

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

Meeting of February 18, 2016
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
Ms. Patty Dockstader, Board Member, Calipatria Unified School District
Mr. Matt Hester, Board Member, Holtville Unified School District
Ms. Jacinto "Jay" Jimenez, Board Member, Central Union High School District
Mr. Victor Lopez, Board Member, Imperial Unified School District
Mr. Gabriel Aguirre, Project Coordinator, Imperial Valley ROP
Mr. Juan Campos, Project Coordinator, Imperial Valley ROP
Ms. Olivia Coterio, Adult Development Specialist, Imperial Valley ROP
Ms. Cecilia Duron, Director of Business & Human Services, Imperial Valley ROP
Ms. Lupe Garcia, Program Assistant, Imperial Valley ROP
Ms. Cristina Lopez, Adult Development Specialist, Imperial Valley ROP
Ms. Tednisha Mack, Participant, Imperial Valley ROP
Mr. Edwin Obergfell, Superintendent, Imperial Valley ROP
Ms. Karla Ornelas, Family Development Specialist, Imperial Valley ROP
Ms. Wendy Prewett, Project Coordinator, Imperial Valley ROP
Ms. Wendy Ramirez, Office Manager, Imperial Valley ROP
Ms. Brenda Villaseñor, Family Development Specialist, Imperial Valley ROP

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Mr. Jimenez led the pledge of allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None.

INTRODUCTIONS/ ANNOUNCEMENTS: None.

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

- Minutes of January '16, Regular Meeting;
- January '16 Warrant Order Numbers: 16025093-16025220; 16026331-16026399; 16027071-16027117; 16028619-16028652.

PERSONNEL: ***APPOINTMENT OF PERSONNEL.*** A motion was made by Mr. Lopez and seconded by Mr. Jimenez to approve the appointment of Mr. Jared Esquivel. ***Motion carried unanimously.***

RESIGNATION. A motion was made by Mr. Jimenez and seconded by Ms. Dockstader to approve the resignation of Ms. Liliana Delgado. ***Motion carried unanimously.***

NEW BUSINESS: ***ACCEPT THE CONTINUATION OF.*** A motion was made by Mr. Lopez and Mr. Hester to accept the continuation of Project Thrive Life-Skills (\$180,000).

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

MONTHLY BUDGET UPDATE. Ms. Duron reported there were minor changes to the Monthly Budget Update.

IVROP COMMUNITY FOUNDATION. Mr. Obergfell announced the IVROPCF Scholarship Applications are available online at the IVROPCF website. Mr. Obergfell shared that this year some changes were made to the scholarship. The IVROPCF Scholarships are due Friday, April 8, 2016 by 5:00 pm at the IVROP Office. The Scholarship Categories are the General Award, Exemplary Community Award, IVROP/CTE Student Award, and Scholastic Achievement Award. The Scholarships range from \$1,000, \$750, and \$500. Stars are practicing. He encouraged everyone to purchase their ticket. Ms. Garcia has e-mailed the counselors. He shared the Student Organization Awards that have been awarded this school year. Over forty-two tables have been sold. The Judges' this year are returning judge Anne Irigoyen, Attorney Steve Walker, an expert technical judge, and an auctioned judge seat.

CTE/WASC UPDATE. Mr. Villamor is encouraging the instructors to plan ahead for the IVROP Annual Showcase scheduled for April 19, 2016. The Instructor's Planning Sheet (shared with teachers at their CTE department meetings at each site) was shared in IVROP board packet. This year for the first time Brawley Union High School, Calexico High School, and Central Union High School will be participating in a Law Enforcement Skills Competition (April 23 at IVC). Randy Smith (BUHS Construction Teacher), has constructed wood and chain link walls (a set for each high school) for the obstacle courses for the event. Mr. Villamor shared with the Board a picture of the chain link fence being worked on (funding for construction of these walls will come from the CCPT funds of each high school). Also part of CCPT grant funding, sixteen instructors have completed the CPR Certification so they can certify students at their schools. Ms. Ines Estrada-Lovio was the only certified instructor to certify students before.

PRESENTATION:

Ms. Wendy Prewett presented on Project Mi Familia. Project Mi Familia is funded through the Imperial County Department of Social Services, Children and Family Services. Project Mi Familia provides comprehensive parenting education services using the Nurturing Parenting Curriculum. The Nurturing Parenting Curriculum emphasizes the importance of raising children in a warm, trusting, and caring environment. Classes are available in English and Spanish. The program conducts home visits, case management, support groups, parent-child visitation observations, and coaching as well as assessments.

The Family Visitation Center is provided for supervised visitation. Project ACE Students painted the family room. The Family Visitation Center is the only one in Imperial County. Project Family Visitation work exclusively with Mi Familia clients particularly those that have a Family Reunification case. The supervised visitation component essentially enhances the work of Project Mi Familia by continuing observations until families reunify. Social Workers work as the coordinating party who arrange visits with foster parents and non-custodial visiting parent. Mi Familia/Family Visitation staff attend visits and monitor parent-child interactions by using the Monitored Visit Checklist as provided by the County of Imperial – Children and Family Services. Mi Familia and Family Visitation staff are constantly communicating with social workers.

Ms. Brenda Villaseñor and Ms. Karla Ornelas shared their experience as Family Development Specialists. Ms. Prewett introduced Ms. Cristina Lopez, Adult Development Specialist and Ms. Olivia Cotero, Adult Development Specialist whom work closely with the Mi Familia and Family Visitation population. Ms. Mack shared her personal experience as a participant.

CORRESPONDENCE: None.

LEGISLATION: None.

OTHER: *ARTICLES.* Mr. Obergfell made reference to the Imperial Valley Press articles dated January 31, 2016.

EVENTS. Mr. Obergfell extended an invitation to the board to the CTE Skills Competition's.

**BOARD AND
SUPERINTENDENT
COMMENTS:**

Ms. Armenta thanked the presenters.

Ms. Dockstader had no comment.

Mr. Hester had no comment.

Mr. Jimenez shared his concerns regarding the current telephone system.

Mr. Lopez had no comment.

Mr. Obergfell thanked Ms. Hank for sharing her story. Mr. Obergfell pointed out the Family Stabilization Unit continues to change lives. He appreciates all the hard work staff is doing.

NEXT MEETING: The next meeting was scheduled for Thursday, March 17, 2016, at 6:30 a.m., at Imperial Valley Regional Occupational Program (IVROP) Main Office.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 7:21 a.m.