



Coachella Valley

Education Foundation

COACHELLA VALLEY EDUCATION FOUNDATION

REGULAR MEETING

BOARD ROOM

87225 CHURCH STREET, THERMAL, CA 92274

February 27, 2026

3:00 P.M.

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Dr. Esparza at 3:03p.m.

ROLL CALL

Members Present

Toni De Aztlan, CVEF Treasurer/Secretary

Dr. Frances Esparza, Superintendent

Daniela Tabarez, Community Member

Jesus Gonzalez, CVUSD Board Member

Quorum.

Others Present

Adrian De Leon, Legal Counsel

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

No request forms were submitted to the Acting Board Clerk.

Thomas Torte joined the meeting at 3:04 p.m.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion was made by Jesus Gonzalez seconded by Toni de Aztlan to approve the agenda. Motion carried 5-0.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Approval of Minutes from the Meeting held on February 4, 2026. Motion was made by Jesus Gonzalez and seconded by Toni de Aztlan to approve the minutes. Motion carried 5-0.

C-1 DISCUSSION AND/OR APPROVAL OF BUDGET ALLOCATION NOT TO EXCEED

Dr. Esparza gave a brief presentation regarding the item and explained that the allocation would cover costs incurred by administrative support from CVUSD employees. Motion to

\$20,000 TO REIMBURSE CVUSD FOR COSTS INCURRED BY ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT STAFF

approve was made by Jesus Gonzalez and seconded by Toni de Aztlan. Motion carried 5-0.

C-2 CVEF COORDINATOR JOB DESCRIPTION

Dr. Esparza gave a brief presentation regarding the item. Motion was made by Jesus Gonzalez and seconded by Thomas Tortez. Motion carried 5-0.

C-3 DISCUSS AND APPROVE A BUDGET ALLOCATION NOT TO EXCEED 10% OF THE CVEF YEARLY FUNDS TO SUPPORT STUDENT GRANT REQUESTS

Dr. Esparza presented on the item. Motion to approve budget allocation was made by Jesus Gonzalez and seconded by Toni de Aztlan. Motion carried 5-0.

C-4 APPROVE 2026 CVEF CALENDAR

Motion to approve CVEF calendar was made by Toni de Aztlan and seconded by Jesus Gonzalez. Motion carried 5-0.

C-5 REVIEW AND DISCUSS APPLICATIONS OF COMMUNITY MEMBERS

Dr. Esparza reported that she had received two applications of community members: Oscar Fonseca and Johnny Ortiz.

Jesus Gonzalez made a motion to appoint Johnny Ortiz to the CVEF board and Toni de Aztlan seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Jesus Gonzales made a motion to appoint Oscar Fonseca to the CVEF board and Daniela Tabarez seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

C-6 APPOINTMENT OF JULIE VIGIL TO THE CVEF BOARD

Dr. Esparza presented the item. Jesus Gonzalez made a motion to appoint Julie Vigil to the board, Daniela Tabarez seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

ORAL COMMENTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

Dr. Esparza reported that she had received two applications so far. She advised that future agendas will include approval of budget allocations/expenditures. Toni De Aztlan requested an application portal to facilitate requests for funding. Jesus Gonzalez commented that he would like to see funding for music culture, sports, athletics. He considers the foundation needs a mechanism so that the community can access the funds.

ORAL COMMENTS FROM STAFF

There were no comments from staff.

ADJOURMENT

Meeting was adjourned without objection at 3:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted.

Adrian De Leon, Esq.
Legal Counsel