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Data and Insights
to Advance
Equitable Futures

Community Engagement Advisory Board

April 8, 2026

Meeting Minutes

Members Present:

Durriya Ahmed, exited meeting at 11:55 a.m. and reentered meeting at 12:00 p.m. Exited meeting at 12:31 p.m. and reentered meeting at 12:48 p.m.

Omar Butler, entered meeting at 10:06 a.m. and exited meeting at 12:04 p.m.

Lorenzo Gamboa, EdD

Natalia Gonzalez, exited meeting at 10:00 a.m. and reentered meeting at 10:30 a.m. Exited meeting at 11:14 a.m. and reentered meeting at 11:17 a.m.

Exited meeting at 12:07 p.m. and reentered meeting at 12:13 p.m. Exited meeting at 12:31 p.m. and reentered at 12:48 p.m.

Adam Gottlieb

Abigail Grattidge, exited meeting at 11:17 a.m. and reentered meeting at 11:20 a.m.

Marisa Johnson

Dar'rell Jones

Carla Lopez-Valdes, EdD

Juliet M. Maestas, EdD, exited meeting at 11:01 a.m. and reentered meeting at 11:55 a.m.

Mike Nguyen

Vincent J. Rasso, exited meeting at 11:50 a.m. and reentered meeting at 11:53 a.m.

Alexis Takagi, EdD, entered meeting at 12:09 p.m. and exited meeting at 1:10 p.m. Reentered meeting at 1:21 p.m. and exited meeting at 1:30 p.m.

Members Absent:

Lisa Countryman-Quiroz

Karina Lopez

Danielle McCullough-Carmesin

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 April 8, 2026 at 10:06 a.m. A quorum was present.

Agenda Item 2 Approval of the Community Engagement Advisory Board Consent Calendar

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

Vincent J. Rasso made a motion to approve the Community Engagement Advisory Board consent calendar as presented; second Durriya Ahmed.

No public comment.

The motion carried (12-0; Takagi absent for vote).

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 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 5 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 6 Presentation on and Discussion of the Draft Community
Engagement Advisory Board Proposals Report and Feasibility
Studies

Ryan Estrellado, Director of Data Programs, Christopher J. Nellum, PhD, Governing Board Member, Dar'rell Jones, Community Engagement Advisory Board Member, Carla Lopez-Valdes, EdD, Community Engagement Advisory 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 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

No public comment.

Agenda Item 9 Adjournment

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