



CALIFORNIA STUDENT AID COMMISSION  
TELECONFERENCE MEETING MINUTES

January 21, 2022  
9:00 am  
Virtual Meeting  
Marlene L. Garcia (Executive Director)

COMMISSIONER  
PRESENT:

Catalina Cifuentes (Chair)  
Charles Nies (Vice Chair)  
Debra Maxie (Secretary)  
Caroline Alvarez  
Patrick Day  
Juanita Doplemore  
Hal Geiogue  
Guillermo Mayer  
Steve Ngo – *joined at 9:06 a.m.*  
David O'Brien  
Leonardo Rodriguez

COMMISSIONER  
ABSENT:

Shannon Gary  
Angel Rodriguez  
David Valladolid

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1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Chair Catalina Cifuentes called the 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. Chair's oral report on Commission related issues (Information)**

Chair Cifuentes welcomed and thanked everyone for joining the first meeting of 2022.

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

Executive Director Marlene L. Garcia welcomed everyone and highlighted ongoing work of Commission staff.

**5. Update on Governor's proposed 2021-22 State Budget (Information/Action)**

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

Mr. Brymner presented the new budget proposal for the 2022-23 year.

There was no public comment.

**6. Consideration to approve amendments to the proposed emergency regulations for Golden State Teacher Grant Program (Action)**

Chair Cifuentes welcomed Julia Blair, General Counsel, Tae Kang, Deputy Director of the Program Administration and Services Division, and Ana Marquez, Manager of the Specialized Programs to present item 6.

Ms. Blair provided a brief background on the item and explained the review and approval process of the emergency regulations for Golden State Teacher Grant Program.

Commissioner Ngo **moved to approve** staff recommendation. **Seconded** by Commissioner Doplemore.

There was no public comment.

Roll call vote:

**In Favor** (11): Alvarez, Cifuentes, Day, Doplemore, Geiogoue, Maxie, Mayer, Ngo, Nies, O'Brien, and L. Rodriguez

**Absent** (3): Gary, A. Rodriguez, and Valladolid

**Carried (11 to 0)**

The Commission **APPROVED** staff recommended amendments to the emergency regulations and authorized staff to complete the emergency regulatory process, including initiating a five-day public comment period, preparing, submitting all required documents to the

Office of Administrative Law (OAL), and making any non-substantive changes to the regulations and supporting documentation as requested by the OAL.

## **7. FAFSA and CADAA completion regulations (Action)**

Chair Cifuentes welcomed Julia Blair, General Counsel, and Tae Kang, Deputy Director of the Program Administration and Services Division, to present item 7.

Commissioners discussed concerns of opt-out forms and how to offer these to students and families.

Public comments were received as follows:

Denise Castro, the Education Trust-West.

Commissioner Maxie **moved to approve** the motion. **Seconded** by Commissioner Doplemore.

Roll call vote:

**In Favor** (11): Alvarez, Cifuentes, Day, Doplemore, Geiogue, Maxie, Mayer, Ngo, Nies, O'Brien, and L. Rodriguez

**Absent** (3): Gary, A. Rodriguez, and Valladolid

**Carried (11 to 0)**

The Commission **APPROVED** the staff recommended regulations and authorized staff to complete the regulatory process, including opening a 45-day public comment period, preparing, submitting all required documents to the Office of Administrative Law (OAL), and making any non-substantive changes to the regulations and supporting documentation as requested by OAL.

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

Chair Cifuentes noted the following items to consider at future meetings:

- Discuss long-term plan for Learning Aligned program
- Develop process map of student experiences with different programs
- Revisit conversation of convening in-person meeting again
- Discuss new Middle Class Scholarship program structure
- Discuss possibility of inviting parents to speak and provide their review of Commission programs

## 9. Adjournment

Chair Cifuentes announced the appointment of Commissioner O'Brien and the reappointment of Commissioner Nies. Both Commissioners were provided an opportunity to share a few remarks.

Chair Cifuentes also announced the achievement of Commissioner Doplemore as a Compton College Community trustee.

Commissioner Geiogque **moved to adjourn** the meeting. **Seconded** by Commissioner Maxie.

Chair Cifuentes adjourned the meeting at 11:13 a.m.

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CATALINA CIFUENTES  
CHAIR