



CALIFORNIA STUDENT AID COMMISSION
LEGISLATIVE, AUDIT AND BUDGET COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, December 2, 2020
9:00 am
Virtual Meeting

COMMISSIONER

PRESENT:

Charles Nies (Chair)
Hal Geiogque (Vice Chair)
Isaac Alferos
Guillermo Mayer
Jamillah Moore (arrived 9:10 a.m.)
Catalina Cifuentes, Ex. Officio

COMMISSIONER

ABSENT:

Jessica Bartholow

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Committee Chair Charles Nies called meeting to order at 9:04 a.m.

2. Public comment on items not on the agenda

There was no public comment.

3. Approval of the Legislative, Audit and Budget (LAB) Committee minutes of December 5, 2019 (Action)

Commissioner Mayer **moved to approve** the minutes. **Seconded by** Commissioner Geiogque.

In Favor (4): Alferos, Geiogue, Mayer, Moore, and Nies

Absent (2): Bartholow and Moore

Carried (4 to 0)

The Committee **APPROVED** the minutes of the December 5, 2019 meeting.

**4. Consideration of Statement of Policy Priorities for 2021-22
(Information/Action)**

Committee Chair Nies invited Jake Brymner, Director of Government and External Relations, to present on item 4.

Mr. Brymner presented the following themes in the revised statement of policy priorities for 2021-22:

- Maximize public investment in California students through financial aid.
- Maximize effectiveness of state financial aid programs
- Advance early awareness for California students and families
- And influence and inform federal financial aid policy that impacts California students and families.

Mr. Brymner emphasized how the revision best reflects the changes in student needs and the Commission's new policy opportunities. He also explained how the revision would also change some decision-making and consultation process for the Executive Director and Commission members.

Commissioner Mayer suggested to highlight equitable access in the first theme, include Cal Grant reform to the second theme, and add COVID-19 impact as well.

Commissioner Geiogue asked if staff can provide a summary of Commission related bills to Commissioners prior to bringing it to Commission for a vote. Commissioner Geiogue also suggested to adopt a consistent grammatical practice.

Commissioner Mayer proposed to add a comma and "including the negative impacts of the pandemic on students and institutions" at the

end of the third bullet under the first theme, "Maximize equitable public investment."

Committee Chair Nies recommended the Committee to incorporate the adjustments to the charter, including the grammatical changes suggested by Commissioner Geiogoue, and bring the amendments to the full Commission.

Commissioner Mayer **moved to approve** the revised statement on policy priorities. **Seconded by** Commissioner Geiogoue.

There was no public comment.

In Favor (5): Alferos, Geiogoue, Mayer, Moore, and Nies
Absent (1): Bartholow

Carried (5 to 0)

The Committee **APPROVED** the revised statement on policy priorities, with amendments to include "equitable" in "maximize public investments," and to edit the third bullet under that category to address the negative impacts of COVID, with language drafted by staff.

5. Enterprise Risk Assessment and Management (Information)

Committee Chair Nies invited Lilly Myers, Deputy Director of the Fiscal and Administrative and Services Division to present on item 5.

Ms. Myers provided an overview of the enterprise risk assessment and management.

Commissioners discussed the item.

There was no public comment.

6. Consideration of amendments to the Legislative, Audit and Budget Committee charter (Action)

Committee Chair Nies presented the item and provided an overview of the proposed revisions to the charter. Committee Chair Nies noted some redundancy in the charter related to the audit function, which is reflected in the proposed charter.

Commissioner Geiogoue **moved to adopt** the proposed revisions. **Seconded by** Commissioner Alferos.

In Favor (5): Alferos, Geiogue, Mayer, Moore, and Nies
Absent (1): Bartholow

Carried (5 to 0)

The Committee **ADOPTED** the proposed revisions to the committee charter and recommend to the Commission to direct staff to amend the Commission's Governance Policies and Procedures consistent with these changes.

7. New business to be considered at future meetings (Information/Action)

There was no new business to consider.

8. Adjournment

Committee Chair Nies adjourned the meeting at 10:06 a.m.

CHARLES NIES
COMMITTEE CHAIR