

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

Meeting of May 15, 2025
Imperial Valley Regional Occupational Program Main Office

CALL TO ORDER: Alicia Armenta called the meeting to order at 6:34 a.m. The following persons were present:

Alicia Armenta, Board President, Imperial County Office of Education
Fabiola Calderon, Calexico Unified School District
Deby Ellet, Board Member, Central Union High School District
Elvira Hernandez, Board Member, Imperial Unified School District
Larry Iten, Holtville Unified School District
Raul Navarro, Board Member, Calipatria Unified School District
Gloria Santillan, Clerk of the Board, 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
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 Raul Navarro and seconded by Deby Ellett to adjourn into Closed Session at 6:35 a.m. Motion carried unanimously.

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION: A motion was made by Elvira Hernandez and seconded by Larry Iten to return to Open Session at 7:26 a.m. ***Motion carried unanimously.***

Alicia Armenta reported the board had completed the Superintendent Evaluation for Edwin P. Obergfell. Alicia Armenta said the board is happy with his leadership. Looking forward to next year.

PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS: None.

INTRODUCTIONS/ ANNOUNCEMENTS:

None.

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

- Minutes of April 10, 2025, Regular Meeting;
- April '25 Warrant Order #'s: 25318363-25318410; 25319243-25319344; 25320304-25320418; 25321117-25321169.

PERSONNEL:

APPOINTMENT OF PERSONNEL. A motion was made by Fabiola Calderon and seconded by Elvira Hernandez to approve the appointment of personnel for Daniela Olvera, Daniela Padilla, Jhonathon Parra, Jovani Tapia, and Airam Zazueta. ***Motion carried unanimously.***

RESIGNATION. A motion was made by Raul Navarro and seconded by Deby Ellett to approve the resignation of Priscilla De La Trinidad, Roxanna Ruiz, Salma Sanchez, Melissa Saucedo, and Jovani Tapia. ***Motion carried unanimously.***

NEW BUSINESS:

ACCEPT FUNDING OF. A motion was made by Fabiola Calderon and seconded by Gloria Santillan to accept funding for Youth Employment Initiative (YEI) Program (\$1,733,000). ***Motion carried unanimously.***

2025-2026 SALARY SCHEDULE PROPOSED REVISION. A motion was made by Raul Navarro and seconded by Elvira Hernandez to discuss the proposed Salary Schedules. ***Motion carried unanimously.*** The board discussed and reviewed the fiscal impact on the salary schedules. Edwin P. Obergfell recommended the 2025-2026 Salary Schedule with a 2.91% increase. A motion was made by Raul Navarro and seconded by Fabiola Calderon to approve the revised 2.91% increase in Salary Schedule 2025-2026 CLMGT291 – Classified Management, CLSFD291 – Classified, and CHRLY291 – CC Hourly, effective July 1, 2025. ***Motion carried unanimously.***

2025-2026 SALARY SCHEDULE PROPOSED REVISION. A motion was made by Fabiola Calderon and seconded by Gloria Santillan to approve to approve the revised 2.91% increase in Salary Schedule SUPER291 – Superintendent, effective July 1, 2025. ***Motion carried unanimously.***

2025-2026 SALARY SCHEDULE PROPOSED REVISION. There is no fiscal impact on IVROP because this is a direct request from ICOE Alternative Education & Imperial Pathway Charter for a special assignment. A motion was made Fabiola Calderon and Debby Ellett to approve the revised 2.91% increase Salary Schedule SUPER291 – Superintendent, effective July 1, 2025. ***Motion carried unanimously.***

Let the record reflect that Gloria Santillan and Elvira Hernandez departed at 7:36 a.m.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

MONTHLY BUDGET UPDATE. Vicente Ayala referred to the Monthly Budget Update.

IVROP COMMUNITY FOUNDATION. Edwin P. Obergfell shared the IVROPCF Dancing with the Stars was a sold-out event. He thanked all the folks that supported us. The Stars, instructors, and

sponsors were great. The budget is still being finalized. Some auction items performed below expectations.

