



**LONG BEACH REGIONAL CAL-SOAP GOVERNING BOARD  
GENERAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

**Thursday, April 22nd, 2021 | 1:00pm – 3:00pm**

**Zoom Link: <https://csulb.zoom.us/j/92906044725>**

- I. Attendance Record**
  - A. Lynwood Unified School District, Present, David Ramirez**
  - B. Long Beach City College, Present, Margaret Antonio Palomares**
  - C. CSU, Long Beach, Present, Annie Hong, Samuel Romero**
  - D. Long Beach Job Corps, Present, Sandy Annino,**
  - E. Long Beach Unified School District, Not Present**
  - F. Educational Opportunity Center (Long Beach), Present, Michele Scott**
  - G. TRIO Upward Bound (Long Beach), Present, Kathy Ann King**
  - H. Rio Hondo College, Present, Brenda Beza**
  - I. Compton Unified School District, Not Present**
  - J. Whittier Union High School District, Present, Francisco Meza**
  - K. University of California, Irvine, Present, Taariq Elmandhi, Ashley Cheri**
  - L. Long Beach Cal-SOAP, Present, Dominica Scibetta, Ariella Jimenez, Jocelyn Jaime**
  
- II. Guests:**
  - a. Ryan Cummins, Norwalk/La Mirada
  - b. Jack Friendman, Study Smart Tutors
  - c. Antonio Lavermon, Long Beach LGBTQ Center
  
- III. Call to order:** M. Palomares called the meeting to order on Thursday, April 22nd 2021 at 1:03PM. .
  
- IV. Adopt Today’s Agenda (M. Palomares)**
  - a. M. Palomares presents motion to adopt agenda. S. Anino seconds motion. Motion to adopt today’s agenda is passed.
  
- II. Approve Minutes of Previous Meeting (February 17, 2020)**
  - a. Motion presented by M. Scott to approve the February 17th 2021 meeting minutes. D. Ramirez seconds motion. Motion is passed.
  
- III. Welcome/Introductions (D. Scibetta)**
  - a. D. Scibetta welcomes Ryan Cummins from Norwalk/ La Mirada as a new potential partner to the governing board and service area for CalSOAP.
  - b. R. Cummins re-introduces himself to the governing board.



## I. Unfinished Business

- a. N/A

## II. Reports & Updates

### a. Cal-SOAP (D. Scibetta)

#### i. Data recap

1. D. Scibetta announces the total number of students served is down from previous years totaling at 2,368 students served, but it is consistent with other Cal SOAP's throughout the state. However, D. Scibetta mentions the number of services and community workshops have increased and/or remained consistent, totaling at 12,516 services provided. CalSOAP has served 675 community workshops (e.g. LA CalSOAP, Alliance, SATO Academy, EMERGE non profit, Sierra Vista/Frontier, Upward Bound Long Beach)

#### ii. Programming recap

1. She also notes that monthly virtual Programs started in September 2020 and continued through April 2021 totaling 242 students that attended. CalSOAP will continue to provide office hours via college advisors, as well as provide open assistance hours for larger student groups (e.g. financial or college application assistance workshops).

#### iii. Parent Programming Update

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2. D. Scibetta notes on CalSOAP's collaboration with PIQE (Parent Institute for Quality Education) programming where over 60 to 80 parents met once a week for seven weeks through Centennial and Compton Early College. The programming was a spanish only programming based on how parents can support their high school students that will end in a graduation ceremony.

#### iv. Parent Video Series

1. D. Scibetta announced the launching of CalSOAP's parent video series that is aimed to supplement the student workshops. Students can direct videos to parents in english and spanish after attending workshops. [See the Long Beach Website for videos.](#)

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2. D. Scibetta shares a preview of the video series for parents. The countdown to college series. Each video is framed as a countdown to the student's transition to college. She shares the link with the governing board to share the video content to other programs.
- v. Board Outreach
    1. D. Scibetta gives an update on potential board members. All the board outreach programs CalSOAP have met with and their commitment to professional development and/or the governing board. CalSOAP has met with CUSD CTE, Law Office of Juan Carlos Pallares, LB LGBTQ Center, LB Immigrants Rights Coalition, VITA, and Think Together.
  - vi. SB 737 Modernization bill
    1. D. Scibetta mentions the bill is sponsored by Senator Monique Limon out of Santa Barbara. She mentions her involvement with the writing of the bill. The bill has been approved by the legislation council. The bill modernizes the current CalSOAP law, much more explicit regarding scope of services and students served. The bill will expand services to include educating students in middle school on financial aid, financial options, FAFSA/CADAA, hosting college nights at educational institutions and the community.
    2. D. Scibetta asks if anyone is able to write letters about supporting the bill and the letter can range from any level of position (e.g. at the district level or just as a citizen). She will send a follow-up email regarding how to support the bill.
  - vii. Annual Program Plan 2021-2022
    1. D. Scibetta mentions that CalSOAP has been guaranteed funding again for the upcoming academic year, at the same rate, as a contract extension because of COVID.
    2. D. Scibetta notes that the service model of CalSOAP is still up in the air as far as a virtual or in-person setting.
    3. She mentions Cal-SOAP is now open for hiring for the 21-22 academic year. There is also a salary increase by minimum wage going up to \$15 an hour starting January 2022. Cal-SOAP funding never changes but salary keeps going up, in the future changes may have to be made.



