

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

Meeting of May 16, 2024
Imperial Valley Regional Occupational Program Main Office

CALL TO ORDER: Alicia Armenta called the meeting to order at 6:36 a.m. The following persons were present:

Alicia Armenta, Board President, Imperial County Office of Education
Lorenzo Calderon, Jr., Board Member, Calexico Unified School District
Matt Hester, Board Member, Holtville Unified School District
Raul Navarro, Board Member, Calipatria Unified School District
Eric Rodriguez, Board Member, Central Union High School District
Gloria Santillan, Board Member, Brawley Union High School District
Gabriel Aguirre, Project Coordinator, Imperial Valley ROP
Vicente Ayala, Director of Business & Human Services, Imperial Valley ROP
Adriana Hernandez, Project Coordinator, Imperial Valley ROP
Maria Lopez-Pantoja, Project Coordinator, Imperial Valley ROP
Edwin P. Obergfell, Superintendent, Imperial Valley ROP
Wendy Ramirez, Office Manager, Imperial Valley ROP
Stephanie Sandoval, Data Manager, Imperial Valley ROP

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

PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS REGARDING CLOSED SESSION: None.

CLOSED SESSION: A motion was made by Gloria Santillan and seconded by Lorenzo Calderon to adjourn into Closed Session at 6:37 a.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Let the record reflect that Eric Rodriguez arrived at 6:56 a.m.

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION: A motion was made by Matt Hester and seconded by Gloria Santillan to return to Open Session at 7:38 a.m. *Motion carried unanimously.*

Alicia Armenta reported the board completed the evaluation and fully supported Superintendent Edwin P. Obergfell. The board appreciates his organizational leadership and looks forward to continuing to work with him.

Let the record reflect that Lorenzo Calderon departed at 7:39 a.m.

PUBLIC

COMMUNICATIONS: None.

INTRODUCTIONS/

ANNOUNCEMENTS: None.

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

- Minutes of April 18, 2024, Regular Meeting;
- April '24 Warrant Order #'s: 24268634-24268702; 24269435-24269521; 24270428-24270478; 24271559-24271639.

PERSONNEL: ***APPOINTMENT OF PERSONNEL.*** A motion was made by Gloria Santillan and seconded by Matt Hester to approve the appointment of personnel for David Acuña and Evelyn Correa. ***Motion carried unanimously.***

RESIGNATION. A motion was made by Gloria Santillan and seconded by Raul Navarro to approve the resignation of Edgar Jaime and German Rodriguez. ***Motion carried unanimously.***

2024-25 SALARY SCHEDULE PROPOSED REVISION. Edwin said at the request of the school district. ICOE would like to ensure Roxine Zamora stays a while longer. ICOE wanted to increase the salary for Roxine Zamora. The salary schedule we had in the past would not accommodate ICOEs request. Edwin explained it is a direct cost covered by the school district. The special assignment increased from \$45.00 per hour to \$49.33 per hour. A motion was made by Raul Navarro and seconded by Matt Hester to approve the revised 2024-2025 Salary Schedule CRTST23A – Certificated Staff Special Assignment. ***Motion carried unanimously.***

NEW BUSINESS: ***None.***

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

MONTHLY BUDGET UPDATE. Vicente Ayala referred to the Monthly Budget Update. Vicente reported no significant changes on the Monthly Budget Update this month. We received the seventy percent advancement from our Strong Workforce Program consortium. Yesterday, the transfer was executed to the consortium members. Everyone should have received a seventy percent advancement for Strong Workforce High School Round 6. We applied for WorkAbility, Project Connect, and are currently completing the application for Carl Perkins. Vicente Ayala reminded the board that the Public Hearing is scheduled for Tuesday, June 18th at 7:45 a.m. Vicente Ayala shared the breaking news that he had received the dates for the fiscal report deadlines. He said he would be working with Edwin P. Obergfell and Wendy Ramirez to provide the board with dates at the board meeting scheduled for June. Edwin reminded the board that CDE had not previously provided the fiscal report dates. Edwin said we must visit the calendar and bring it back to the board in June. Edwin said Wendy Ramirez, Adrian Gonzales, and Gabriel Aguirre worked on the Project Connect proposal and submitted it. IVROP applied for 2.8 million dollars for Project Connect.

IVROP COMMUNITY FOUNDATION. Edwin P. Obergfell reported the board is in the process of finalizing the revenue and expenses. We are pending payment from the auction for the 2025 Star.

