



CALIFORNIA STUDENT AID COMMISSION

MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, September 7, 2023

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
Shannon Gary, joined
Hal Geiogue
Guillermo Mayer
David O'Brien
Angel Rodriguez
Alexis Takagi
David Valladolid

COMMISSIONERS

ABSENT:

Audrey Dow

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

Chair Catalina Cifuentes called the meeting to order at 9:03 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 May 25, 2023, June 21, 2023, and June 22, 2023 (Action)**

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

There was no public comment.

Roll call vote:

In Favor (11): Cifuentes, Day, Doplemore, Geiogue, Maxie, Mayer, Nies, O'Brien, Rodriguez, Takagi, and Valladolid

Absent (2): Dow and Gary

Carried (11 to 0)

The Commission **APPROVED** the Commission minutes of May 25, 2023, June 21, 2023, and June 22, 2023.

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

Chair Catalina Cifuentes welcomed the 2023-24 academic school year and thanked staff for their hard work on data, educator and cash for college workshops, and continued efforts to help students.

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

Executive Director Marlene L. Garcia highlighted some major achievements at the Commission.

6. **Ratification of emergency contract(s) and approval of contract(s) over \$250,000 (Action)**

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

Ms. Myers presented two contracts over \$250,000 for approval which supports the Commission's IT infrastructure. \

There was no public comment.

Commissioner Valladolid **moved to approve** ratification of the proposed new contracts. **Seconded** by Commissioner Maxie.

Roll call vote:

In Favor (11): Cifuentes, Day, Doplemore, Geiogue, Maxie, Mayer, Nies, O'Brien, Rodriguez, Takagi, and Valladolid

Absent (2): Dow and Gary

Carried (11 to 0)

The Commission **RATIFIED** the contracts described in the proposed new contracts over \$250,000.

7. **Consideration of Budget Change Proposals (BCPs) for Fiscal Year 2024-25 (Action)**

Chair Cifuentes invited Lilly Myers, Deputy Director of the Fiscal and Administrative Services Division, Tae Kang, Deputy Director of the Program Administration and Services Division, Ken Ketsdever, Chief Information Officer, and Jake Brymner, Deputy Director of the Policy and Public Affairs Division to present item 8.

Commissioner Rodriguez **moved to approve** the 2024-25 budget change proposals. **Seconded** by Commissioner Day.

There was no public comment.

Roll call vote:

In Favor (11): Cifuentes, Day, Doplemore, Geiogoue, Maxie, Mayer, Nies, O'Brien, Rodriguez, Takagi, and Valladolid

Absent (2): Dow and Gary

Carried (11 to 0)

The Commission **APPROVED** staff recommendation of Budget Change Proposals for fiscal year 2024-25.

8. **Consideration to approve amendments to proposed regulations for the Learning-Aligned Employment Program (Ed Code Section 69950, et seq.) (Action)**

Chair Cifuentes invited Mark Paxson, Interim General Counsel, to present item 8.

Commissioner Geiogoue **moved to approve** staff recommendations for the LAEP program. **Seconded** by Commissioner Takagi.

Roll call vote:

In Favor (11): Cifuentes, Day, Doplemore, Geiogoue, Maxie, Mayer, Nies, O'Brien, Rodriguez, Takagi, and Valladolid

Absent (2): Dow and Gary

Carried (11 to 0)

The Commission **APPROVED** the proposed amended regulations and **AUTHORIZED** staff to complete the regulatory process, including making any non-substantive changes.

9. Update on California Cradle-to-Career Data System (Information)

Chair Cifuentes invited Mary Ann Bates, Executive Director of the Office of Cradle-to-Career Data, and Jessica Moldoff, Deputy Director of the Data, Analysis and Research Team to present item 9.

Dr. Moldoff introduced Ms. Bates to share background information and the work of the Office of Cradle-to-Career Data.

There was no public comment.

10. Announcement of the opening of nominations for 2024 Commission Officers (Information)

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

Mr. Paxson provided a brief explanation of the nomination process for 2024 Commissioner Officers. Commissioners can send nominations to Mr. Paxson or Catalina Mistler, Chief Deputy Director.

11. Presentation of proposed 2024 Commission meeting calendar (Information)

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

Ms. Mistler provided a brief background on the proposed 2024 Commission meeting calendar and noted that the Commission will vote on the proposed 2024 meeting calendar at the November Commission meeting.

There was no public comment.

12. Update on the College Affordability Summit (Information)

Chair Cifuentes invited Catalina Mistler, Chief Deputy Director, to present item 12.

Ms. Mistler provided a brief background on the College Affordability Summit. She presented the theme for this year's Summit and highlighted some of the session topics. Ms. Mistler also emphasized the anticipation to learn more about the new Better FAFSA/Enhanced CADAA application which may result in a high registration rate.

There was no public comment.

15. Report on and consideration of the September 6, 2023, Student Impact, Outreach and Communications Committee meeting (Information/Action) -TAKEN OUT OF ORDER

Committee Chair Angel Rodriguez provided an update from the Student Impact, Outreach and Communications Committee meeting on September 6, 2023.

There was no public comment.

14. Report on and consideration of the September 6, 2023, Legislative, Audit and Budget Committee meeting (Information/Action) -TAKEN OUT OF ORDER

Committee Chair Charles Nies provided an update from the Legislative, Audit and Budget Committee meeting on September 6, 2023.

There was no public comment.

16. Report on and consideration of the September 6, 2023, Data, Research, and Strategic Planning Committee meeting (Information/Action) - TAKEN OUT OF ORDER

Committee Chair Debra Maxie provided a report from the Strategic Policy and Planning Committee meeting on September 6, 2023.

There was no public comment.

The Commission **RECESSED** for lunch at 11:38 a.m.

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

13. Statewide student leadership presentation (Information) -TAKEN OUT OF ORDER

Chair Cifuentes invited Jake Brymner, Deputy Director of the Policy and Public Affairs Division, to present item 13.

Mr. Brymner introduced the following student leaders who will be sharing their organizations priorities and issues involving college affordability.

- Chanelle Win, Vice President of Legislative Affairs, Student Senate for California
- Celene Aridin, President, University of California Student Association
- Dominic Quan Treseler, President of California State Student Association

There was no public comment.

17. Report on and consideration of the September 6, 2023, Personnel, Evaluation and Nominations Committee meeting (Information/Action) - TAKEN OUT OF ORDER

Committee Chair Guillermo Mayer provided a report from the Personnel, Evaluation and Nominations Committee meeting on September 6, 2023.

There was no public comment.

18. Commission Closed Session (Information/Action)

Chair Cifuentes invited Mark Paxson, Interim 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 1:46 p.m.

RECONVENE OPEN SESSION

Chair Cifuentes reconvened Open Session at 2:29 p.m. and announced that there is nothing to report from Closed Session.

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

Chair Cifuentes noted the following items for future meetings:

- Request to streamline programs and support for foster youth
- Develop long-term strategic plans for personnel needs
- Provide additional information on College Affordability Summit to Commissioners
- Outline IT Strategy to support staff, fulfill unmet needs, and develop understanding of long-term plan
- Status update on Cal-SOAP changes
- Updates on how to reach undocumented students and men of color
- Updates on Black Student Outreach Initiative

20. **Adjournment**

Commissioner O'Brien **moved to adjourn** the meeting. **Seconded** by Commissioner Maxie.

Chair Cifuentes adjourned the meeting at 2:36 p.m.

DEBRA MAXIE
SECRETARY