



CALIFORNIA STUDENT AID COMMISSION  
TELECONFERENCE MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, April 7, 2021  
9:00 am  
Virtual Meeting  
Marlene L. Garcia (Executive Director)

**COMMISSIONERS  
PRESENT:**

Catalina Cifuentes (Chair)  
Jamillah Moore (Vice Chair)  
Debra Maxie (Secretary)  
(Note: Pursuant to Education Code section 69513.2(c), the three officers have been delegated the authority to consider requests to postpone financial aid application deadlines and constitute the Commission for purposes of this meeting.)

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

Chair Catalina Cifuentes called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Roll call was taken and a quorum was recognized.

**2. Public comment on items not on the agenda**

There was no public comment.

**3. District and or institution requests to postpone financial aid application deadline(s), pursuant to Education Code Section 69513.2 (Action)**

Chair Cifuentes opened item 3 by explaining the impact of COVID-19 pandemic and how the Commission and its staff are working to help students during this time.

Chair Cifuentes invited Tae Kang, Deputy Director of Program Administration and Services Division, and Alessandra Morrison, Assistant Deputy Director, Program Support Services Branch.

Mr. Kang provided a brief highlight of the FAFSA and California Dream Act Application completion rate for the 2021-22 academic year. He explained the process for a request to approve the Cal Grant March 2nd extension deadline. Mr. Kang announced the number of requests from 135 different schools and districts and noted that if the request is granted, there would be an estimated **44,000 students** who would be able to qualify for a Cal Grant.

Vice Chair Moore **moved to approve** staff recommendation. **Seconded by** Commissioner Maxie.

Commissioner Maxie thanked Cal-SOAP partners for working tirelessly to help serve students.

**In Favor (3):** Cifuentes, Moore, and Maxie

**Carried (3 to 0)**

The Commission APPROVED the staff recommendation that the Commission elected officers find that the Covid-19 pandemic is a qualifying event, and that this event has adversely impacted the ability of pupils or students within the school district, community college district, or an area or region within the state, to successfully complete and submit their financial aid applications by the March 2<sup>nd</sup> priority deadline and **GRANT** the requests for a 30-day extension of the 2021-22 March 2nd state financial aid application deadline for each of the postponement requests presented in this item.

#### 4. **Adjournment**

Chair Cifuentes adjourned the meeting at 9:13 a.m.

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CATALINA CIFUENTES  
CHAIR