

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

Meeting of May 18, 2023  
Imperial Valley Regional Occupational Program Main Office

**CALL TO ORDER:** Alicia Armenta called the meeting to order at 6:31 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  
Luis De La Torre, Director of Business & Human Services, Imperial Valley ROP  
Adriana Hernandez, Program Manager, Imperial Valley ROP  
Edwin P. Obergfell, Superintendent, Imperial Valley ROP  
Maria Pantoja, Project Coordinator, Imperial Valley ROP  
Wendy Ramirez, Office Manager, Imperial Valley ROP  
Stephanie Sandoval, Data Manager, Imperial Valley ROP

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Matt Hester led the pledge of allegiance.

**PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS REGARDING CLOSED SESSION:** None.

**CLOSED SESSION:** A motion was made by Matt Hester and seconded by Gloria Santillan to adjourn into Closed Session at 6:32 a.m. ***Motion carried unanimously.***

**RETURN TO OPEN SESSION:** A motion was made by Lorenzo Calderon, Jr. and seconded by Matt Hester to return to Open Session at 7:24 a.m. ***Motion carried unanimously.***

Alicia Armenta reported the board had evaluated their superintendent. She stated the board is looking forward to working with Edwin P. Obergfell for many more years.

**PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS:** None.

**INTRODUCTIONS/  
ANNOUNCEMENTS:** None.

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

- Minutes of April 20, 2023, Regular Meeting; as presented in Exhibit 6(a).
- April '23 Warrant Order #'s: 23219323-23219378; 23219852-23219959; 23220760-23220833; 23222217-23222310.

**PERSONNEL:** ***APPOINTMENT OF PERSONNEL.*** A motion was made by Gloria Santillan and seconded by Eric Rodriguez to approve the appointment of personnel for Frida Macedo, Veronica Ramirez, and Adriana Regalado. ***Motion carried unanimously.***

***RESIGNATION.*** A motion was made by Matt Hester and seconded by Lorenzo Calderon to approve the resignation of Omar Macias. ***Motion carried unanimously.***

***EMPLOYMENT CONTRACT.*** Gloria Santillan told Edwin P. Obergfell he was doing a great job. Alicia Armenta said she was happy to have him on board for an additional three years. A motion was made by Lorenzo Calderon and seconded by Gloria Santillan to approve the employment contract with Edwin P. Obergfell for the position of Superintendent. ***Motion carried unanimously.***

**NEW BUSINESS:** ***ACCEPT THE CONTINUATION OF.*** A motion was made by Lorenzo Calderon and seconded by Gloria Santillan to accept funding for Project STAR (\$2,230,231). ***Motion carried unanimously.***

***RESOLUTION No. 05182023.*** A motion was made by Matt Hester and seconded by Lorenzo Calderon to approve Resolution No. 05182023. Motion passed with the following roll call vote: AYES: President Alicia Armenta, Trustee Lorenzo Calderon, Trustee Matt Hester, Trustee Raul Navarro, Trustee Eric Rodriguez, and Trustee Gloria Santillan. NAYES: None. Absent: Clerk of the Board Victor Lopez. ***Motion carried unanimously.***

**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:**

***MONTHLY BUDGET UPDATE.*** Luis De La Torre provided a Monthly Budget Update. He pointed out that he had revised project budgets, resulting in a net increase in revenue. He revised the budget for District Services. The fingerprint services have been increasing. He projects a decrease in deficit spending.

***IVROP COMMUNITY FOUNDATION.*** Edwin P. Obergfell shared the IVROPCF Dancing with the Stars was another successful event. The event was sold out. This year we had new sponsors, a new coordinator, Anne Irigoyen. The was the first year we had a three-way tie dance off. All the Stars and Professionals did a great job. Rosie Allegranza was the Judge's Choice winner and Mary Lara was the People's Choice winner. Forty IVROPCF Scholarships were awarded this year for a total of \$25,750. Overall, a total of \$356,350 scholarships have been awarded throughout the years. He thanked the IVROP Board for their support, the community, IVROPCF Board, Wendy Ramirez, and the IVROP Volunteers. This year we had less ushers. Valentina Abatti and Juan Cruz were the

winners of the Louis Vuitton handbags. Edwin also thanked Luis De La Torre for selling raffle tickets for the handbags at the event.

**CTE UPDATE.** Adriana Hernandez provided a CTE update. Adriana Hernandez reported the MOAs for Central, Brawley, Calexico, Calipatria, San Pasqual, and Holtville had been approved. Imperial, ICOE, and Brawley Elementary School District are pending MOA approval. The Culinary Competition was held at Imperial Valley Food Bank on April 26<sup>th</sup>. Thirty-three students competed in different categories. Calipatria High School were the winner for the Ingredient Identification Winner. Calexico High School were the Table Setting Winner, General Food Knowledge Winner, and Baking/Decorating Winner. Brawley Union High School were the Cooking Winner. Forty-five students attended the UCSD Field Trip for Central Union High School ICT on April 27<sup>th</sup>. The Mobile Career Exploration Lab is working nonstop. The Mobile Career Exploration Lab has been visiting the 13 of the neediest schools based on free/reduced lunch to fulfill grant outcomes of the initial MCL grant. An update was provided for San Pasqual Valley Unified School District.

**PRESENTATION:** None.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** Edwin P. Obergfell referred to the letters from Norma Fajardo, Chief Business Officer, Business Services and Dr. David Farkas, Superintendent, Central Union High School District.

**LEGISLATION:** None.

**OTHER:** **ARTICLES.** The board referenced the Imperial Valley Press articles dated April 13, 2023, and May 9, 2023.

**EVENTS.** Edwin P. Obergfell extended an invitation to the board to the IVROP Budget Meeting.

**BOARD AND  
SUPERINTENDENT  
COMMENTS:**

Alicia Armenta congratulated Edwin P. Obergfell. She thanked Edwin P. Obergfell and Wendy Ramirez for all their work done behind the scenes. She also thanked Anne Irigoyen, Coordinator.

Lorenzo Calderon, Jr. congratulated Edwin P. Obergfell.

Matt Hester thanked Edwin. He thanked all the Staff that assisted with Dancing with the Stars.

Raul Navarro thanked staff and congratulated Edwin P. Obergfell.

Eric Rodriguez shared his gratitude to the foundation and staff. He congratulated Edwin. He told Edwin he thinks he is an asset to IVROP. We are lucky to have you.

Gloria Santillan congratulated Edwin P. Obergfell.

Superintendent Edwin P. Obergfell said he was humbled by the board's comments. He thanked IVROP, IVROPCF Board, and Volunteers.

**NEXT MEETING:** The next IVROP Board Meeting was scheduled for Thursday, June 15, 2023, at 6:30 a.m., at Imperial Valley Regional Occupational Program (IVROP) Main Office.

**ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting adjourned at 7:56 a.m.