



Cradle-to-Career Governing Board
August 9, 2023
Meeting Minutes

Members Present:

- Amy Fong, Chair
- Robert Tagorda, Chair Elect
- Marisol Aviña
- Catalina Cifuentes
- Deborah Cochrane
- David DeGuire
- Nathan Evans
- Chris Furgieuele
- Su Jin Jez
- Meredith Lee
- Jessica Moldoff
- John Ohanian
- Gavin Payne
- Javier Romero
- Thomas Vu
- Jerry Winkler

Alternates Present:

- Cassandra Mar for Jacqui Irwin
- Michelle Reyes for John Laird, *entered meeting at 12:36 p.m.*

Members Absent:

- Lande Ajose
- Sean Elo-Rivera

John Hetts

[Agenda Item 1 Call to Order, Establishment of Quorum, and Welcome](#)

Amy Fong, Chair, called the meeting of the Cradle-to-Career Governing Board to order on August 9, 2023 at 9:44 a.m. A quorum was present (Ajose, Elo-Rivera, Hetts and Alternate Reyes were absent for roll call).

[Agenda Item 2 Approval of the Minutes from the May 10, 2023 Quarterly Board Meeting](#)

Thomas Vu made a motion to approve the May 10, 2023 meeting minutes; second Gavin Payne.

No public comment.

The motion carried (16-0-1, Evans abstained and Ajose, Elo-Rivera, Hetts, and Alternate Reyes were absent).

[Agenda Item 3 Swearing In of New Board Member, Nathan Evans, California State University](#)

Miriam Barcellona Ingenito, Undersecretary of the Government Operations Agency, presented this item.

[Agenda Item 4 Update on the Cradle-to-Career Office](#)

Mary Ann Bates, Executive Director, presented this item.

[Agenda Item 5 Update, Discussion, Public Comment, and Possible Action on the Data and Tools and Community Engagement Advisory Boards Slated Candidates and the Selection Ad Hoc Committee Meetings](#)

Gavin Payne, Ad Hoc Committee Chair, presented this item.

Public comment:

Mike Nguyen, University of California, Berkeley undergraduate student.

Meredith Curry-Nuñez, Northern California College Promise Coalition.

Marisol Aviña made a motion to approve the proposed candidates and runners up for the Data and Tools and Community Engagement Advisory Boards as specified in the staff report; second Jerry Winkler.

The motion carried unanimously (17-0; Ajose, Elo-Rivera, Hetts, and Alternate Reyes were absent).

[Agenda Item 6](#) [Update on the Teacher Training and Retention Dashboard](#)

Mary Ann Bates, Executive Director, presented this item.

Public comment:

Angelica Salizar, Senior Policy Advocate, Public Advocates.

Raquel Morales, Education Trust – West.

Manuel Buenrostro, Californians Together.

[Agenda Item 7](#) [Invitation for Future Updates from Data Providers](#)

Amy Fong, Chair, presented this item.

[Agenda Item 8](#) [Presentation on California Department of Education Data Contributions to the Cradle-to-Career Data System](#)

Mary Nicely, Chief Deputy Superintendent of Public Instruction, presented this item.

Public comment:

Raquel Morales, Education Trust – West.

[Agenda Item 9](#) [Update, Discussion, Public Comment, and Possible Action on the Strategic Plan and the Strategic Planning Ad Hoc Committee Meetings](#)

Robert Tagorda, Ad Hoc Committee Chair, presented this item.

Chris Furgiuele made a motion to approve the goal and objectives for Analytical Data, Engagement, Operations, and Practical Tools as specified in the staff report; second Meredith Lee.

No public comment.

The motion carried unanimously (17-0; Ajose, Elo-Rivera, Hetts, and Alternate Reyes were absent).

Agenda Item 10 Discussion, Public Comment, and Possible Action on the Cradle-to-Career 12-month Work Plan

Mary Ann Bates, Executive Director, presented this item.

David DeGuire made a motion to approve the 2023-24 annual work plan as presented; second Nathan Evans.

No public comment.

The motion carried unanimously (18-0; Ajose, Elo-Rivera, and Hetts were absent).

