

Cradle-to-Career Data and Tools and Community Engagement Advisory Boards Staff Report

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Attention: Members of Data and Tools and Community
Engagement Advisory Boards
Subject: **Update on the Selection for Advisory Boards Committee
(Agenda Item Four)**
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At this meeting, the members of the Data and Tools Advisory Board (DTAB) and Community Engagement Advisory Board (CEAB) will have the opportunity to receive an overview of the selection process for new Advisory Board members and hear updates from the Selection for Advisory Boards Committee (Committee).

Requested Action:

There is no requested action for this item. This is an informational item only.

Background:

At the February 28, 2025 Governing Board meeting, the Committee [charter](#) was approved, and five Governing Board members were designated to form the Committee. The role of the Committee is to finalize selection and recruitment materials, as well as to identify a candidate pool for Governing Board approval. Member González-Vásquez is the Chair of this Committee, and Governing Board members Jez, Nellum, Sullivan, and Vu serve on this Committee.

Selection Process for New Advisory Board Members:

The following members of the Data and Tools Advisory Board will cycle off in August: Jason Borgen, Tamika Connor, Regan Foust, Heather Hough, Laura

Owen, and Vikash Reddy, resulting in six vacancies. The following members of the Community Engagement Advisory Board will cycle off in August: Michelle Cheang, Parshan Khosravi, Orquidea Largo, Jackie Nevarez, Lisa Rodriguez, and Sbeydeh Viveros-Walton, resulting in six vacancies. The term for the new positions will be from 2025 through 2028.

[April 28, 2025 Committee Meeting:](#)

At this meeting, the Committee approved and provided input on the application, rubric, and selection process plan. In addition, the Committee further deliberated on the ideal populations for appointment and prioritization of future candidate categories for Advisory Boards.

The 2025 Advisory Boards application forms were posted on the Cradle-to-Career Data's (C2C) website from April 29, 2025 through May 19, 2025 at 11:59 p.m. for interested candidates to apply. The application was available in English and Spanish. The Office of Cradle-to-Career Data (Office) hosted a [Community Conversation](#) on April 24, 2025 to discuss the Advisory Board application process and provide resources to members of the public.

[June 27, 2025 Committee Meeting:](#)

In an effort to seat diverse Advisory Boards, the Office drafted a comprehensive and strategic [outreach plan](#), approved by the Committee. The Office looked to the Governing Board and current Advisory Board members to assist in the

promotion of the application period. In total, the Office received [38¹ DTAB applications²](#) and [56³ CEAB applications](#).

Based on the applications received and the [Governance Manual's](#) guidance to aim for diverse perspectives and backgrounds, it is the task of the Committee to review the applications, seeking unique individuals and keeping in mind the vacancies identified. The Committee will reconvene on June 27, 2025 to determine slating and rank-order runner up candidates. The Governing Board will have final approval at the August 15, 2025 Governing Board meeting.

¹ The [Governance Manual](#) outlines, a person who works for an organization or person represented on the Governing Board may not be selected to serve on an Advisory Board. An organization is defined as a state agency or representative of a segment, as opposed to providers that report to an agency. In addition, pursuant to Government Code Section 1062, Advisory Board members must be California residents. **The Office received** four **additional** applications **that** were not reviewed by the Committee as they did not meet the established eligibility criteria.

² On June 23, 2025, the Office received a request from a Data and Tools Advisory Board applicant to withdraw their application for consideration for appointment.

³ Refer to footnote one. **The Office received** two **additional** applications **that** were not reviewed by the Committee as they did not meet the established eligibility criteria.