



**CALIFORNIA STUDENT AID COMMISSION  
TELECONFERENCE MEETING MINUTES**

**Thursday, June 23, 2022  
9:00 am  
In-Person/Virtual Meeting  
Marlene L. Garcia (Executive Director)**

**COMMISSIONERS  
PRESENT:**

Catalina Cifuentes (Chair)  
Charles Nies (Vice Chair)  
Debra Maxie (Secretary)  
Caroline Alvarez (joined 9:03 a.m.)  
Patrick Day  
Audrey Dow  
Shannon Gary  
Hal Geiogoue  
Guillermo Mayer  
Steve Ngo  
David O'Brien  
Angel Rodriguez  
Leonardo Rodriguez (9:03 a.m.)  
David Valladolid

**COMMISSIONER** Juanita Doplemore

**ABSENT:**

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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. Approval of the Subcommittee minutes of March 9, 2022, and the Commission minutes of March 10, 2022, and May 20, 2022 (Action)**

Commissioner Valladolid **move to approve** the Subcommittee minutes of March 9, 2022, and the Commission minutes of March 10, 2022, and May 20, 2022. **Second by** Commissioner Maxie.

There was no public comment.

**In Favor** (12): Cifuentes, Day, Gary, Geiogue, Maxie, Mayer, Ngo, Nies, O'Brien, A. Rodriguez, L. Rodriguez, and Valladolid.

**Abstain** (1): Dow

**Absent** (2): Alvarez and Doplemore

**Carried (12 to 0)**

The Commission **APPROVED** the minutes of March 9, 2022, and the Commission minutes of March 10, 2022, and May 20, 2022.

Commissioner Alvarez and Commissioner L. Rodriguez joined the meeting at 9:03 a.m.

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

Chair Cifuentes welcomed the first Commission in-person meeting and welcomed new Commissioner, Audrey Dow. Commissioner Dow provided a few remarks.

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

Executive Director Marlene Garcia welcomed everyone and recognized staff's projects and accomplishments for the fiscal year 21-22.

**6. Consideration of proposed fiscal year 2022-23 California Student Opportunity and Access Program (Cal-SOAP) consortia allocations (Action)**

Chair Cifuentes invited Michael Lemus, Outreach and Marketing Manager, and Humphrey Manacsa, Cal-SOAP Coordinator to present item 6.

Mr. Lemus and Mr. Manacsá provided an overview of Cal-SOAP and provided staff recommendations.

The Commission discussed the staff recommendations.

Commissioner Geiogúe **move to adopt** staff recommendations.  
**Second by** Commissioner Valladolid.

There was no public comment.

**In Favor** (14): Cifuentes, Alvarez, Day, Dow, Gary, Geiogúe, Maxie, Mayer, Ngo, Nies, O'Brien, A. Rodríguez, L. Rodríguez, and Valladolid.

**Abstain** (0):

**Absent** (1): Doplemore

**Carried (14 to 0)**

The Commission **APPROVED** staff recommendations to:

1. Approve the proposed fiscal year 2022-23 Cal-SOAP funding allocations and authorize staff to execute grant agreements with the 14 Cal-SOAP consortia, upon approval of the final 2022-23 State Budget appropriation.
2. Delegate to the Executive Director, flexibility to reallocate fiscal year 2022-2023 funds equitably if a project cannot utilize all its allocated funds or if the final 2022-2023 Budget Act amends the total proposed appropriation.
3. Authorize the Executive Director to amend grant agreements with the two current Inland Empire Cal-SOAP consortia if additional funds are appropriated for that purpose for the fiscal year 2022-23.

Commissioner A. Rodríguez left the meeting at 10:18 a.m.

**7. Consideration to approve two extensions for the emergency regulations of the Golden State Teacher Grant Program and to initiate permanent rulemaking process (Action)**

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

Ms. Blair provided a brief background on the emergency regulations for the Golden State Teacher Grant Program, explained the reasons for two extensions, and provided an overview of the permanent rulemaking process.

