



CALIFORNIA STUDENT AID COMMISSION  
LEGISLATIVE, AUDIT AND BUDGET COMMITTEE  
MEETING MINUTES  
November 29, 2023  
9:00 am  
In Person Meeting  
Marlene L. Garcia (Executive Director)

**COMMISSIONER  
PRESENT:**

Charles Nies (Chair)  
Patrick Day  
Juanita Doplemore  
Audrey Dow  
Shannon Gary  
Catalina Cifuentes, Ex. Officio

**COMMISSIONER  
ABSENT:**

Guillermo Mayer

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

Committee Chair Charles Nies 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. Committee Chair's Report (Information)**

Committee Chair Charles Nies welcomed everyone and thanked everyone who attended the College Affordability Summit at the Riverside Convention Center on November 7 and 8.

Ex. Officio Catalina Cifuentes joined the meeting at 9:04 a.m.

**4. Approval of the Legislative, Audit and Budget Committee minutes of September 6, 2023 (Action)**

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

There was no public comment.

Roll call vote:

**In Favor** (3): Doplemore, Gary, and Nies

**Abstention** (1): Dow

**Absent** (2): Day and Mayer

**Carried** (3 to 1 Abstention)

The LAB Committee **APPROVED** the minutes of September 6, 2023.

**5. Update on state and federal legislation (Information)**

Committee Chair Nies invited Jake Brymner, Deputy Director of Policy and Public Affairs Division and Alex Zucco, Government Relations and Advocacy Manager, to present item 5.

Mr. Brymner and Ms. Zucco provided updates on legislation that impacts the Commissions programs.

Commissioner Day joined the meeting at 9:25 a.m.

There was no public comment.

**6. Update on the Commission's 2022-23 Year End Operations Budget (Information)**

Committee Chair Nies invited Sandy Melching, Budget Officer for the Fiscal and Administrative Services Division and Lilly Myers, Deputy Director of the Fiscal and Administrative Services Division to present item 6.

Ms. Melching provided an update on the state operation budget.

There was no public comment.

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

Committee Chair Nies noted the following items to be considered:

- Explore more LAEP opportunities,
- Update on CalFresh and what else can be done to help more students who qualify, and
- Explore ways to maximize support for Foster Youth.

8. **Adjournment**

Commissioner Doplemore **moved to adjourn** the meeting. **Seconded** by Commissioner Dow.

Committee Chair Nies adjourned the meeting at 10:35 a.m.

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CHARLES NIES  
COMMITTEE CHAIR