Agenda Item 11 Update, Discussion, Public Comment, and Possible Action on the Budget Change Concept

Lesley Taylor, Director of Operations, presented this item.

Gavin Payne made a motion to approve the proposed budget change concept as specified in the staff report; second John Ohanian.

No public comment.

The motion carried unanimously (18-0; Ajose, Elo-Rivera, and Hetts were absent).

[Agenda Item 12 Presentation and Preview of the Report the Legislature](#)
Shannon Serrato, Director of Engagement, presented this item.

[Agenda Item 13 Approval of the Minutes from the June 9, 2023 Strategic Planning Ad Hoc Committee Meeting](#)

Amy Fong, Chair, presented this item.

Jessica Moldoff made a motion to approve the June 9, 2023 Committee meeting minutes; second Thomas Vu.

No public comment.

The motion carried unanimously (7-0).

[Agenda Item 14 Approval of the Minutes from the June 23, 2023 Advisory Boards Selection Ad Hoc Committee Meeting](#)

Amy Fong, Chair, presented this item.

Marisol Aviña made a motion to approve the June 23, 2023 Committee meeting minutes; second Gavin Payne.

No public comment.

The motion carried (3-0-1; Cochrane abstained).

[Agenda Item 15 Update from the Data and Tools and Community Engagement Advisory Boards Joint Meeting](#)

Michelle Cheang, Community Engagement Advisory Board member, presented this item.

[Agenda Item 16 Update on eTranscript California Stakeholder Interviews](#)

Judy Chan, Deputy Director of Digital Services, presented this item.

Agenda Item 17 Update, Discussion, Public Comment, and Possible Action on a Policy for Requesting an Increase to Executive Director's Salary

Julia Blair, General Counsel, presented this item.

John Ohanian made a motion to adopt the proposed policy governing requesting an increase to the Executive Director's salary; second Deborah Cochrane.

No public comment.

The motion carried unanimously (18-0; AJose, Elo-Rivera, and Hetts were absent).

Agenda Item 18 Update, Discussion, Public Comment, and Possible Action for the Formation of an Ad Hoc Committee for Executive Director Review

Marykate Cruz Jones, Chief of Strategic Initiatives and Partnerships, presented this item.

Jerry Winkler made a motion to approve the Committee charter, designate five Board members, including the Board Chair to form the Ad Hoc Committee, and authorize the Committee to develop a recommended performance evaluation process, and upon adoption of the process by the Board, to implement the performance evaluation; second John Ohanian.

No public comment.

The motion carried unanimously (18-0; AJose, Elo-Rivera, and Hetts were absent).

Agenda Item 19 Update, Discussion, Public Comment, and Possible Action on Consideration of an Increase to Executive Director Salary

Amy Fong, Chair, presented this item.

Meredith Lee made a motion to recommend that the Board request a five percent (5%) increase to the Executive Director's salary and authorize the Board Chair to work with the Director of Operations, Lesley Taylor, and General Counsel, Julia Blair, to complete the process required to make this request; second Javier Romero.

No public comment.

The motion carried (17-0-1; Evans abstained, Ajose, Elo-Rivera, and Hetts were absent).

[Agenda Item 20 Discussion and Possible Action on 2024 Proposed Governing Board Meeting Dates](#)

Marykate Cruz Jones, Chief of Strategic Initiatives and Partnerships, presented this item.

Nathan Evans made a motion to approve the 2024 Board meeting dates as presented; second Marisol Aviña.

No public comment.

The motion carried unanimously (17-0; Ajose, Elo-Rivera, Hetts, and Lee were absent).

[Agenda Item 22 Future Agenda Items](#)

Amy Fong, Chair, presented this item.

No public comment.

[Agenda Item 23 Elections for Chair Elect](#)

Amy Fong, Chair, presented this item.

Robert Tagorda made a motion to approve Gavin Payne for Chair Elect of the Board; second John Ohanian.

No public comment.

The motion carried unanimously (17-0; Ajose, Elo-Rivera, Hetts, and Alternate Mar were absent).

Agenda Item 21 General Public Comment

No public comment.

Agenda Item 24 Adjournment

Robert Tagorda, Chair, adjourned the meeting at 2:10 p.m.