

IMPERIAL COUNTY DEMOCRATIC CENTRAL COMMITTEE

**December 2, 2024
Minutes**

A remote Regular Meeting of the governing body of the Imperial County Democratic Party, the Imperial County Democratic Central Committee (“ICDCC” or the “Central Committee”), was held with an in-person gathering location at 2451 Rockwood Ave, Suite 102A, Calexico, CA 92231, on Monday, December 2, 2024, scheduled to begin at 6:00pm PT.

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Acting Chair Jacob Rodriguez called the meeting to order at 6:24pm PT.

Jacob Rodriguez called the roll, with those in attendance as follows:

VOTING MEMBERS:

District 1	Blanca Morales	Present
District 1	Roxsanna Pacheco	Present
District 1	Virgil Saunders	Present
District 1	Arturo Rioseco	Present
District 1	Georgia Patricia Urena	Present
District 2	Maria Peinado	Present
District 2	Tomas Oliva	Present
District 2	Jacob Rodriguez	Present
District 2	Guillermo Hernandez Jr.	Present (joined 7:15pm)
District 4	Michael Luellen	Present
District 4	Hector Meza	Present
District 4	Daniela Vega	Present
District 5	Sonia Carter	Absent
District 5	Terry Partida Rodriguez	Present
District 5	Lorena Minor-Montes	Present
District 5	Bryan Vega	Present (became member)
Ex Officio	Raul Ruiz	Absent
Ex Officio	Steve Padilla	Absent
Ex Officio	Joey Acuna	Absent

GUESTS/OBSERVERS: Angel Esparza (venue host)

2. DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Jacob Rodriguez made a motion, seconded by Michael Luellen, to approve the agenda as circulated with the following edits:

1. Add as item 2a: Waive informality of hybrid meeting
2. Add as item 2b: Clarify dues payment deadlines and technicalities
3. Add as item 9a: January 2025 event discussion

No roll call vote requested. Motion carried unanimously with a voice vote.

**2A. WAIVING
HYBRID MEETING
INFORMALITIES**

The meeting was originally called as an in-person meeting; however, it was requested by several members to be able to participate remotely. To accommodate these requests, the meeting was converted into a remote meeting with an in-person gathering location provided.

Michael Luellen made a motion, seconded by Terry Partida Rodriguez, to waive any informalities associated with the switch to a remote meeting.

No roll call vote requested. Motion carried unanimously with a voice vote.

**2B. CLARIFYING DUES
DEADLINES AND
RELATED LOGISTICS**

Pat Urena made a motion, seconded by Terry Partida Rodriguez, to:

1. Establish January 31, 2025, as the deadline to pay dues to be deemed in good standing; and
2. Establish a normal annual cycle of December to December for the payment of dues; and
3. Treat any members who have yet to pay dues as having applied for and received a temporary extension to pay until January 31, 2025 so that their votes may count.

No roll call vote requested. Motion carried unanimously with a voice vote.

**3. CONSIDERATION
AND APPROVAL OF
FILLING VACANCIES**

Latest vacancies status by district were discussed.

Potential appointee Bryan Vega from District 5 submitted signatures and a notice of intent in due and timely form. Applicant appeared in person.

Michael Luellen made a motion, seconded by Hector Meza, to approve the appointment of Bryan Vega to a vacant District 5 seat.

No roll call vote requested. Motion carried unanimously with a voice vote.

**5. DISCUSSION OF
ELECTION RESULTS**

Many members discussed the narrowing margins between Republican and Democratic votes and the potential impact on future elections. They also highlighted the importance of the upcoming 2030 census and the need for better organization and outreach to ensure an accurate count. The conversation also touched on the need for the Democratic Party to better advertise its values and principles, as well as the importance of bipartisan collaboration. The participants expressed their commitment to working towards the 2026 midterm elections and emphasized the need for stronger and more local Democratic representation in the Assembly.

**6. ELECTION
PROCEDURES**

A brief overview of the rules governing elections in the party was given by Jacob Rodriguez

**7. ELECTION
OF VICE CHAIR**

Pat Urena was nominated by Hector Meza. Michael Luellen was nominated himself. Arturo Rioseco made a motion, seconded by Jacob Rodriguez, to close nominations after no more names were proposed.

No roll call vote requested. Motion carried unanimously with a voice vote.

Candidates were given an opportunity to address the Committee and answer questions. A roll call vote was held for the contested position, as follows:

District 1	Blanca Morales	Urena
District 1	Roxsanna Pacheco	Urena
District 1	Virgil Saunders	Urena
District 1	Arturo Rioseco	Urena
District 1	Georgia Patricia Urena	Urena
District 2	Maria Peinado	Urena
District 2	Tomas Oliva	Urena
District 2	Jacob Rodriguez	Luellen
District 2	Guillermo Hernandez Jr.	Luellen
District 4	Michael Luellen	Luellen
District 4	Hector Meza	Urena
District 4	Daniela Vega	Urena
District 5	Terry Partida Rodriguez	Luellen
District 5	Lorena Minor-Montes	Urena
District 5	Bryan Vega	Luellen

Pat Urena was elected as Vice Chair and assumed office immediately.

8. ELECTION OF CHAIR

Blanca Morales was nominated by Virgil Saunders. Bryan Vega was nominated by Michael Luellen. Pat Urena made a motion, seconded by Terry Partida Rodriguez, to close nominations after no more names were proposed.

No roll call vote requested. Motion carried unanimously with a voice vote.

Candidates were given an opportunity to address the Committee and answer questions. A roll call vote was held for the contested position, as follows:

District 1	Blanca Morales	Morales
District 1	Roxsanna Pacheco	Morales
District 1	Virgil Saunders	Morales
District 1	Arturo Rioseco	Morales
District 1	Georgia Patricia Urena	Morales
District 2	Maria Peinado	Morales
District 2	Tomas Oliva	Vega
District 2	Jacob Rodriguez	Vega
District 2	Guillermo Hernandez Jr.	Absent
District 4	Michael Luellen	Vega
District 4	Hector Meza	Vega
District 4	Daniela Vega	Vega
District 5	Terry Partida Rodriguez	Vega
District 5	Lorena Minor-Montes	Morales
District 5	Bryan Vega	Vega

There being no candidate who obtained a majority of the votes cast, Jacob Rodriguez made a motion, seconded by Terry Partida Rodriguez, to continue the election to the January 2025 regular meeting with the two candidates locked in.

No roll call vote requested. Motion carried unanimously with a voice vote.

**9. REMARKS
AND OTHER
ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Committee also discussed the reorganization dates in December where new mayors and mayor pro-tems would be chosen.

**9A. JANUARY 2025
DEMS POST-ELECTION
EVENT**

Update by Maria Peinado on January 2025 event honoring Democratic candidates, both successful and unsuccessful. Details, date, and venue to be finalized.

**10. CONTACT LIST
AND PARTICIPATION**

Without objection, this item was deferred to a future meeting due to the late hour.

11. ADEM ELECTIONS

An explanation of the 2025 Assembly District (ADEM) elections process within the State Party was given by Hector Meza, who is currently an ADEM delegate elected in the previous cycle. Teamsters 542 in El Centro will be the in-person voting location for February 23, 2025.

Note: Without objection, this item was taken up out of order.

12. ADJOURNMENT

Lorena Minor-Montes made a motion, seconded by Terry Partida Rodriguez, to adjourn.

Motion carried unanimously with a voice vote. Central Committee adjourned at 8:15 pm PT.