

# Cradle-to-Career System Governing Board Meeting

February 22, 2022

This document provides a summary of the key points that emerged from the February 22, 2022 Cradle-to-Career (C2C) Governing Board Meeting. More information about the meeting, including support materials, a recording of the meeting, and the PowerPoint, are available at <https://c2c.ca.gov/board-meetings/>.

The following Board Members, or their designees, attended the meeting:

- Amy Fong, Board Chair, California School Information Services
- Alejandra Acosta, alternate for Su Jin Jez, California Competes
- Lande Ajose, Public Policy Institute of California
- Sylvia Alva, California State University
- Marisol Aviña, California Endowment
- Catalina Cifuentes, Riverside County Office of Education
- Deborah Cochrane, Bureau for Private Postsecondary Education
- David DeGuire, Commission on Teacher Credentialing
- Chris Furgiele, University of California
- Danté Golden, alternate for Senator John Laird, California State Senate
- John Hetts, California Community College Chancellor's Office
- Jacqui Irwin, California State Assembly
- Meredith Lee, University of California, Berkeley
- John Ohanian, California Health and Human Services Agency
- Gavin Payne, GPC Advisors
- Patrick Perry, California Student Aid Commission
- Robert Tagorda, Revival Strategy Consulting
- Thomas Vu, Association of Independent California Colleges
- Javier Romero, California Labor and Workforce Development Agency
- Jerry Winkler, California Department of Education

## Welcome and Swearing In

Government Operations Agency Secretary Yolanda Richardson welcomed meeting attendees and sworn in member Javier Romero, and alternates Alejandra Acosta, Danté Golden.

Board Chair Amy Fong, California School Information Services, welcomed the group and gave an overview of the agenda. Kathy Booth, with WestEd, described the decision-making matrix for the Board Members, which includes a three-value agreement scale. Board Members may agree with a resolution by either voting "yes," or "yes with reservations." They may disagree by voting

“no,” or they may abstain. Any Board Members voting “yes with reservations,” “no,” or “abstain” will provide an explanation that will be recorded in the meeting minutes

## Executive Director’s Remarks

Mary Ann Bates, the Executive Director of C2C, presented information about progress hiring the C2C team. She then outlined first-year priorities for the data system including scaling tools provided by the California Colleges Guidance Initiative, procuring the data warehouse components for the analytical tools, finalizing legal agreements with the data providers, engaging the broader community, and seating the two advisory boards.

## Public Comment on the Conflict-of-Interest Policy, proposed Advisory Board Members, California Colleges Guidance Initiative (CCGI), Teacher Dashboard, and draft Governance Manual

Angela Perry, from The Institute for College Access & Success stated her organization’s support for the data system’s endeavors and hopes to support the Data & Tools Advisory Board.

## Demonstration of CCGI

The following presenters gave a demonstration of CCGI:

- Tessa Carmen de Roy, CCGI
- Ana Castillo, High School Senior
- Erika Bennett, Riverside County Office of Education
- April Grommo, California State University, Chancellor’s Office
- Gina Sandoval, Fresno Unified School District

Highlights of the presentation included clarifying how existing college and career exploration tools and financial aid curriculum helped a first-generation student complete applications, a review of how college eligibility tools help high school counselors manage high caseloads, a demonstration of how CCGI tools and technical assistance can help to identify and correct errors in a-g course flags, and an explanation of how the transcript data supports the application process at CSU. Board Members were also informed on progress toward scaling goals with several state agencies and potential additional ways that CCGI’s tools could support state priorities.

A question and answer session followed the presentation. Topics included clarifying how local education agencies are supported to fix errors in a-g flags, ensuring that students can still use the tools if they do not go directly to college, flagging the need to provide resources to adults

seeking to go to college, establishing interest in providing links to applications used by independent colleges, and noting that CCGI's tools (together with the proposal to scale eTranscript California as part of C2C) might be helpful to identify and support dual enrollment students.

## Information on the Scope of the Proposed Teacher Retention and Training Dashboard Scope

The following presenters presented on the proposed Teacher Retention and Training Dashboard Scope:

- Joy Bonaguro, Government Operations Agency
- Amy Fong, C2C Board Chair,
- Mary Vixie Sandy, California Commission on Teacher Credentialing
- Jonathan Isler, California Commission on Teacher Credentialing
- Paul Tuss, California Commission on Teacher Credentialing

A question and answer session followed the presentation. Topics included the possibility of including independent colleges in the dashboard and the need to pair the dashboard with opportunities for researchers to conduct more nuanced analyses.

## Information on the Advisory Board Member Application Process

Amy Fong, Board Chair, presented information on the application process to select members for the Data & Tools Advisory Board and the Community Engagement Advisory Board.

The two C2C Advisory Boards are:

- Data and Tools Advisory Board: ensures that the data tools provide actionable information and identifies ways to improve access to that information.
- Community Engagement Advisory Board: ensures there are strong feedback loops with data users to support evidence-based decision-making, analytical capacity, and equitable access to actionable information.

C2C will develop the application and scoring rubric based on proposed activities of the advisory boards. Then, C2C will post the application on its website and other relevant job-posting sites. The C2C Board Chair and C2C staff will review applications and develop a list of recommended candidates for the ad hoc committee to review applications. Finally, the C2C Board Chair will present the recommended advisory board members to the C2C Governing Board for approval.

The following Board Members expressed interest in joining an ad hoc committee to assist with the application process:

- Marisol Aviña
- Catalina Cifuentes
- Debbie Cochrane
- John Hetts
- Patrick Perry
- Javier Romero
- Robert Tagorda
- Thomas Vu
- Jerry Winkler

## Governance Manual

Amy Fong, Board Chair, and Kathy Booth, WestEd, presented information about the Governance Manual and explained that the manual is intended to be a living document that guides the Board Members and complements other types of documentation such as policies, legal agreements, and legislation. The content of the initial board manual includes recommendations from the planning process, paired with information from the authorizing legislation and public meeting rules. Members of the board asked clarifying questions about the process for requesting data, which Kathy Booth explained was documented in a separate data request process that was developing during the planning process.

Board Members made suggestions about additional content that could be crafted by an ad hoc committee including how ad hoc committees will be formed, how quorum will be established, processes for adding new data providers and the implications for the Governing Board size, and timing for amending the manual.

### **VOTE FOR THE GOVERNANCE MANUAL**

Gavin Payne, GPC Advisors, moved to adopt the Governance Manual.

Thomas Vu, Association of Independent California Colleges, seconded the motion.

Seventeen Board Members voted yes.

Two Board Members voted yes, with reservations:

- Sylvia Alva, California State University, recommended that specific time parameters be set for revisions and that additional policies be established for data sharing.

- Jerry Winkler, California Department of Education, recommended that the manual needs to state more clearly that it is non-binding and that the Board will have additional policies and procedures.

There were no abstentions.

### Conflict-of-Interest Policy

Ron Marryott, C2C, presented the C2C Conflict-of-Interest Policy for the Board's approval. There were no questions from the Board Members.

### **VOTE FOR THE CONFLICT-OF-INTEREST POLICY**

Gavin Payne, GPC Advisors, moved to approve the policy.

Sylvia Alva, California State University, seconded the motion.

All Board Members approved with no abstentions.

### Adjournment

Board Chair Amy Fong adjourned the meeting.