Commissioner Mayer **moved to approve** the two extensions and to initiate the permanent rulemaking process. **Second by** Commissioner Valladolid.

There was no public comment.

**In Favor** (13): Cifuentes, Alvarez, Day, Dow, Gary, Geiogue, Maxie, Mayer, Ngo, Nies, O'Brien, L. Rodriguez, and Valladolid.

**Abstain** (0):

**Absent** (2): A. Rodriguez and Doplemore

**Carried (13 to 0)**

The Commission **APPROVED** staff recommendations to authorize staff to request two 90-day extensions of the emergency regulations for the Golden State Teacher Grant Program and to initiate the permanent rulemaking process.

## **8. Update on 2022-23 State budget (Information)**

Chair Cifuentes invited Jake Brymner, Deputy Director of Policy and Public Affairs Division to present item 8.

Mr. Brymner provided an update on the most recent status of the State Budget negotiations and any potential new investments and policy changes impacting the Commission and college affordability.

There was no public comment.

The Commission **RECESSED** at 11:30 a.m.

**BREAK**

The Commission **RECONVED** at 11:40 a.m.

## **9. Overview of Commission programs, initiatives, priorities, and goals (Information)**

Chair Cifuentes invited Marlene Garcia, Executive Director, to present item 9.

Ms. Garcia provided an overview of the Commission's new and expanded programs and initiatives that are currently being developed and implemented, as well as priority goals and activities for the upcoming fiscal year 22-23.

There was no public comment.

The Commission **RECESSED** at 12:58 p.m.

## **BREAK**

The Commission **RECONVENED** at 1:50 p.m.

Roll call was taken and a quorum was recognized. Commissioner Dow and Commissioner Gary rejoined the meeting at 1:51 p.m.

### **10. Report on and consideration of the June 22, 2022, Legislative, Audit and Budget Committee meeting (Information/Action)**

Committee Chair Charles Nies provided an update from the Legislative, Audit and Budget Committee meeting on June 22, 2022.

There was no public comment.

### **11. Report on and consideration of the June 22, 2022, Student Impact, Outreach and Communications Committee meeting (Information/Action)**

Committee Vice Chair Valladolid provided an update from the Student Impact, Outreach and Communications Committee meeting on June 22, 2022.

There was no public comment.

### **12. Report on and consideration of the June 22, 2022, Data, Research, and Strategic Planning Committee meeting (Information/Action)**

Committee Chair Debra Maxie provided a report from the Strategic Policy and Planning Committee meeting on June 22, 2022.

There was no public comment.

### **13. Report on and consideration of the June 22, 2022, Personnel, Evaluation and Nominations Committee meeting (Information/Action)**

Committee Chair Guillermo Mayer provided a report from the Personnel, Evaluation and Nominations Committee meeting on June 22, 2022.

There was no public comment.

### **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 2:17 p.m.

### **RECONVENE OPEN SESSION**

Chair Cifuentes reconvened Open Session at 3:30 p.m. and announced that there is nothing to report from Closed Session.

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

Chair Cifuentes, Vice Chair Nies, PEN Committee Chair Mayer, and Executive Director Marlene Garcia noted the following items as new business to consider at future meetings:

- Update on continued Outreach and Marketing efforts to students and parents especially on Middle Class Scholarship 2.0.
- Update on data for Community College Entitlement Cal Grant September 2<sup>nd</sup> deadline.
- Update on upcoming efforts for the October 1<sup>st</sup> launch of All In FAFSA/CADAA.
- Update on California Community College Paid Rates.
- PEN Committee to present propose Executive Compensation Policy.

There was no public comment.

#### **16. Adjournment**

Commissioner Valladolid moved to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Commissioner L. Rodriguez.

Chair Cifuentes adjourned the meeting at 3:37 p.m.

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CATALINA CIFUENTES  
CHAIR