**b. Treasurer Report (Fiscal Report) D. Scibetta**

- i. Quarter 3- Due April 30th is completed and will be sent on-time.
- ii. In-Kind 20-21 Contribution Summary
  1. D. Scibetta notes the quarter 3 in kind contributions of pledge of \$592,793.32 or the 20-21 academic year. CalSOAP has received to date \$335,861.85 with one more quarter remaining.
- iii. In-Kind 21-22 Pledge
  1. D. Scibetta notes that we have to match our funds of \$439,448 for the academic year of 21-22 and have received to date pledges of \$287,747.80. She also mentions matching our annual award with a 1-to-1 watch and that Ariella will be following up with those who are missing their in-kinds still.

**c. District & Partner Updates (all)**

- i. In-person instruction and services
  1. F. Meza announces that Whittier district has begun in-person learning and they are currently in stage 2 which means that students started coming in once a week for specialized services. However they will begin stage 3 where students will come in for class twice a week. They are only having students take 3 classes per semester. Depending on the student group A or B depends on the day they are assigned to come into in-person learning. In regards to staff, Whittier personnel are all back on campus for in-person unless someone has a specific medical condition.
  2. F. Meza announces that Whittier is trying to provide a summer experience for their students. He mentions that by August that most if not all students will be back to full instruction by Fall 2021. He mentions Whittier will most likely see a hybrid model for the time being. He notes that student support services are also in plan to come back on campus on a limited basis with the hybrid model.
  3. D. Ramirez mentioned the Lynwood District has just opened their elementary schools and their high schools are expected to be going back by May 3rd (hybrid), but will also have a full in-person summer school. He mentions, Decision will be in person, and he is hoping for a hybrid model for the Fall of 2021.



4. R. Cummins mentions that Norwalk/La Mirada K-5 students are back on campus and secondary students will be expected to be in-person the following week. He mentions they will have in-person learning for the Summer 2021 which consists of 5 days a week and give an option to those who would like to stay virtual. As far as the Fall 2021 there is no confirmation on that model.
5. M. Antonio mentions LBCC is anticipating 50 percent of college students going back in the Fall 2021 and Spring 2022 by 100 percent in person learning with precautions.
6. B. Beza mentions RHC will have fully online courses. However for Fall 2021 as of right now they will be back in-person according to the course schedule. RHC staff are expected to be back in person by August 9th, 2021.
7. S. Romero, mentions an update on repopulating the CSULB campus for Fall 2021 starting at 30 to 40 percent for priority in person classes. However, each college department decides on that factor of their students and priority of their in-person classes.
8. S. Annino mentions that the Long Beach Job Corps has about 40 students that are living in the center and that the remainder of their students are also on a hybrid model. A number of the staff are currently fully vaccinated and are going to have a mobile vaccination site for their students. She also mentions that a new organization has taken over the Long Beach Job Corps that includes new staff and a new college and career specialist at the center.

### **III. New Business (D. Scibetta)**

#### **a. Summer Academy Program**

- i. D. Scibetta mentions Summer Academy is open access and anyone can attend for the Summer 2021. CalSOAP has collaborated with Study Smart Tutors to provide specialized workshops with themed days. Dominica will be sending out Summer Academy materials in May and will also launch summer academy registration in a few weeks.
- ii. D. Scibetta shares FAQ on summer academy on CalSOAP website including the workshops that will be offered for two weeks in the month of June.



- iii. She mentions as incentives CalSOAP will send out resources packets to students including certificates (that can be used for their college applications) for students who attend 5 or more workshops.

**b. Board Membership (Norwalk La Mirada)**

- i. M. Antonio Palomares motions to include Ryan Cummins, on behalf of the Norwalk La Mirada high school district as part of the governing board and part of receiving CalSOAP services. D. Ramirez seconds motion to bring on Norwalk La Mirada to receive services and be a part of the governing board. Motion is passed and approved.
- ii. D. Scibetta also notes that we may be able to collaborate with CSULB (S. Romero) with Norwalk La Mirada students on outreach and informational presentations.

**c. Executive Officer Nominations**

- i. D. Scibetta mentions executive officer nominations that must be made in June. She mentions it is more of a formal process and no extensive work needs to be done outside of the governing board meetings. She also mentions the two year cap for board chair positions.

**IV. Announcements**

- a. N/A

**V. Action Items**

- a. D. Scibetta to follow up with Norwalk La Mirada regarding membership and services.
- b. D. Scibetta will send information about Summer Academy.
- c. D. Scibetta will send information about ways to support Senate Bill 737.

**VI. Date/Place of Next Meeting**

- a. via Zoom on, June 24th, 2021 at 1PM.

**VII. Adjournment (M. Palomares)**

- a. M. Antonio Palomares adjourned the meeting at 2:04PM on Thursday, April 22nd.