

Incoming Board Chair Statement: Robert Garcia Tagorda

I formally request consideration of my candidacy for Incoming Board Chair of the Cradle-to-Career Data System.

In California, we have a monumental opportunity to build a world-class system that supports students and families, especially those with the greatest needs. I am committed to collaborating with my fellow Governing Board Members and our management team to fulfill this mission.

Over the past several months, I have had the privilege of serving on both the Governance Manual and Advisory Board Ad Hoc Committees. I have contributed my expertise in strategic planning to help ensure that our entire organization is structured for sustainable excellence, and I have drawn from my experience in stakeholder engagement to support the selection of a diverse group of potential advisors. I believe that my active participation in these critical tasks have prepared me for the Incoming Board Chair role.

Moreover, I have fifteen years of school system leadership experience from one of the largest districts in our state. I have spearheaded partnerships between P-12, higher education, workforce, nonprofit, and civic institutions, most notably a “College Promise” initiative that earned the Governor’s Innovation Award in 2015. I have managed \$40 million of services for students, parents, and schools. I bring a local, independent, and practice-driven perspective that would be beneficial to the Incoming Board Chair role.

Biography

Robert Garcia Tagorda is the Founder and CEO of Revival Strategy Consulting, which focuses on strategic planning, program redesign, and postsecondary success for educational organizations. He previously served as the Executive Director of Equity, Access, and College and Career Readiness at the Long Beach Unified School District, where he led the Long Beach College Promise.