



Cradle-to-Career Data Governing Board

August 15, 2025

Meeting Minutes

Members Present:

Robert G. Tagorda, Vice-Chair

Catalina Cifuentes

Deborah Cochran

Nathan Evans, EdD*

Chris Furgiuele

Ana Luz González-Vásquez, PhD

John Hetts, PhD

Su Jin Jez, PhD

Meredith Lee, PhD

Jessica Moldoff, PhD

Christopher J. Nellum, PhD

Javier Romero, *entered meeting at 11:15 a.m., exited meeting at 3:50 p.m. and reentered meeting at 4:06 p.m.*

Gregory Scull

Brian G. Soublet, JD

Liberty Van Natten

Thomas Vu

**Pursuant to Government Code section [11123.5](#) this member participated via teleconference from a remote location.*

Designees Present:

Brandon Bjerke for Jacqui Irwin, *exited meeting at 12:39 p.m. and reentered meeting at 1:30 p.m.*

Agnieszka Rykaczewska for John Ohanian

Members Absent:

Gavin Payne, Chair

John Laird

Erin C. Sullivan

Agenda Item 1 Call to Order, Establishment of Quorum, and Welcome

Robert G. Tagorda, Vice-Chair, called the meeting of the Cradle-to-Career Governing Board to order on August 15, 2025 at 9:39 a.m. A quorum was present.

Agenda Item 2 Elections for the Cradle-to-Career Governing Board Chair and Vice-Chair

Robert G. Tagorda, Vice-Chair, presented this item.

Deborah Cochrane made a motion to approve Gavin Payne for Chair of the Board and Robert G. Tagorda for Vice-Chair of the Board; second Christopher J. Nellum.

No public comment.

The motion carried (17-0; Romero absent for vote).

Agenda Item 3 Update from the Cradle-to-Career Governing Board Vice-Chair and the Office of Cradle-to-Career Data Executive Director

Robert G. Tagorda, Vice-Chair, Mary Ann Bates, Executive Director, and Shannon Serrato, Director of Engagement, presented this item.

Agenda Item 4 Presentation on California College Guidance Initiative Work

Mary Aguayo, Chief Executive Officer, presented this item.

Agenda Item 5 Update, Discussion, Public Comment, and Possible Action on
the Future Operations of the Office of Cradle-to-Career Data

Robert G. Tagorda, Vice-Chair, and Mary Ann Bates, Executive Director,
presented this item.

John Hetts made a motion to approve, per Education Code Section 10862 (c),
the continued operations of the Office beyond July 1, 2026 with no future sunset
date based on the review of the appropriateness and efficacy of the Office
continuing to be housed under the GovOps, and approve the related
resolution; second Jessica Moldoff.

Public Comment:

Raquel Morales, Education Trust West.

The motion carried (18-0).

Agenda Item 6 Approval of Consent Calendar

Robert G. Tagorda, Vice-Chair, presented this item.

Thomas Vu made a motion to approve the consent calendar as presented;
second Brian G. Soublet.

No public comment.

The motion carried (18-0).

Agenda Item 13 General Public Comment

Raquel Morales, Education Trust West.

Agenda Item 7 Update, Discussion, Public Comment, and Possible Action on
the Cradle-to-Career Data Budget Change Concept,
Strategic Plan, and 12-month Work Plan

Mary Ann Bates, Executive Director, and Lesley Taylor, Director of Operations,
presented this item.

Motion One: Deborah Cochrane made a motion to approve the areas of
resource needs specified in the staff report, delegate the Board Chair and
Vice-Chair to work with the Office to create and submit a multi-year budget
request aligned to the areas of resource needs, and authorize the Office to
finalize the request in collaboration with Government Operations Agency
(GovOps) leadership and the Department of Finance and to make any related
changes to the final request; second Su Jin Jez.

Public Comment:

Jennifer Cano, Alliance for a Better Community.

Linda Kaminski, Loyola Miramont University and Equity Coalition.

Robert Manwaring, Children Now.

The motion carried (18-0).

Motion Two: Javier Romero made a motion to approve the 2025-2026 annual
work plan as presented; second Su Jin Jez.

Public Comment:

Raquel Morales, Education Trust West.

Shelly Spiegel-Coleman, Californians Together.

Sally Fox, California Association for Bilingual Education.

The motion carried (18-0).

Agenda Item 8 Presentation on Association of Independent California Colleges and Universities Contributions to the Cradle-to-Career Data System

Thomas Vu, Governing Board Member, presented this item.

Agenda Item 9 Update, Discussion, Public Comment, and Possible Action on the College Assessment Data Points in the P20W Dataset and Deletion of Parental Education Level from the California Department of Education Data Elements in the P20W Dataset

Ryan Estrellado, Director of Data Programs, presented this item.

No action taken.

Agenda Item 10 Update and Discussion on the Cradle-to-Career Data Research Request Process, Phase One of the Cradle-to-Career Data Query Builder, and the Data and Tools and Community Engagement Advisory Boards Joint Meeting

Ryan Estrellado, Director of Data Programs, Ana Luz González-Vásquez, PhD, Governing Board Member, and Christopher J. Nellum, PhD, Governing Board Member, presented this item.

Agenda Item 11 Update, Discussion, Public Comment, and Possible Action on the Community Engagement and Data and Tools Advisory Boards Slated Candidates and the Selection for Advisory Boards Committee Meeting.

Ana Luz González-Vásquez, PhD, Committee Chair, presented this item.

Brian G. Soublet made a motion to approve the proposed candidates and runners up for the Data and Tools Advisory Board as specified in Attachment A of the staff report and the proposed candidates and runners up for the Community Engagement Advisory Board as specified in Attachment B; second Meredith Lee.

Public Comment:

Thoibi Rublaitus, Corona-Norco Unified School District.

Juliet M. Maestas, EdD, Hoopa Valley Tribe.

The motion carried (18-0).

[Agenda Item 12](#) [Approval of the Minutes from the June 27, 2025 Selection for Advisory Boards Committee Meeting](#)

Robert G. Tagorda, Vice-Chair, presented this item.

Thomas Vu made a motion to approve the Selection for Advisory Boards Committee meeting minutes from June 27, 2025; second Ana Luz González-Vásquez.

Public Comment:

Adele McClain, Apple Valley Unified School District.

The motion carried (4-0). *This vote was limited to Selection for Advisory Boards Committee members only.*

[Agenda Item 13](#) [General Public Comment](#)

Raquel Morales, Education Trust West.

Michelle Ransom, University of California, San Diego.

[Agenda Item 14](#) [Adjournment](#)

Robert G. Tagorda, Vice-Chair, adjourned the meeting at 4:18 p.m.