



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

December 1, 2021  
9:00 am  
Virtual Meeting  
Marlene L. Garcia (Executive Director)

**COMMISSIONER  
PRESENT:**

Charles Nies (Chair)  
Hal Geiogue (Vice Chair)  
Patrick Day  
Shannon Gary  
Guillermo Mayer  
Angel Rodriguez  
Catalina Cifuentes (Ex. Officio)

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

Committee Chair Charles Nies called meeting to order at 9:02 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. Committee Chair's Report**

Committee Chair Charles Nies recognized the tremendous efforts in the legislative agenda. He thanked Senator Leyva, Assemblymember McCarty and Assemblymember Medina for their efforts in pushing the Cal Grant equity framework.

**4. Approval of the Legislative, Audit and Budget Committee minutes of September 8, 2021 (Action)**

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

Roll call vote:

**In Favor (5):** Day, Gary, Geogue, Mayer and Nies

**Abstain (1):** Rodriguez

**Carried (5 to 0)**

LAB Committee move to approve the minutes of September 8, 2021.

**5. Update on state and federal legislation (Information/Action)**

Committee Chair Nies invited Jake Brymner, Director of Government and External Relations, and Alex Zucco, Manager of the Government and External Relations, to present item 5.

Mr. Brymner provided a brief overview of the state and federal legislation presentation. He invited Ms. Zucco to present priority legislation and current efforts around implementation of some of the legislative proposals.

Mr. Brymner presented plans for the 2022 year to advance Cal Grant Reform and legislation.

**6. Update on the Commission's 2021-22 fiscal year operations budget (Information)**

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

Ms. Myers invited Ms. Melching to present how the Commission obligated their 2020-21 state operations budget.

**7. Update on Risk Assessment and Management (Information)**

Committee Chair Nies invited Kristen Trimarche, Enterprise Strategy and Performance Officer, and Catalina Mistler, Chief Deputy Director, to present item 7.

Ms. Trimarche presented an update on risk assessment and management.

**8. Update on Cal Grant Program Audits (Information)**

Committee Chair Nies invited Shrdha Shah, Staff Management Auditor, and Vincent Antolini, Associate Management Auditor, to present item 8.

Ms. Shah presented an update on the Cal Gran program audits. She invited Mr. Antolini to provide an overview of the audit process. Ms. Shah concluded the presentation by highlighting process improvements over the years.

**10. Adjournment**

Commissioner Mayer motioned to adjourn the LAB Committee meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Geiogue.

Committee Chair Nies adjourned the meeting at 10:43 a.m.

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CHARLES NIES  
COMMITTEE CHAIR