CTE UPDATE. Adriana Hernandez provided the CTE Update. The Culinary Skills event was held on May 1st at the Cambria Hotel. Thirty students from Calexico, Calipatria, and Brawley Union High School participated. There were four judges. She announced the Skill Event winners and Calipatria High School was the overall winner. The Annual Recognition Ceremony was held on April 16, 2025. Sixty-two teachers nominated one-hundred ninety-three Outstanding CTE students. Two hundred seventeen CTE students and eighteen participants attended the Annual Recognition Ceremony. Twenty-seven Outstanding IVROP Participants were awarded. The Imperial County Department of Social Services was recognized as the Partner of the Year. Joe Gonzales, DNP, MSN, APRN, FNP-C, PHN, CCRN was the Distinguished Alumni of the Year. Fernando Lynn, DOHS Beauty & Barber Instructor was recognized as the Teacher of the Year. Dr. Lizbeth Pirrie, Brawley Union High School Freshman Seminar Teacher, Instructional Coach, Beyond Differences Advisor was recognized for Commitment to Empowering Students.

WASC UPDATE. Gabriel Aguirre provided a WASC update. Gabriel Aguirre reviewed the Mid-Cycle Report with the board. He referred to the 2022 Self-Study Action Plan and reviewed the updates made to the action plan for this Mid-Cycle Report. The board was advised that the revised action plan was ready to be submitted prior to the deadline of June 1st. Edwin P. Obergfell asked the board to review the report and contact him if they had any questions, concerns, or recommendations. If Edwin P. Obergfell doesn't hear back from the board the report will be submitted as is.

PRESENTATION: None.

CORRESPONDENCE: None.

LEGISLATION: None.

OTHER: **ARTICLES.** Edwin P. Obergfell referred to the Desert Review article dated May 2, 2025, and the Imperial Valley Press articles dated April 17, 19, 24, 2025, and May 2, 3, 2025.

EVENTS. Edwin P. Obergfell extended an invitation to the board to the events.

IVROP/IVROPCF NEWSLETTERS. None.

**BOARD AND
SUPERINTENDENT
COMMENTS:**

Alicia Armenta thanked IVROP staff for being organized and for all the events held to continue parent engagement. Many things go on throughout the year.

Fabiola Calderon thanked staff for providing relevant announcements that she can share with her board. She mentioned they are having a lot of the end of the year events. She thanked staff for everything they did.

Deby Ellett shared it was her first time attending Dancing with the Stars. She said she really appreciated what Raul Navarro said regarding the stipend for Edwin P. Obergfell and Wendy Ramirez. She recognized it takes a lot of extra time to put on a huge event. She appreciates the updates. She shared it has been a pleasure to see everything that is done by staff. The recognition ceremony was very well organized. She thanked staff for everything they did.

Larry Iten thanked the staff for their work. He said the Board 101 was very informative and beneficial as a new board member.

Raul Navarro thanked Edwin P. Obergfell for helping with the Calipatria Summer School. He proposed having an IVROPCF Stipend for Edwin P. Obergfell and Wendy Ramirez for Dancing with the Stars. He said it takes a lot of time, effort, days, and nights. Raul Navarro asked if flex time was provided. Edwin P. Obergfell said he couldn't do it without Wendy Ramirez. Raul Navarro asked Edwin P. Obergfell for the IVROPCF Stipend to be presented to the board as an action item on next month's agenda. Raul Navarro said both Edwin P. Obergfell and Wendy Ramirez dedicated a lot of time to the foundation. Deby Ellett said she can't imagine how much it takes to plan the event. Raul Navarro said it is an awesome event.

Edwin P. Obergfell thanked the board for their support, wisdom, and guidance. He thanked all the managers and staff for the amazing work they do. Staff really do change lives. He is looking forward to working with the board in his last year as the IVROP Superintendent. He is looking forward to working with the board, Senior Cabinet, and staff to move this organization forward.

NEXT MEETING: The next IVROP Board Meeting was scheduled for Thursday, June 26, 2025, at 6:30 a.m., at Imperial Valley Regional Occupational Program (IVROP) Main Office.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 8:27 a.m.