



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

March 10, 2021
9:00 am

Virtual Meeting

Marlene L. Garcia (Executive Director)

COMMISSIONER
PRESENT:

Charles Nies (Chair)
Hal Geiogoue (Vice Chair)
Isaac Alferos
Guillermo Mayer
Jamillah Moore

1. **Call to Order and Roll Call**

Committee Chair Charles Nies called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m.

2. **Public comment on items not on the agenda (Information)**

There was no public comment.

3. **Committee Chair's Oral Report (Information)**

Committee Chair Charles Nies welcomed everyone and noted the amazing momentum on financial aid changes at the state and federal level.

4. **Approval of the Legislative, Audit and Budget Committee minutes of December 2, 2020 (Action)**

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

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

Carried (5 to 0)

The LAB Committee **APPROVED** the minutes of December 2, 2020 virtual meeting.

5. Update on state and federal legislation and issues affecting Commission programs (Information)

Committee Chair Nies invited Jake Brymner, Director of Government and External Relations, and Melissa Bardo, Legislative Analyst, to present on item 5.

Mr. Brymner presented an update on state budget and legislation. Daniela Rodriguez, Executive Fellow, was invited to present on SB 737, Cal-SOAP Modernization bill.

Ms. Bardo presented on state legislations and the positions that the Commission will take on each bill.

Commissioner Geiogoue **moved to approve** the Committee's endorsement of the full slate of legislation and to present it to the full Commission for a vote. **Seconded by** Commissioner Moore.

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

Carried (5 to 0)

The Committee **APPROVED** a motion recommending that the full commission endorse staff's position on the legislation reviewed. This includes support positions for AB 1456, AB 469, AB 1185, and a Sponsor position for SB 737, and Watch for 7 bills summarized by staff. The recommendation includes a request that the endorsement does not revoke the delegated authority granted to staff at the December meeting to take or change positions on legislation consistent with the Commission's legislative priorities.

Commissioner Mayer asked for the process of changing positions on legislation that are currently a "watch" position. Commissioner Geiogoue responded that Commissioners can review the legislation again in May or create a special meeting for priority legislation.

Commissioners discussed the legislation review process for the Committee.

Ms. Bardo provided an update on federal legislation related to financial aid.

6. Fiscal Year End 2019-20 Update on the Commission's Operation Budget (Information)

Committee Chair Nies invited Lilly Myers, Deputy Director of the Fiscal Administrative Services Division, and Sandy Melching, Budget Manager, to present on item 6.

Ms. Myers provided an overview of the state operations for the fiscal year of 2019-20. Ms. Melching highlighted expenditures encumbered in 2019-20.

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

Committee Chair asked Commissioners to email any new business items directly to him.

8. Adjournment

Committee Chair Nies adjourned the meeting at 10:32 a.m.

CHARLES NIES
COMMITTEE CHAIR