



Data and Tools Advisory Board

March 25, 2026

Meeting Minutes

Members Present:

Tina Cheuk, PhD

Ritu Khanna, PhD

Renay Mehta

Daniel Millán, PhD

Helen Norris, *exited meeting at 11:52 a.m.*

Myrtha Ortiz Villar, *exited meeting at 10:33 a.m. and reentered meeting at 10:34 a.m. Exited meeting at 12:05 p.m. and reentered meeting at 12:08 p.m.*

Diana Phuong

Lauren Reed, PhD

Jacob (Oliver) Schak

Cameron Schmidt-Temple, *exited meeting at 1:30 p.m.*

Iulia Tarasova

Viviana Unda, PhD

John B. Watson, PhD

Winnie Yee

Members Absent:

Lisa Catanzarite, PhD

Diana Harlick

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 Data and Tools Advisory Board to order on March 25, 2026 at 10:06 a.m. A quorum was present.

Agenda Item 2 **Approval of the Data and Tools Advisory Board Consent Calendar**

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

Iulia Tarasova made a motion to approve the Data and Tools Advisory Board consent calendar as presented; second Renay Mehta.

No public comment.

The motion carried (14-0).

Agenda Item 3 **Update on the Office of California Cradle-to-Career Data System**

Mary Ann Bates, Executive Director, and Marykate Cruz Jones, Chief of Strategic Initiatives and Partnerships, presented this item.

Agenda Item 4 **Presentation on and Discussion of the California Cradle-to-Career Data System Data Dictionary**

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

Agenda Item 5 **Review of the California Cradle-to-Career Data System Five Year Anniversary Overview and Key Highlights**

Shannon Serrato, Director of Engagement, presented this item.

Agenda Item 6 **Presentation on and Discussion of the Draft Data and Tools Advisory Board Proposals Report and Feasibility Studies**

Ryan Estrellado, Director of Data Programs, Ana Luz González-Vásquez, PhD, Governing Board Member, Tina Cheuk, PhD, Data and Tools Advisory Board Member, Daniel Millán, PhD, Data and Tools Advisory Board Member, and Kathy

Booth, Project Director, 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 California Cradle-to-Career Data System Mission and Vision](#)

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

[Agenda Item 8](#) [General Public Comment](#)

Liza Chu, Data4ThePeople Coalition.

Angela Estrada, Public Advocates and California Affordable Student Housing Coalition.

[Agenda Item 9](#) [Adjournment](#)

Marykate Cruz Jones, Chief of Strategic Initiatives and Partnerships, adjourned the meeting at 2:04 p.m.