



LONG BEACH REGIONAL CAL-SOAP GOVERNING BOARD

General Meeting Minutes

Thursday, September 30th, 2021 | 1:00pm-3:00pm

<https://csulb.zoom.us/j/89855808070>

I. Call to Order (J. Torres)

- a. J. Torres calls the meeting to order on Thursday, September 30th 2021 at 1:03PM.

II. Attendance Record (J. Torres)

- a. Compton Unified School District, *present*, Jorge Torres
- b. CSU Long Beach, *present*, Samuel Romero
- c. CSU Long Beach (fiscal agent), *present*, Annie Hong
- d. Educational Opportunity Center (Long Beach), *present*, Mayra Macias
- e. Long Beach Cal-SOAP, *present*, Dominica Scibetta, Ariella Jimenez
- f. Long Beach City College, *present*, Looloo Amante
- g. Long Beach Job Corps, *present*, Sandy Annino
- h. Long Beach Unified School District, *present*, Dr. Kimberly Johnson
- i. Lynwood Unified School District, *present*, David Ramirez
- j. Norwalk La Mirada District, *present*, Ryan Cummins
- k. Rio Hondo College, *present*, Brenda Beza
- l. TRIO Upward Bound (Long Beach), *present*, Curglin Robertson
- m. UC Irvine, *present*, Ashley Cheri
- n. Whittier Union High School District, *present*, Francisco Meza

III. Adopt Agenda Items (J. Torres).

- a. J. Torres presents a motion to adopt today's agenda. R. Cummins motions to approve agenda. Sandy Annino second motion. Motion is approved.

IV. Approve of Previous Minutes (J. Torres).

- a. Motion to approve [last meeting minutes](#) presented by Dr. Torres. Motion is approved.

V. Welcome/Introductions (D. Scibetta)

- a. D. Scibetta begins introductions discussing the needs assessment completed last AY and topics that were brought to her attention like professional development, financial aid completion and how to potentially enforce it as a graduation requirement.



- b. D. Scibetta introduces Mathew Elder and describes how his district launched mandated financial aid completion as a graduation requirement.
- c. D. Scibetta welcomes Dr. Kimberly Johnson as a new governing board member to represent the Long Beach Unified School District.

VI. Mathew Elder professional development session

- a. M. Elder introduces himself as Director of Riverside County Cal-SOAP program and presents FAFSA/CA Dream Act Completion (College and Career Readiness). He mentions the objective of his workshop is for members to take at least 5 ideas back to their site, district, or region.
- b. M. Elder begins with where California ranks in the nation for FAFSA completion and how members can utilize the FAFSA tracker. He also mentioned some FAFSA ranking when up during Covid-19 begins sites had more time to dedicate to FAFSA completion.
- c. M. Elder recognized that in 2018, only 54% of Californian's graduating seniors completed the FAFSA or CA Dream Act, mentioning that is only half. After he saw this stat he mentioned collaborating with a former colleague to raise the number of FAFSA completion in his region.
- d. M. Elder covers all assembly bills that will eventually or could potentially make FAFSA or CA Dream Act Application a graduation requirement for high school seniors.
- e. M. Elder begins by breaking down each of the financial aid applications and using the Californiacolleges.edu (CCGI) in terms of collecting data and how this website talks about college applications, financial aid applications, major interests. Districts also automatically populates this website with student transcripts and houses all of the students' information under this website for all grade levels.
- f. He mentions that his district received a weekly report of students in the district of students who have not completed a financial aid application and has a student success coach begin one with them.
- g. M. Elder states that school administrators have the potential of having access to web grants for students with internal and external systems that are kept confidential because FERPA allows them to do so.
- h. M. Elder also shares ways and ideas to promote FAFSA and CA Dream Act Application Completion. This could be through announcements, contests, social media, phone banks, google classroom, etc.
- i. He ends his presentation by presenting College Kick Off. Which includes a variety of workshops, events, and promotional social events to assist students complete their financial aid applications.

VII. Unfinished Business (J. Torres)



- a. Dr. Torres mentions we still need to vote on a vice chair. D. Scibetta describes the vice chair description to those interested.
- b. R. Cummins self nominated as vice chair. J. Torres motions to place R. Cummins as vice chair, L. Amante seconds. R. Cummins to become vice chair. Eight governing board members vote yes to place. R. Cummins as vice chair for the academic year. Vote is passed and R. Cummins will be placed as vice chair for the governing board for the academic year.

VIII. Reports & Updates (D. Scibetta)

- a. D. Scibetta mentions that Cal State Long Beach was awarded the gear up grant. Which has the potential to provide substantial resources for students and formalize partnerships between the K-12 Districts and higher education organizations as well.
- b. Treasurer Report (Quarter 1 Fiscal report)
- c. Year End Report
- i.D. Scibetta mentions CalSOAP has submitted year-end reports and was able to use additional funds provided by CSAC. She recaps additional programming, partnerships like PIQE and UASPIRE, and being able to create a bilingual video series for parents.
- ii. In addition to providing a virtual summer academy for 300 students. CalSOAP had a 84 percent FAFSA/CADAA completion rate across all sites. 1042 college applications submitted by our seniors which led to 76% in acceptances.
- d. Site Updates
- i.D. Scibetta mentions we have placed all of our advisors at their sites in-person. To the date (Fall Data update), Advisors have served 216 students 1x1, have conducted 25 workshops and have served 509 students over all.
- ii.D. Scibetta introduces a new brochure/booklet that will be completed by mid October and have it electronically available and printed for members to share with colleagues and other partners.
- e. CalSOAP 21-22 SMART Goals & KPIs
- i.D. Scibetta introduces four SMART goals CalSOAP has for the academic year which includes a programming goal, financial aid goal, governing board goal and staffing goal.
- f. Partner Updates
- i.Dr. Sheri provides an update on behalf of UCI that the Lynwood/Compton region coordinator is still vacant, but still has interim support until then and their work remains virtual.
- ii.S. Romero provides an update on behalf of Cal State Long Beach which is currently at 75 to 80 percent in person campus capacity and plans to expand capacity in the spring.



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iii.L. Amante provides an update on behalf of LBCC where all students and staff must show proof of vaccination or negative covid test to be on campus. LBCC representatives have been allowed to go back on campus and pursue outreach efforts with students and other site partners.

iv.L. Amante asks open questions about the challenges facing higher ed. partners as a way to develop more collaboration and strengthen partnerships. Members share challenges related to staffing, under-prepared college students, and need for more remote services.

IX. Announcements

- a. N/A

X. Action Items

- a. A. Jimenez will be sending an email with a general update on directory changes, yearly commitment forms, and Quarter 1 In-kids individually.
- b. D. Scibetta or A. Jimenez will also be sending an email with Mathew Elder's powerpoint and updated minutes from today.

XI. Date/place of next meeting Thursday, December 9th at 1:00pm via zoom.

XII. Adjournment (J. Torres): J. Torres motions to adjourn the meeting at 2:35pm. Motion is passed and the meeting is adjourned.