



CALIFORNIA STUDENT AID COMMISSION  
TELECONFERENCE MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, May 20, 2021  
9:00 am  
Virtual Meeting  
Marlene L. Garcia (Executive Director)

**COMMISSIONERS  
PRESENT:**

Catalina Cifuentes, Chair  
Jamillah Moore, Vice Chair  
Debra Maxie, Secretary  
Isaac Alferos (*arrived 10:50 a.m.; departed 11:15 a.m.*)  
Patrick Day  
Juanita Doplemore  
Shannon Gary  
Hal Geiogoue  
Guillermo Mayer  
Steve Ngo  
Charles Nies  
Angel Rodriguez  
Caroline Siegel-Singh  
David Valladolid

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

Chair Catalina Cifuentes called the meeting to order at 9:01 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. Chair's oral report on Commission related issues (Information)**

Chair Catalina Cifuentes welcomed everyone and congratulated the class of 2021.

4. **Executive Director's oral report (Information)**

Executive Director Marlene L. Garcia announced several accomplishments for the Commission and commended staff for the years of work on the Grant Delivery System Modernization project.

5. **Update on 2021-22 State budget/May Revise and legislative issues affecting Commission's programs (Information/Action)**

Chair Cifuentes invited Jake Brymner, Director of Government and External Relations to present item 5.

Mr. Brymner presented revisions to the Governor's budget for 2021-22.

Public comment:

Alex Graves, from the Association of Independent Colleges of California.

6. **Consideration of proposed fiscal year 2021-22 Cal-SOAP consortia allocations and extension of the Los Angeles consortium grant agreement (Action)**

Chair Cifuentes invited Catalina Mistler, Chief Deputy Director, Michael Lemus, Manager Program Outreach and Marketing, and Yesenia Castellon, Cal-SOAP Coordinator to present item 6.

Ms. Castellon presented the proposed allocations for the 2021-22 Cal-SOAP consortia and the extension of the Los Angeles consortium.

Commissioner Doplemore asked for data on the students who applied after the extension deadline.

Commissioner Geiogue **moved to approve** staff recommendation and asked General Counsel, Julia Blair, to read the recommendation. **Seconded by** Commissioner Nies.

Roll call vote:

**In Favor** (13): Cifuentes, Day, Doplemore, Gary, Geiogue, Maxie, Mayer, Moore, Ngo, Nies, Rodriguez, Siegel-Singh and Valladolid

**Absent** (1): Alferos

**Carried (13 to 0)**

The Commission **APPROVED** the staff recommendation to approve the proposed fiscal year 2021-22 funding allocations and authorize staff to execute grant agreements for two years with 13 Cal-SOAP consortia. In addition, the Commission **APPROVED** the staff recommendation to approve the extension of two years of the Los Angeles Cal-SOAP consortium grant **agreement**, which was awarded through a Request for Application, and to delegate to the Executive Director flexibility to reallocate fiscal year 2021-2022 funds equitably, if a project cannot utilize all its allocated funds, or if the final 2021-2022 Budget Act amends the total proposed appropriation.

**7. Update on Cal Grant Modernization (Information)**

Chair Cifuentes invited Executive Director Garcia to present item 7. Executive Director Garcia stated that the item is an update on the Cal Grant Equity Plan. She invited Jake Brymner, Director of Government and External Relations, to present.

Mr. Brymner provided an update on the Cal Grant Equity Plan.

Public Comment:

Sebastien Chaubard, from the California EDGE Coalition.

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

Commissioner Doplemore asked for a matrix for Cal-SOAP programs for a snapshot of outreach, programs, and students engaged in the past year.

**9. Adjournment**

Chair Cifuentes adjourned the meeting at 11:24 a.m.

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CATALINA CIFUENTES  
CHAIR