

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

Meeting of November 16, 2023  
Imperial Valley Regional Occupational Program Main Office

**CALL TO ORDER:** Alicia Armenta called the meeting to order at 6:32 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  
**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  
Chantelle Gerardo, 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:** Eric Rodriguez led the pledge of allegiance.

**PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS:** None.

**INTRODUCTIONS/ ANNOUNCEMENTS:** None.

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

- Minutes of October 19, 2023, Regular Meeting; as presented in Exhibit 7(b).
- October '23 Warrant Order #'s: 24243775-24243829; 24243842, 24244611-24244713; 24245721-24245797; 24245811, 24246782-24246842.

**PERSONNEL:** ***APPOINTMENT OF PERSONNEL.*** A motion was made by Raul Navarro and seconded by Gloria Santillan to approve the appointment of personnel for Mercedes Beal and Kennya Dominguez. ***Motion carried unanimously.***

**RESIGNATION.** A motion was made by Raul Navarro and seconded by Gloria Santillan to approve the resignation of Leslie Rojas. **Motion carried unanimously.**

**TRAVEL/MEAL PER DIEM.** A motion was made by Gloria Santillan and seconded by Eric Rodriguez to approve the proposed Travel/Meal Per Diem – Effective January 1, 2024. **Motion carried unanimously.**

**NEW BUSINESS:** *None.*

**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:**

**MONTHLY BUDGET UPDATE.** Luis De La Torre reviewed the Monthly Budget Update. He mentioned the report reflected the report provided in October.

**IVROP COMMUNITY FOUNDATION.** Edwin P. Obergfell shared that the IVROPCF Board met on November 14<sup>th</sup>. Edwin P. Obergfell shared Sam Couchman took over as chairperson because Terri Rogers resigned as the IVROPCF Board Member. The IVROPCF Board discussed the vacant board position. Edwin P. Obergfell explained that Eric Rodriguez had replaced the vacant position of Efrain Silva, previous IVROPCF Board Member. Edwin P. Obergfell announced Patricia Robledo, Eric Rodriguez, Luis Andrade (auction Star), Esperanza Colio, and Joel Gonzalez are the confirmed 2024 DWTS Stars. The IVROP Board approved ten 2023-2024 CTE CTSO Leadership applications for \$1,000 each to Brawley Union High School SkillsUSA, Central Union High School HOSA: Future Healthcare Professionals, Central Union High School SkillsUSA, Holtville Future Farmers of America (FFA), Imperial High School SkillsUSA Health, Imperial High School SkillsUSA Culinary Club, Imperial High School SkillsUSA Graphic Design, Southwest High School HOSA: Future Health Professionals, Southwest High School Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA), and San Pasqual High School Winterhaven Future Farmers of America (FFA). A total of \$10,000 CTSOs will be awarded this year to the 2023-2024 CTE CTSO Leadership applicants. Edwin P. Obergfell reminded the board that the CTE CTSO Leadership application was provided to all the CTSOs. Eric Rodriguez shared information regarding online ticket sales. Edwin said the board is still looking into the costs of online ticket sales. The Quechan Casino has very limited WIFI access. Eric Rodriguez shared the 2024 DWTS logo was approved by the board. Terri Rogers will be recognized at the 2024 DWTS Gala. Eric Rodriguez shared he will be running for State Assembly. He said his goal is to help students. Edwin P. Obergfell and Wendy Ramirez will be meeting with the coordinator to discuss the 2024 DWTS Gala. Ticket prices might be increased this year.

Let the record reflect that Eric Rodriguez departed at 7:01 a.m.

**CTE UPDATE.** Edwin P. Obergfell provided the CTE Update. On October 19<sup>th</sup>, IVROP held it's annual CTE Leadership training for CTSO officers. A total of 139 student leaders participated this year and all the JPA districts were represented. Keynote speaker, Juan Bendaña, touched upon topics such as leading in our new normal (post-pandemic), goal setting and having a growth mindset. All Public Services teachers were emailed a survey requesting feedback on the Public Services Skills event. CTE Showcase will no longer be held on February 1<sup>st</sup>. We are waiting for confirmation for February 8<sup>th</sup>. We received notification that the Nurse Assistant Training Program renewal at BUHS was approved and the new instructor was approved as an instructor and program director. IVROP Ed. Services worked on this application and have supported the district during the transition of their instructor. IVROP will continue to support the district through the live scans of all CNA students who need to complete a background check as part of their CNA licensing applications. Edwin provided an update for Calexico Unified School District. Edwin read the upcoming events.

**PRESENTATION:** Chantelle Gerardo, Program Manager presented on IVROPCF Project READYforLife. Chantelle had the board participate in an activity that is done by the IVROPCF Project READYforLife youth.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** None.

**LEGISLATION:** None.

**OTHER:** *ARTICLES.* None.

**EVENTS.** Edwin Obergfell extended an invitation to the board to attend the IVROP Winter Potluck.

**BOARD AND  
SUPERINTENDENT  
COMMENTS:**

Alicia Armenta wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving. She thanked the board for being supportive. She also thanked the management team.

Lorenzo Calderon, Jr. told Chantelle Gerardo that she did a good job with the presentation. He shared that the Calexico Auto Shop Teacher will be recognized in Sacramento. He wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

Raul Navarro said thank you for the presentation and wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

Gloria Santillan wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving. She told Chantelle Gerardo to keep up the good work.

Superintendent Edwin P. Obergfell announced the November Employees of the Month Estela Diaz, Isabel Barraza, Iris Villalobos, and Victor Villanueva. We are being moved by data management. He shared the Employee Recognition Survey Results. He thanked the board for their support and their work. He also thanked the Management Team. He informed the board that he had attended a Lithium meeting. He wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

**NEXT MEETING:** The next IVROP Board Meeting was scheduled for Thursday, December 21, 2023, at 6:30 a.m., at Imperial Valley Regional Occupational Program (IVROP) Main Office.

**ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting adjourned at 8:10 a.m.