



## **CALIFORNIA STUDENT AID COMMISSION**

### **TELECONFERENCE MEETING MINUTES**

**Wednesday, March 9, 2022**

**4:30 pm**

**Virtual Meeting**

**Marlene L. Garcia (Executive Director)**

#### **COMMISSIONERS**

##### **PRESENT:**

Catalina Cifuentes (Chair)

Charles Nies (Vice Chair)

Debra Maxie (Secretary)

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

Chair Catalina Cifuentes called the meeting to order at 5:04 p.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 invited Tae Kang, Deputy Director of Program Administration and Services Division, and Alessandra Morrison, Assistant Deputy Director, Program Support Services Branch, and Julia Blair, General Counsel, to present item 3.

Mr. Kang provided a background on the request to postpone this cycle of financial aid application deadline. He highlighted the negative impact of COVID-19 on outreach efforts and assistance that inhibited students from completing financial aid application.

There was no public comment.

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

Roll call vote:

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

**Carried (3 to 0)**

The Commission's elected officers voted to approve the staff recommendation, finding 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 **GRANTED** the requests for a 30-day extension of the 2022-23 March 2nd state financial aid application deadline for each of the postponement requests presented in this item.

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

There was no new business to consider.

**5. Adjournment**

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

Chair Cifuentes adjourned the meeting at 5:13 p.m.

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CATALINA CIFUENTES  
CHAIR