



**CALIFORNIA STUDENT AID COMMISSION
TELECONFERENCE MEETING MINUTES**

**Thursday, June 24, 2021
9:00 a.m.
Virtual Meeting
Marlene L. Garcia (Executive Director)**

**COMMISSIONERS
PRESENT:**

Catalina Cifuentes (Chair)
Jamillah Moore (Vice Chair)
Debra Maxie Secretary)
Isaac Alferos
Patrick Day
Juanita Doplemore
Shannon Gary
Hal Geioque
Guillermo Mayer
Steve Ngo
Charles Nies (departed 1:00 p.m.)
Angel Rodriguez
Caroline Siegel-Singh

**COMMISSIONERS
ABSENT:**

David Valladolid

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Chair Catalina Cifuentes called the meeting to order at 9:03 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. **Approval of the Subcommittee minutes of April 7, 2021, and the Commission minutes of March 11, 2021, and May 20, 2021 (Action)**

Commissioner Maxie **moved to approve** the Subcommittee minutes of April 7, 2021. **Seconded by** Commissioner Moore.

Roll call vote:

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

Carried (3 to 0)

Subcommittee of the elected officers **APPROVED** the minutes of April 7, 2021.

Commissioner Ngo **moved to approve** the Commission minutes of March 11 and May 20, 2021. **Seconded by** Commissioner Geiogoue.

Roll call vote:

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

Absent (1): Valladolid

Carried (13 to 0)

Commission **APPROVED** the minutes of March 11, 2021 and May 20, 2021.

4. **Chair's oral report on Commission related issues (Information)**

Chair Catalina Cifuentes welcomed everyone and thanked the Governor's office for their commitment to the students of California.

Chair Cifuentes also announced two Commissioners leaving the Commission: Commissioner Moore and Commissioner Siegel-Singh.

Chair Cifuentes also noted that the Commission is hoping to reconvene in-person meeting again this year. She suggested the possibility of meeting only twice a year in person and the rest of the meetings as Zoom meetings.

5. **Executive Director's report (Information)**

Executive Director Marlene L. Garcia highlighted some key events and changes to legislation. She also provided a quick overview of the agenda items that will be presented to the Commission today.

6. **Update and ratification of contracts over \$100,000 (Action)**

Chair Cifuentes invited Lilly Myers, Deputy Director of the Fiscal Administrative Services Division, to present item 6.

Ms. Myers summarized the contracts for ratification.

There was no public comment.

Commissioner Ngo **moved to approve** the ratification of contracts. **Seconded by** Commissioner Maxie.

Roll call vote:

In Favor (12): Cifuentes, Moore, Maxie, Alferos, Day, Doplemore, Gary, Geiogoue, Mayer, Ngo, Rodriguez, and Siegel-Singh

Absent (2): Nies, and Valladolid

Carried (12 to 0)

The Commission **APPROVED** staff recommendation of contract ratifications of the proposed new contracts over \$100,000.00.

7. Update on the 2021-22 State Budget (Information)

Chair Cifuentes invited Jake Brymner, Director of Government and External Relations, to present item 7.

Mr. Brymner presented an update on the 2021-22 state budget.

8. Update on the Grant Delivery System Modernization launch (Information)

Chair Cifuentes invited Gurinder Bains, Chief Information Officer, to present item 8.

Mr. Bains provided a brief background on the Grant Delivery System Modernization (GDSM, an update on GDSM launch, and the ongoing development to improve the system.

9. Commission's 2021-22 Annual Strategic Planning (Information/Action)

Chair Cifuentes invited Executive Director Garcia to present item 9.

Executive Director Garcia presented the Commission's strategic goals for 2020-21 and highlighted key achievements. She also presented upcoming strategic goals for 2021-22.

10. Report on and consideration of the June 23, 2021, Legislative, Audit and Budget Committee meeting (Information/Action)

Chair Cifuentes invited Committee Vice Chair Geiogoue to provide a report on the June 23, 2021 LAB Committee meeting. Committee Vice Chair provided a report on the items discussed in the Committee. Committee Vice Chair Geiogoue invited Jake Brymner,

Director of Government and External Relations, to summarize key legislation discussed at the Committee meeting.

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The Commission **RECESSED** at 11:52 a.m.

The Commission **RECONVENED** at 1:01 p.m.

Roll call was taken and a quorum was recognized.

11. Report on and consideration of the June 23, 2021, Student Impact, Outreach and Communications Committee meeting (Information/Action)

Chair Cifuentes invited Committee Chair Siegel-Singh to provide a report on the June 23, 2021 Student Impact, Outreach and Communications Committee meeting.

12. Report on and consideration of the June 23, 2021, Data, Research, and Strategic Planning Committee meeting (Information/Action)

Chair Cifuentes invited Committee Chair Maxie to provide a report on the June 23, 2021 Data, Research, and Strategic Planning Committee meeting.

13. Report on and consideration of the June 23, 2021, Personnel, Evaluation and Nominations Committee meeting (Information/Action)

Chair Cifuentes invited Committee Chair Mayer to provide a report on the June 23, 2021 Personnel, Evaluation and Nominations Committee meeting. Committee Chair Mayer noted that committee voted to review the Commission's Governance and Policy Procedure for updates to be presented to the Commission at the December 2021 meeting.

14. Commission Closed Session (Information/Action)

Chair Cifuentes invited Julia Blair, General Counsel, to announce closed session.

Ms. Blair announced that the full Commission would meet in Closed Session to discuss and may take action on personnel matters pursuant to California Government Code, Section 11126(a).

The Commission went into Closed Session at 1:25 p.m.

RECONVENE OPEN SESSION

Chair Cifuentes reconvened Open Session at 2:46 p.m. and announced that there is nothing to report.

15. Presentation of Resolutions to Commissioners Jamillah Moore and Caroline Siegel-Singh (Information)

Chair Cifuentes read the resolution for Commissioner Caroline Siegel-Singh.

Commissioners were provided an opportunity to share their appreciation for Commissioner Siegel-Singh.

Chair Cifuentes read the resolution for Commissioner Jamillah Moore.

Commissioners were provided an opportunity to share their appreciation for Commissioner Moore.

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

Commissioner Ngo asked if an agenda item for incarcerated students can be added for a future meeting.

17. Adjournment

Commissioner Geiogue moved to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Doplemore.

Chair Cifuentes adjourned the meeting at 3:35 p.m.

DEBRA MAXIE
SECRETARY