

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

Meeting of February 16, 2023
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. Lorenzo Calderon, Jr., Board Member, Calexico Unified School District
Mr. Matt Hester, Board Member, Holtville Unified School District
Mr. Raul Navarro, Board Member, Calipatria Unified School District
Mr. Eric Rodriguez, Board Member, Central Union High School District
Ms. Gloria Santillan, Board Member, Brawley Union High School District
Mr. Gabriel Aguirre, Project Coordinator, Imperial Valley ROP
Mr. Luis De La Torre, Director of Business & Human Services, Imperial Valley ROP
Mr. Francisco Estrada, Participant, Imperial Valley ROP
Mr. Todd Evangelist, Coordinator, Imperial County Office of Education
Mr. Adrian Gonzales, Program Manager, Imperial Valley ROP
Ms. Adriana Hernandez, Program Manager, Imperial Valley ROP
Mr. Edwin P. Obergfell, Superintendent, Imperial Valley ROP
Ms. Geraldine Ortiz, Participant, Imperial Valley ROP
Ms. Maria Pantoja, Project Coordinator, Imperial Valley ROP
Ms. Wendy Ramirez, Office Manager, Imperial Valley ROP
Ms. Viridiana Rodriguez, Project Specialist, Imperial Valley ROP
Ms. Stephanie Sandoval, Data Manager, Imperial Valley ROP

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

PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS: None.

INTRODUCTIONS/ ANNOUNCEMENTS: None.

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

- Minutes of January 19, 2023, Regular Meeting; as presented in Exhibit 6(a).
- January '23 Warrant Order #'s: 23206419-23206462; 23206468, 23207272-23207355; 23208109-23208152; 23209176-23209216.

PERSONNEL:

APPOINTMENT OF PERSONNEL. A motion was made by Mr. Navarro and seconded by Ms. Santillan to approve the appointment of personnel for Mr. Alberto Cid, Ms. Ana Felix, Ms. Jocelyn Pinedo, Mr. Cyrus Ramirez, and Ms. Leslie Rojas. **Motion carried unanimously.**

RESIGNATION. A motion was made by Mr. Rodriguez and seconded by Mr. Calderon to approve the resignation of Ms. Martina Amelia Castro and Mr. Jhonathon Parra. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Let the record reflect that Mr. Hester arrived at 6:37 a.m.

NEW BUSINESS:

ACCEPT THE CONTINUATION OF. Mr. Obergfell informed the board that WorkAbility does not provide indirect. A motion was made by Ms. Santillan and seconded by Mr. Hester to accept funding for WorkAbility (\$160,410). **Motion carried unanimously.**

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

MONTHLY BUDGET UPDATE. Mr. De La Torre reviewed the Monthly Budget Update. He pointed out the revised budgets resulted in a net decrease of \$726,948. Revenue for live scans have increased. The deficit spending is projected to decrease.

IVROP COMMUNITY FOUNDATION. Mr. Obergfell said he is pleased to share that tickets are selling fast. The 2023 IVROPCF DWTS Orientation was held on Sunday, February 5th for the Stars, and Instructors. He announced thirty-six tables were sold at the orientation. He encouraged those interested in attending to purchase their tickets as soon as possible. He reminded the board that seating is based on first come first serve. It appears that we will have some new sponsors this year. He shared that we have good returning sponsors. Mr. Obergfell announced the 2023 IVROPCF DWTS Stars are Ms. Rosie Allegranza, Holtville Chamber of Commerce, Executive Director; Mr. Geoff Dale, City of Imperial, Past Councilman/Mayor; Mr. Matthew Jaime, El Centro Regional Medical Center, Clinical Dietician; Ms. Mary Lara, Amelia's Hair Designers, Nail Technician; Ms. Candice Loera Ortiz, El Centro Elementary School District, HR Director; and Mr. Luis Minor, Los Vigilantes, 2018 Past Ramrod. The Stars have already started practicing. He shared that we have received a couple IVROPCF Scholarship applications.

CTE UPDATE. Ms. Hernandez provided a CTE update. We will continue celebrating CTE month through the month of February. The Board of Supervisors proclaimed the month of February as "National Career Technical Education Month" and the week of February 7-14 as "National Marriage Week" in Imperial County. The Strong Workforce Program (SWP) assisted with the UC Farm Smart Tour for Southwest and Brawley Union High School health classes to learn about Ag and nutrition. The Mobile Career Lab has a huge demand. The Mobile Career Exploration Lab has provided additional services to middle schools and elementary schools. IVSSSP serves the Brawley Elementary School District and is collaborating with Project Rising Stars to put on "Inspire your Heart with Art" event.

The CTE team has been working on securing industry panelists for the Outstanding Student Process competition. The annual recognition ceremony is scheduled for Wednesday, April 5th. The team is also working on the Culinary Competition and possibly on the Public Services Competition. The Feeder Schools visited Central Union High School District in the month of February. CTE Shadow Day was scheduled for February 16th at Imperial High School. The team has been supporting Holtville High School with their School Career Day. The team has also been planning the Career Day for Central Union High School. Ms. Hernandez provided an update on Central Union High School District.

PRESENTATION: Mr. Aguirre, Project Coordinator, said Mr. Gonzales, Project Connect Program Manager and his staff do a great job. Mr. Gonzales presented on Project Connect. Project Connect provides a wide variety of services to youth between the ages of 14-24 who reside in Imperial County. Funding is provided through the Department of Labor (DOL) Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) and locally approved by the Imperial County Workforce Development Board (ICWDB). Services are aligned directly with the 14 WIOA youth elements. Mr. Gonzales introduced Mr. Estrada and Ms. Ortiz. Mr. Estrada and Ms. Ortiz shared their experience as Project Connect participants.

Let the record reflect that Mr. Hester and Mr. Calderon departed at 7:40 a.m.

CORRESPONDENCE: Mr. Obergfell referred to the letter from Imperial County Office of Education.

LEGISLATION: None.

OTHER: **ARTICLES.** None.

EVENTS. None.

**BOARD AND
SUPERINTENDENT
COMMENTS:**

Ms. Armenta said the challenges are greater each year and staff are able to provide services while dealing with those challenges. IVROP is doing a wonderful job!

Mr. Navarro thanked IVROP and said there is a big IVROP Family throughout Imperial Valley providing services. He shared his history with IVROP Project S.O.S.

Mr. Rodriguez thanked staff for everything they do with the school districts. Mr. Rodriguez suggested utilizing the school resources to share information with parents.

Ms. Santillan thanked everyone for the services provided.

Mr. Obergfell reminded the board of the Annual Evaluation Process of the IVROP Superintendent. He informed the board that Ms. Ramirez would be emailing the board the evaluation rubric with the prior evaluation. He reminded the board that the board hold a closed session in April to submit their completed rubric. The evaluation will be placed on the May agenda for approval. Mr. Obergfell and Ms. Hernandez met with the Central Union High School District Superintendent. They also have a meeting scheduled with the Calexico Superintendent. He informed the board that the office would be closed on Monday for President's Day. He congratulated Mr. Estrada and Ms. Ortiz.

NEXT MEETING: The next IVROP Board Meeting was scheduled for Thursday, March 16, 2023, 2023, at 6:30 a.m., at Imperial Valley Regional Occupational Program (IVROP) Main Office.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 7:59 a.m.