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California Cradle-to-Career Data System Governing Board

May 20, 2026

Meeting Minutes

Members Present:

Gavin Payne, Chair

Robert G. Tagorda, Vice-Chair

Catalina Cifuentes*, *exited meeting at 10:22 a.m. and reentered meeting at 10:26 a.m. Exited and reentered meeting at 2:24 p.m.*

Nathan Evans, EdD

Chris Furguele, *exited meeting at 2:42 p.m. and reentered meeting at 2:44 p.m.*

Ana Luz González-Vásquez, PhD

John Hetts, PhD

Su Jin Jez, PhD

Meredith Lee, PhD

Jessica Moldoff, PhD

Christopher J. Nellum, PhD, *entered meeting at 9:37 a.m. Reentered meeting at 1:09 p.m.*

Javier Romero, *exited meeting at 10:33 a.m. and reentered meeting at 10:35 a.m.*

Gregory Scull

Brian G. Soublet, JD

Erin C. Sullivan, *exited meeting at 10:23 a.m. and reentered meeting at 10:25 a.m. Exited meeting at 11:59 a.m. and reentered meeting at 12:04 p.m. Reentered meeting at 1:06 p.m.*

Liberty Van Natten

Thomas Vu, *exited meeting at 10:26 a.m. and reentered meeting at 10:30 a.m. Exited meeting at 12:00 p.m and reentered meeting at 1:04 p.m.*

*Pursuant to Government Code section [11123.2](#) this member participated via teleconference from a remote location.

Designees Present:

Tobias Uptain-Villa for Christopher Cabaldon

Elizabeth Elias for Bureau for Private Postsecondary Education

Evan Rhoderick for Jacqui Irwin, *exited meeting at 12:11 p.m. and reentered meeting at 1:06 p.m.*

Agnieszka Rykaczewska for California Health and Human Services

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

Gavin Payne, Chair, called the meeting of the California Cradle-to-Career Data System Governing Board to order on May 20, 2026 at 9:38 a.m. A quorum was present.

Agenda Item 2 Update from the Governing Board Chair and Executive Director

Gavin Payne, Chair, and Mary Ann Bates, Executive Director, presented this item.

Agenda Item 3 Presentation on Incubation

Jeffery Marino, Director of the Office of Data and Innovation and Andrew King, Deputy Director of Data Operations Strategy, Office of Data and Innovation, presented this item.

Agenda Item 4 Presentation on the Advancements of the Data System and Update, Discussion, Public Comment, and Possible Action on the Inclusion of New Data Points in the P20W Dataset from the Employment Development Department

Ryan Estrellado, Director of Data Programs, and Dan Lamoree, Director of Data Infrastructure, presented this item.

Robert G. Tagorda made a motion to approve the additional data points from the Employment Development Department to the P20W data set, as presented, and adopt the related resolution; second Brian G. Soublet.

No public comment.

The motion carried unanimously (21-0).

Agenda Item 5 Update on A-G Requirements and Data Availability

Mary Aguayo, Chief Executive Officer, California College Guidance Initiative, presented this item.

Agenda Item 10 Approval of Consent Calendar

Gavin Payne, Chair, presented this item.

Erin C. Sullivan made a motion to approve the consent calendar as presented; second John Hetts.

No public comment.

The motion carried (19-0-1; Vu absent for vote and Nellum abstained).

Agenda Item 11 Approval of the Minutes from the April 29, 2026 Strategic Planning Committee Meeting

Gavin Payne, Chair, presented this item.

Meredith Lee made a motion to approve the Strategic Planning Committee meeting minutes from April 29, 2026; second Liberty Van Natten.

No public comment.

The motion carried (3-0). *This vote was limited to Strategic Planning Committee members only.*

Agenda Item 12 General Public Comment

No public comment.

Agenda Item 6 Discussion, Public Comment, and Possible Action on the Feasibility Report on Operational Tools

Judy Chan, Deputy Director of Data Programs, presented this item.

John Hetts made a motion to endorse the feasibility report and adopt the related resolution as written by the Office, which will submit the report to the Legislature and Governor; second Nathan Evans.

No public comment.

The motion carried unanimously (21-0).

[Agenda Item 7](#) [Discussion, Public Comment, and Possible Action on the Strategic Plan](#)

Gavin Payne, Chair, Mary Ann Bates, Executive Director, and Roni Jones, Leading Resources Inc., presented this item.

Robert G. Tagorda made a motion to approve the proposed strategic plan as presented in Attachment A of the staff report; second Brian G. Soublet.

No public comment.

The motion carried unanimously (21-0).

[Agenda Item 9](#) [Discussion and Public Comment on the Community Engagement Advisory Board Spring Meeting and 2025 Proposals](#)

Christopher J. Nellum, PhD, Governing Board Member, Carla Lopez-Valdes, EdD, Community Engagement Advisory Board Member, and Ryan Estrellado, Director of Data Programs, presented this item.

No public comment.

[Agenda Item 8](#) [Discussion and Public Comment on the Data and Tools Advisory Board 2025 Proposals and Spring Meeting](#)

Ana Luz González-Vásquez, PhD, Governing Board Member, Daniel Millán, PhD, Data and Tools Advisory Board Member, and Ryan Estrellado, Director of Data Programs, presented this item.

Public Comment:

Jessica Sawko, Children Now.

Angela Estrada, Public Advocates.

Eduardo Gutiérrez, Early Edge California.

Benito Aranda-Comer, Education Trust West.

Sally Fox, California Association for Bilingual Education (CABE).

Sarah Bouabibsa, The Institute for College Access and Success (TICAS).

Sarah Lillis, Teach Plus California and California Educator Diversity Action Network.

Roy Tongilava, Education Trust West and Data for the People Coalition.

[Agenda Item 12](#) [General Public Comment](#)

No public comment.

[Agenda Item 13](#) [Adjournment](#)

Gavin Payne, Chair, adjourned the meeting at 3:05 p.m.