

CALIFORNIA STUDENT AID COMMISSION

OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

November 19, 2018



NOTICE OF MEETING CALIFORNIA STUDENT AID COMMISSION

A meeting of the California Student Aid Commission (Commission) will be held on Thursday, November 29, 2018 at 8:30 a.m. and continuing on Friday, November 30, 2018 at 9:00 a.m. at the Commission's Boardroom, 11040 White Rock Road, Rancho Cordova, CA 95670.

Members of the public who are interested in viewing and listening to the open session portions of this meeting may do so by streaming the meeting over the internet using the following link:

<http://www.ustream.tv/channel/california-student-aid-commission>

NOTE: Participants streaming the meeting over the internet will not be able to offer comments, ask questions, or otherwise participate in the meeting.

The Commission will meet to discuss and may take action on the following items:

AGENDA

Thursday, November 29, 2018 – 8:30 a.m.

Call to Order and Roll Call

Public Comment on Items not on the Agenda

Note: The Commission and/or Committee may not discuss or take action on any matter raised during this public comment section, except to decide whether to place the matter on the agenda of a future meeting (Government Code Sections 11125, 11125.7(a)).

- **Approval of Minutes of June 21-22, 2018 and September 13-14, 2018 (Action)** [Minutes](#)
- **Chair's Report**
Lande Ajose, Chair
- **Executive Director's Report** [Item 1](#)
Lupita Cortez Alcalá
- **Governance Training (Information)** [Item 2](#)
Eric Douglas, Founder and President, Leading Resources Inc. (LRI)
Jannelle Kubinec, Chief Administrative Officer, WestEd
- **California Student Aid Commission Forum on Financial Aid and Cal Grant Reform (Information)** [Item 3](#)
Debbie Cochrane, Vice President
The Institute For College Access and Success (TICAS)
Laura N. Metune, Vice Chancellor for Governmental Relations
California Community College Chancellor's Office

- **Consideration of a Cal Grant reform proposal (Action)** [Item 4](#)
Lupita Cortez Alcalá, Executive Director
David O'Brien, Director, Government Affairs
- **Election of Commission officers (Action)** [Item 5](#)
Virginia Jo Dunlap, General Counsel
- **Consideration of the 2019 Commission meeting calendar (Action)** [Item 6](#)
Keith Yamanaka, Chief Deputy Director
- **Approval of contracts over \$100,000 (Action)** [Item 7](#)
Keith Yamanaka, Chief Deputy Director

Recess for committee meetings

See agendas for:

- *Legislative, Audit and Budget Committee meeting*
- *Student Impact Committee meeting*
- *Strategic Policy and Planning Committee meeting*
- *Personnel, Evaluation and Nominations Committee meeting*

Reconvene Commission meeting

Committee Report Items

Legislative, Audit and Budget Committee Report – *Jamillah Moore, Committee Chair*

Action Item(s)

- **Consideration of legislative proposals for 2019 and update on state legislation and issues affecting Commission programs (Action)** [Item 8](#)
Brandon Biegert, Legislative Representative, Government Affairs

Information Item(s)

- **Update on federal legislation and issues affecting Commission programs (information)** [Item 9](#)
David O'Brien, Director, Government Affairs
- **Update on the Grant Delivery System Modernization Project (Information)** [Item 10](#)
Catalina Mistler, Deputy Director, Program Administration and Services Division
Gurinder Bains, Chief Information Officer, Information Technology Services Division

Student Impact Committee Report – *Alejandro Lomeli, Committee Chair*

Information Item(s)

- **Report on the Cal-SOAP Advisory Committee (Information)** [Item 11](#)
Catalina Mistler, Deputy Director, Program Administration and Services Division
Steve Caldwell, Assistant Deputy Director, Customer Relations Branch
- **Update on the African American Student Outreach Initiative (Information)** [Item 12](#)
Catalina Mistler, Deputy Director, Program Administration and Services Division
Patti Colston, Program Information Officer, Program Administration and Services Division
Gina Browne, Manager, Specialized and Outreach Programs
- **Update on the 2018-19 financial aid application period (Information)** [Item 13](#)
Catalina Mistler, Deputy Director, Program Administration and Services Division

Strategic Policy and Planning Committee Report – Nancy Anton, Committee Chair

Information Item(s)

- **Update on the Student Expenses And Resources Survey (SEARS) (Information)** [Item 14](#)
David O'Brien, Lead, Research, Evaluation and Data Unit
Dr. Jessica Moldoff, Research Analyst, Research, Evaluation and Data Unit
- **Discussion of clear communication of financial aid awards (Information)** [Item 15](#)
Catalina Mistler, Deputy Director, Program Administration and Services Division
Steve Caldwell, Assistant Deputy Director, Customer Relations Branch
A Representative of the California Policy Lab, University of California, Berkeley

Personnel, Evaluation and Nominations (PEN) Committee Report – Wm. Gregory Sawyer, Committee Chair

Closed Session

- **Personnel Matters: Under California Government Code Section 11126(a), the Personnel, Evaluation and Nominations Committee hereby provides public notice that it may meet in closed session regarding the appointment, employment, evaluation of performance, discipline, or dismissal of a public employee. For purposes of this notice, a public employee includes an individual exempt from civil service within the meaning of subdivision (e) of Section 4 of Article VII of the California Constitution. (Information/Action)** [Item 16](#)

The Commission will recess the Open Session and reconvene in Closed Session to receive the report of the Personnel, Evaluation and Nominations Committee (Information/Action)

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Reconvene Open Session

Upon completion of the CLOSED SESSION, the Commission will reconvene into OPEN SESSION and shall make any required reports.

Recess Commission meeting to Friday, November 30, 2018

Friday, November 30, 2018 – 9:00 a.m.

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- **Unfinished business from Thursday, November 29, 2018 (Information/Action)**
- **Update on Strategic Plan (Information)** [Item 18](#)
Lupita Cortez Alcalá, Executive Director
- **Cal-SOAP Project Directors Report (Information)** [Item 19](#)
Erin Gemar, Project Director, South County Gilroy Cal-SOAP Consortium
Catalina Mistler, Deputy Director, Program Administration and Services Division
Steve Caldwell, Assistant Deputy Director, Customer Relations Branch
- **Presentation of recent Commission reports and other data needs (Information)** [Item 20](#)
David O'Brien, Lead, Research, Evaluation and Data Unit
- **Report of ad hoc Commission committees (Information)**
- **New business to be considered at future meetings (Information/Action)**

Adjournment

NOTE: Items designated for information are appropriate for Commission action if the Commission wishes to take action.

This information is also available on the Commission's website at www.csac.ca.gov. For information concerning this meeting, contact Gloria Lopez by phone at (916) 464-8074 or (916) 464-8271, or by e-mail at glopez@csac.ca.gov.

Agenda items occur sequentially. When circumstances warrant, the Chair may modify the order of items as they appear on the agenda. The meeting location is accessible to the disabled. If you require special assistance, please contact Gloria Lopez at least 5 days before the meeting to make special arrangements.

Lande Ajose
Chair

Lupita Cortez Alcalá
Executive Director