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## Community Engagement Advisory Board October 24, 2025 Meeting Minutes

### Members Present:

Durriya Ahmed

Omar Butler

Lisa Countryman-Quiroz, *exited meeting at 11:28 a.m.*

Lorenzo Gamboa, EdD

Natalia Gonzalez

Adam Gottlieb

Abigail Grattidge

Marisa Johnson

Dar'rell Jones

Karina Lopez, *entered meeting at 10:13 a.m.*

Carla Lopez-Valdes, EdD

Juliet M. Maestas, EdD

Danielle McCullough-Carmesin

Mike Nguyen

Vincent J. Rasso

Alexis Takagi, EdD

*Pursuant to Government Code section [11123.5](#) this meeting was held by teleconference and members joined from remote locations.*

[Agenda Item 1](#)    [Call to Order, Establishment of Quorum, and Welcome](#)  
Marykate Cruz Jones, Chief of Strategic Initiatives and Partnerships, called the meeting of the Community Engagement Advisory Board to order on October 24, 2025 at 10:07 a.m. A quorum was present.

[Agenda Item 2](#)    [Introduction of New Community Engagement Advisory Board Members](#)

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

[Agenda Item 3](#)    [Approval of the Community Engagement Advisory Board Consent Calendar](#)

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

Natalia Gonzalez made a motion to approve the Community Engagement Advisory Board consent calendar as presented; second Lorenzo Gamboa.

*No public comment.*

The motion carried unanimously (16-0).

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

Mary Ann Bates, Executive Director, presented this item.

[Agenda Item 5](#)    [Update and Discussion on the Cradle-to-Career Data's Language Access, Accessibility, Training and Outreach Initiatives](#)

Angelique Palomar, Deputy Director of Communications, Cintia Lopez-Montes, Communications and Language Access Coordinator, Shannon Serrato, Director of Engagement, Lorenzo Gamboa, Community Engagement Advisory Board Member, and Marisa Johnson, Community Engagement Advisory Board Member, presented this item.

Agenda Item 6    Presentation and Discussion of the 2025 Cradle-to-Career  
Community Engagement Advisory Board Proposal Process

Marykate Cruz Jones, Chief of Strategic Initiatives and Partnerships, Christopher J. Nellum, PhD, Governing Board Member, and Alexandra Lozanoff, Senior Project Manager, Economic Mobility, Postsecondary, and Workforce Systems, WestEd, presented this item.

Agenda Item 7    Report out of Community Ambassador Work of Advisory  
Board Members Related to Cradle-to-Career Mission and  
Vision

Marykate Cruz Jones, Chief of Strategic Initiatives and Partnerships, and Angelique Palomar, Deputy Director of Communications, presented this item.

Agenda Item 8    General Public Comment

*No public comment.*

Agenda Item 9    Adjournment

Marykate Cruz Jones, Chief of Strategic Initiatives and Partnerships, adjourned the meeting at 1:57 p.m.