



**CALIFORNIA STUDENT AID COMMISSION
TELECONFERENCE MEETING MINUTES**

**Thursday, September 8, 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)
Patrick Day
Juanita Doplemore
Audrey Dow
Shannon Gary
Hal Geiogue
Guillermo Mayer
Steve Ngo
David O'Brien
Angel Rodriguez
Alexis Takagi
David Valladolid

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 Commission minutes of June 23, 2022 (Action)

There was no public comment.

Commissioner Valladolid **moved to approve** the minutes. **Seconded by** Commissioner Dow.

Roll call vote:

In Favor (13): Cifuentes, Nies, Maxie, Day, Dow, Gary, Geiogoue, Mayer, Ngo, O'Brien, Rodriguez, Takagi, Valladolid

Abstain (1): Doplemore

Absent (0):

Carried (13 to 0)

The Commission **APPROVED** the minutes of June 23, 2022.

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

Chair Cifuentes welcomed new student Commissioner Takagi. Commissioner Takagi provided a few remarks.

5. Executive Director's Report (Information)

Executive Director Garcia welcomed Commissioners to the new office and provided an overview of new outreach efforts for the "All In for FAFSA/CA Dream Act" Campaign.

6. Presentation of resolutions to Caroline Alvarez and Leonardo Rodriguez, former Commissioners (Information)

Chair Cifuentes presented resolutions for former student Commissioners Caroline Alvarez and Leonardo Rodriguez on their service to the Commission. Ms. Alvarez and Mr. Rodriguez provided a few remarks.

There was no public comment.

7. Update and ratification of contracts over \$250,000 (Action)

Chair Cifuentes invited Lilly Myers, Deputy Director of Fiscal and Administrative Services Division, to present item 7.

Ms. Myers presented the proposed contracts of over \$250,000.

There was no public comment.

Commissioner Ngo **moved to approve** the proposed contracts.
Seconded by Commissioner O'Brien.

Roll call vote:

In Favor (14): Cifuentes, Nies, Maxie, Day, Doplemore, Dow, Gary, Geiogoue, Mayer, Ngo, O'Brien, Rodriguez, Takagi, Valladolid

Abstain (0):

Absent (0):

Carried (14 to 0)

The Commission **APPROVED** the proposed contracts over \$250,000.

8. Consideration of Budget Change Proposals (BCPs) for Fiscal Year 2023-24 (Action)

Chair Cifuentes invited Lilly Myers, Deputy Director of Fiscal and Administrative Services Division, Jake Brymner, Deputy Director of Policy and Public Affairs Division, Tae Kang, Deputy Director of Program Administration and Services Division, and Patrick Perry, Deputy Director of Data, Analysis and Research Team, to present item 8.

Ms. Myers, Mr. Brymner, Mr. Kang, and Mr. Perry presented on the BCPs for inclusion in the Governor's Budget deliberation process.

There was no public comment.

Commissioner Ngo **moved to approve** the proposed BCPs.
Seconded by Commissioner Valladolid.

Roll call vote:

In Favor (14): Cifuentes, Nies, Maxie, Day, Doplemore, Dow, Gary, Geiogoue, Mayer, Ngo, O'Brien, Rodriguez, Takagi, Valladolid

Abstain (0):

Absent (0):

Carried (14 to 0)

The Commission **APPROVED** the proposed BCPs.

9. Consideration to approve the proposed amendments for the California Community College Expanded Entitlement Program, Section 30023 and 30026 of Title 5 of the CCR (Action)

Chair Cifuentes invited Tae Kang, Deputy Director of Program Administration and Services Division, and Mark Paxson, Acting General Counsel, to present item 9.

Mr. Paxson and Mr. Kang provided background and overview of the proposed amended regulations.

There was no public comment.

Commissioner Ngo **moved to approve** the proposed amended regulations and authorized staff to complete the regulatory process, including opening a 45-day public comment period, preparing, and submitting all required documents to the Office of Administrative Law (OAL), and making any non-substantive changes to the regulations and supporting documents as requested by OAL.

Seconded by Commissioner Valladolid.

Roll call vote:

In Favor (14): Cifuentes, Nies, Maxie, Day, Doplemore, Dow, Gary, Geiogoue, Mayer, Ngo, O'Brien, Rodriguez, Takagi, Valladolid

Abstain (0):

Absent (0):

Carried (14 to 0)

The Commission **APPROVED** the proposed amended regulations and authorized staff to complete the regulatory process, including opening a 45-day public comment period, preparing, and submitting all required documents to the OAL, and making any non-substantive changes to the regulations and supporting documents as requested by OAL.