We grossed over \$100,000. All the proceeds go towards scholarships. Over five hundred fifty tickets were sold. That is not a record for us. We broke record on the number of sponsors this year. Vesper Society, BHE Renewables, Equinox Gold – Western Mesquite Mines, KXO, Wavra Financial Services, Marianne V. Fenley – State Farm Agent, Sun Community Federal Credit Union, Burgers & Beer, Conveyor Group, EnergySource Minerals, Honor Health Sciences, Imperial Printers, Victoria Homes, and Gallagher Insurance were sponsors. He thanked Eric Rodriguez for assisting with social media. He thanked Jay Jimenez, Sam Couchman, and Eric Rodriguez IVROPCF Board Members. He thanked Wendy Ramirez for continuing to do an amazing job in volunteering and keeping things going. He thanked Anne Irigoyen, the event coordinator. He thanked Raul Navarro for attending the event. He thanked the twenty volunteers who assisted with supporting the event. He thanked the celebrity stars. The judge's Choice winners were Dr. Joe Gonzales and Alisha Nazareno. The People's Choice winners were Luis Andrade and Susana Irigoyen. Edwin shared the Stars shared their personal emotional stories. Edwin P. Obergfell said Patricia Robledo did an amazing job. Eric Rodriguez said reestablishing the student scholarship focus back on the event. Everyone was having fun. All the Stars shared they were there for scholarships for the students. Eric Rodriguez said every seat had a visual of the screen or the stage. It was a meaningful experience this year. Eric Rodriguez was thankful that he was able to participate in handing out scholarship awards to the students. Eric Rodriguez shared we have started working on the 2025 IVROPCF DWTS. Raul Navarro said kudos to everyone who put the event together, the board, support staff, and Wendy Ramirez. Wendy Ramirez is always doing multiple things. Raul Navarro said the event was nice. The set-up was nice. It was the place to be. The comments made by the Stars were emotional. Edwin P. Obergfell said the board will be debriefing on June 4th. The foundation board is already communicating with the Quechan to reserve the date for next year. We learned that May 10th is not a good date to hold the event. It was mentioned at the event that Dr. Joel Gonzales was an IVROP alumni. It was a fun event. Edwin P. Obergfell thanked Raul for attending the event. He thanked Eric Rodriguez for his help and said he couldn't say enough about Wendy Ramirez. The dancers and the sponsors with assisting to make this a successful event. We continue to hear that this is the best in the Imperial Valley. Gloria Santillan shared that she had purchased tickets to attend the event but was unable to attend. Gloria Santillan shared she gave the tickets she purchased to her daughter. Gloria said her daughter really enjoyed attending the event. Her daughter told Gloria Santillan that she had seen twenty people she knew at the event. Gloria Santillan expressed she was happy that the younger population are attending the event. Edwin P. Obergfell shared he received different comments regarding the food. Eric Rodriguez said the volunteers were very professional. Eric Rodriguez thanked the volunteers.

CTE UPDATE. Adriana Hernandez apologized to the board because she said she caught a mistake on number three of Exhibit 12(c). Adriana Hernandez asked the board to follow the updated version of Exhibit 12(c) that had been provided. Adriana Hernandez reported all the MOAs had been approved. She is waiting for the signed MOAs and DSAs from the school districts to finalize the agreements. Adriana Hernandez shared she was missing the signed MOA for Imperial, District Service Agreement San Pasqual, and the District Service Agreement for Central. Competencies are offered to all teachers every school year, and this is a certificate that includes all the skills or standards the students have met through their CTE course. A total of thirty-four teachers were interested in providing students with a certificate. We keep a copy of all certificates. She shared that we are trying to offer more work-based learning activities through providing guest speakers, industry tours, and providing more skill event opportunities. Calipatria were the overall winners this year for the Food Skills event. Calipatria, Brawley, and Calexico participated in the Food Skills event this year. The feedback from the teachers helped improve and guide the skills event. Calexico and Calipatria students were invited to attend an ICT student field trip to Entravision. Calexico students were also able to visit the ICOE IT Department. The READYforLife Program will be serving about twenty San Pasqual students during the summer. The READYforLife Program Manager will be attending a Research and Evaluation Conference on Self-Sufficiency (RECS) later this month, which

she was invited to by MER to present on data management and evaluation. Adriana Hernandez is working on completing the Perkins Application for the small schools consortium. Adriana Hernandez provided an update for Calipatria and San Pasqual. Edwin P. Obergfell said the summary per district would be provided in the June board packet. He said it was an honor to have our READYforLife program selected to present with the research people at a National level to demonstrate how a successful program is run on a national level, referring back to the RECS Conference. READYforLife program manager, Chantelle Gerardo, is attending. He also added that Mountain Empire had been added to the Perkins Consortium a couple years ago.

Let the record reflect that Matt Hester departed at 8:10 a.m.

PRESENTATION: None.

CORRESPONDENCE: Edwin P. Obergfell referred to the letter and thank you cards. ICOE requested for IVROP to vacate an area that is owned by ICOE by May 31, 2024.

LEGISLATION: None.

OTHER: *ARTICLES.* Alicia Armenta referred to the FaceBook post and articles.

EVENTS. Edwin P. Obergfell said the Public Hearing is scheduled for June 18th. He said nobody ever shows up but the board can attend the Public Hearing.

**BOARD AND
SUPERINTENDENT
COMMENTS:**

Alicia Armenta said she wanted to dido some of the comments that were made. My compliments to the staff for all the work that is done month-after-month. For all the lives they touch. Congratulations on another successful DWTS.

Raul Navarro said thank you for the DWTS event, it was awesome. He was able to attend. He said thank you to the volunteers, staff, support staff, and everyone that was part of DWTS. It turned out great.

Eric Rodriguez thanked the IVROP Staff for all their hard work and dedication. Staff are changing lives. I always want to express my appreciation for what you do.

Gloria Santillan said thank you for all the services that are provided to the students and the community. She shared that she had contacted the Brawley counseling department that day after the May IVROP board meeting to follow up on the IVROPCF scholarship application. She encouraged the board to contact the counselors and remind them to have the students apply for the IVROPCF Scholarship.

Edwin P. Obergfell thanked the board for their trust and confidence. He appreciates the ongoing and constructive feedback. He looks forward to another two good years to continue to move the organization forward. He said he can't say enough about our Senior Cabinet and Management Team. It's an amazing team that make sure services are being met. The IVROP Management Team ensures that services are being met, not only meeting performance measures but also changing lives. A big thank you to our front-line staff for an amazing job with our students/participants.

NEXT MEETING: The next IVROP Board Meeting was scheduled for Thursday, June 20, 2024, at 6:30 a.m., at Imperial Valley Regional Occupational Program (IVROP) Main Office.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 7:37 a.m.