



Coachella Valley

Education Foundation

COACHELLA VALLEY EDUCATION FOUNDATION

REGULAR MEETING

BOARD ROOM

87225 CHURCH STREET, THERMAL, CA 92274

December 17, 2025

3:00 P.M.

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by President Joey Acuña at 3:07 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Members Present

Joey Acuña Jr., President
Daniela Tabarez, Toni De Aztlan
Dr. Frances Esparza, Superintendent
Daniela Tabarez, Community Member
Quorum.

Others Present

Adrian De Leon, Legal Counsel
Alejandra Cortez, Legal Counsel

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

No request forms were submitted to the Acting Board Clerk.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There were no items to be discussed under unfinished business of the foundation.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion was made by Dr. Frances Esparza seconded by Toni De Aztlan to approve the agenda. Motion carried 4-0.

CONSENT CALENDAR

C-1 Approval of Minutes from the Special Meeting held on June 25, 2025. Motion was made by Dr. Frances Esparza and seconded by Toni De Aztlan to approve the minutes. Motion carried 4-0.

D-1 CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF NEW FOUNDATION BYLAWS

Legal counsel gave a presentation regarding the new provisions and updates to the bylaws.

Jesus Gonzalez arrived at 3:12 p.m.

Motion was made by Jesus Gonzalez and seconded by Dr. Frances Esparza to approve the new bylaws. Motion carried 5-0.

D-2 DISCUSSION OF OPTIONS FOR ADDRESSING BOARD MEMBER VACANCIES AND REQUEST FOR DIRECTION REGARDING THE SAME

Legal Counsel presented options for filling the current Board vacancies. Board members inquired whether Dr. Frances Esparza had contacted a potential interested applicant and asked about the current Board composition, including whether President Joey Acuna would be displaced due to a requirement that the CVUSD Board President serve on the Board. Legal Counsel clarified that the revised bylaws do not include such a requirement.

The Board also discussed the possibility of expanding Board membership.

A motion was made by Jesus Gonzales and seconded by Dr. Frances Esparza to proceed with Legal Counsel's recommendation to advertise the Board vacancy, with the application period closing on January 19. Applications will be reviewed by the Board, and new members will be voted on and appointed at the next Board meeting. The motion carried unanimously, 5-0.

D-3 PRESENTATION REGARDING GOLDEN VOICE AGREEMENT

Dr. Frances Esparza updated the board regarding the 2026 Golden Voice Agreement. Board Member Gonzalez inquired regarding the fees to be paid by Golden Voice. Motion was made by Jesus Gonzalez and Seconded by Dr. Frances Esparza to receive and file the report. Motion carried 5-0.

ORAL COMMENTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS

President Joey Acuña thanked the Board for their work and expressed appreciation for the opportunity to serve as Board President over the past year.

ORAL COMMENTS FROM STAFF

There were no comments from staff.

ADJOURMENT

Meeting was adjourned without objection by President Joey Acuña at 3:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted.

Adrian De Leon, Esq.
Legal Counsel