10. Announcement of the opening of nominations for 2023 Commission Officers (Information)

Chair Cifuentes invited Mark Paxson, Acting General Counsel, to present item 10.

Mr. Paxson announced nominations for 2023 Commission Officers will be accepted through Wednesday, November 16, 2022.

There was no public comment.

11. Presentation of proposed 2023 Commission meeting calendar (Information)

Chair Cifuentes invited Catalina Mistler, Chief Deputy Director, to present item 11.

Ms. Mistler presented the proposed dates for 2023 Commission meeting calendar.

There was no public comment.

The Commission **RECESSED** at 11:05 a.m.

BREAK

The Commission **RECONVENED** at 11:15 a.m.

12. Update on 2022-23 State Budget (Information)

Chair Cifuentes invited Jake Brymner, Deputy Director of Policy and Public Affairs Division, to present item 12.

Mr. Brymner provided an update on the 2022-23 California State Budget.

There was no public comment.

Chair Cifuentes announced that item 15 would be taken out of order due to timing and proceeded to item 15.

15. Policy on Requesting Increases to Executive Director's Salary (Information)

Chair Cifuentes invited Commissioner Guillermo Mayer, Commissioner Patrick Day, and Libby Knerl, Personnel Officer of Fiscal and Administrative Services Division to present item 15.

Commissioner Mayer, Commissioner Day, and Ms. Knerl presented the proposed policy on requesting increases to the Executive Director's salary.

There was no public comment.

The Commission **RECESSED** at 12:50 p.m.

BREAK

The Commission **RECONVENED** at 1:35 p.m.

Chair Cifuentes announced Commissioners attendance in the meeting remains the same.

Chair Cifuentes announced that item 14 would be taken out of order due to timing and proceeded to item 14.

14. Statewide Student Leadership Presentation (Information)

Chair Cifuentes invited Jake Brymner, Deputy Director of Policy and Public Affairs Division, to present item 14.

Mr. Brymner introduced student leaders Zachariah Wooden, Vice President of Legislative Affairs, Student Senate for California Community Colleges (SSCCC), Krishan Malhotra, President, Cal State Student Association (CSSA), and Alex Niles, President, UC Student Association (UCSA) discussed their organization priorities for the year.

There was no public comment.

13. Update on upcoming efforts for launch of All In for FAFSA and CA Dream Act Application (Information)

Chair Cifuentes invited Jake Brymner, Deputy Director of Policy and Public Affairs Division, and Michael Lemus, Program Outreach and Marketing Manager of Policy and Public Affairs Division, to present item 13.

Mr. Brymner and Mr. Lemus provided an overview of the launch of the FAFSA and CA Dream Act Application All In Campaign.

There was no public comment.

16. Report on and consideration of the September 7, 2022, Legislative, Audit and Budget Committee meeting (Information/Action)

Committee Chair Nies provided a report from the Legislative, Audit and Budget Committee meeting on September 7, 2022.

There was no public comment.

Commissioner Ngo left the meeting at 2:48 p.m. and Commissioner Day left the meeting at 2:59 p.m.

17. Report on and consideration of the September 7, 2022, Student Impact, Outreach and Communications Committee meeting (Information/Action)

Committee Chair Rodriguez provided a report from the Student Impact, Outreach and Communications Committee meeting on September 7, 2022.

There was no public comment.

18. Report on and consideration of the September 7, 2022, Data, Research, and Strategic Planning Committee meeting (Information/Action)

Committee Chair Maxie provided a report from the Data, Research, and Strategic Planning Committee meeting on September 7, 2022.

There was no public comment.

19. Commission Closed Session (Information/Action)

Chair Cifuentes invited Mark Paxson, Acting General Counsel, to announce closed session.

Mr. Paxson 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 3:22 p.m.

RECONVENED OPEN SESSION

Chair Cifuentes reconvened Open Session at 3:58 p.m. and announced that there is nothing to report from Closed Session.

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

There was no new business to consider.

There was no public comment.

21. Adjournment

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

Chair Cifuentes adjourned the meeting at 4:00 p.m.

CATALINA CIFUENTES

CHAIR