Sassie thanked the Staff.

Mr. Obergfell said everyone has a done a good job. He mentioned Vesper Society Developmental Assets Researcher will be coming down to assist in the Developmental Assets launch. He thanked Mr. Simon Rodriguez and Ms. Rodriguez for the paint job in the computer lab. He thanked Ms. Lupe Uyeda for all the cleaning she did. Mr. Obergfell and Staff met with Assemblymember Eduardo Garcia for forty minutes to provide him with information about IVROP. He thanked the Board for all their support. He wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

**NEXT MEETING:** The next meeting was scheduled for Thursday, January 15, 2015, at 6:30 a.m., at Imperial Valley Regional Occupational Program (IVROP) Main Office.

**ADJOURNMENT:** A motion was made by Mr. Sadorra and seconded by Mr. Jimenez to adjourn the IVROP Board Meeting at 8:08 a.m.