

IMPERIAL COUNTY DEMOCRATIC CENTRAL COMMITTEE

January 6, 2025
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 via Zoom, on Monday, January 6, 2025, scheduled to begin at 6:00pm PT.

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Pat Urena called the meeting to order at 6:13pm PT.

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

VOTING MEMBERS:

District 1	Blanca Morales	Resigned
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.	Absent
District 4	Michael Luellen	Present
District 4	Hector Meza	Present
District 4	Daniela Vega	Present
District 5	Sonia Carter	Present
District 5	Terry Partida Rodriguez	Present
District 5	Lorena Minor-Montes	Absent
District 5	Bryan Vega	Present
Ex Officio	Raul Ruiz	Absent
Ex Officio	Steve Padilla	Absent
Ex Officio	Joey Acuna	Alternate Present (Ricardo Romero)

OBSERVERS: Bethamee Garcia (appointed as member under item #4)

2. DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Maria Peinado made a motion, seconded by Bryan Vega, to approve the agenda as circulated.

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

3. APPROVAL OF DECEMBER 2, 2024, REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Arturo Rioseco made a motion, seconded by Sonia Carter, to approve the December 2, 2024, minutes of the Central Committee as circulated with the following addition between items 3 and 5:

“4. APPROVAL OF NOVEMBER 4, 2024, REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

No corrections to the draft minutes were proposed. Lorena Minor-Montes made a motion, seconded by Pat Urena, to approve the November 4, 2024, minutes of the Central Committee as circulated.”

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

4. CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF FILLING VACANCIES

Potential appointee Bethamee Garcia from District 2 submitted signatures and a notice of intent in due and timely form.

Bryan Vega made a motion, seconded by Arturo Rioseco, to approve the appointment of Bethamee Garcia to a vacant District 2 seat.

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

5. DUES

Without objection, this item was skipped as it became moot.

6. ELECTION FOR CHAIR CONTINUED FROM LAST MEETING

At the December 2, 2024, meeting it was ordered that the two tied candidates, Bryan Vega and Blanca Morales, would be the only candidates at the continued election at the next regular meeting (January 6, 2025). However, Blanca Morales resigned from the Committee. Therefore, by unanimous consent, the floor was re-opened for any additional nominations.

Pat Urena was nominated by Roxsanna Pacheco but declined the nomination. There were no additional nominations made.

A roll call vote to elect a new Chair was held as follows:

District 1	Roxsanna Pacheco	Bryan Vega
District 1	Virgil Saunders	Bryan Vega
District 1	Arturo Rioseco	Bryan Vega
District 1	Georgia Patricia Urena	Bryan Vega
District 2	Maria Peinado	Bryan Vega
District 2	Tomas Oliva	Bryan Vega
District 2	Jacob Rodriguez	Bryan Vega
District 2	Bethamee Garcia	Bryan Vega
District 2	Guillermo Hernandez Jr.	Absent
District 4	Michael Luellen	Bryan Vega
District 4	Hector Meza	Bryan Vega
District 4	Daniela Vega	Bryan Vega
District 5	Sonia Carter	Bryan Vega
District 5	Terry Partida Rodriguez	Bryan Vega
District 5	Lorena Minor-Montes	Absent
District 5	Bryan Vega	Bryan Vega
Ex Officio	Raul Ruiz	Absent
Ex Officio	Steve Padilla	Absent
Ex Officio	Joey Acuna (Alt: Ricardo Romero)	Bryan Vega

Bryan Vega was elected as Chair of the Imperial County Democratic Committee and assumed office immediately.

**7. SELECTION OF
CENTRAL COMMITTEE
DELEGATES TO
CADEM STATE
CONVENTION**

The role of delegates and the CADEM party structure was discussed. Imperial County has 9 delegate slots apportioned to it. The following members indicated their intention to be appointed as Imperial County Central Committee delegates to the State Central Committee:

1. Maria Peinado
2. Bryan Vega
3. Jacob Rodriguez
4. Bethamee Garcia
5. Terry Partida Rodriguez
6. Daniela Vega

By operation of the Central Committee bylaws, where less members declare their intention to stand for appointment as delegates than the total number of seats to be filled, all those running are automatically selected as delegates. The remaining 3 delegate vacancies may still be filled as provided in the Central Committee bylaws and the deadlines set by the CADEM bylaws. The formation of ADEM slates was discussed.

**8. JANUARY 2025
DEMS POST-ELECTION
RECEPTION**

Maria Peinado discussed the planning for the January 2025 post-election Democratic Mixer, including speakers, security, and fundraising.

9. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Tomas Oliva announced several upcoming events in El Centro, including a Fiesta Del Valle Flavor Fest and a Point in Time Count. He also mentioned the need for volunteers for the Point in Time Count and encouraged those interested to attend a training session. Maria and Pat discussed the possibility of hosting a silent auction at an upcoming event. Bryan emphasized the importance of members knowing their districts and communities better. Ricardo expressed interest in joining the committee for District 1 and Bryan agreed to provide him with more information about the expectations and process.

10. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Central Committee, the Chair declared it adjourned at 7:04 pm PT.