

## **CSBA DELEGATE ASSEMBLY VIRTUAL MEETING - DECEMBER 2, 2020**

CSBA President Xilonin Cruz-Gonzalez convened the December 2, 2020 [Delegate Assembly](#) meeting at 9:00 a.m. with 250-276 in attendance throughout the day. Inspiration was presented by Jackie Wong, Delegate, Region 6 (Washington USD). Pledge of Allegiance was led by Robert Garcia, Delegate, Region 18 (Jurupa USD). The agenda for the day and the minutes from the May 16, 2020 DA Meeting were approved as presented. Members of the Credentials and Tellers Committees were ratified as appointed. The Executive Board and Past Presidents were introduced.

### **2020 NOMINATING COMMITTEE, NOMINEES FOR OFFICE, AND ELECTIONS**

2020 Nominating Committee Members included **Elizabeth Bettis, Region 7 (Walnut Creek SD)**, chair Christina Lucero, Delegate, Region 23 (Baldwin Park USD), and Leighton Anderson, Region 24 (Whittier Union HSD), Daniel Babshoff, Region 10 (Kerman USD), Mark Buchman, Region 9 (San Luis Coastal USD), Tom Courtney, Region 16 (Lucerne Valley USD), Al Jabbar, Region 15 (Anaheim Union HSD), Michael McQuary, Region 17 (San Diego USD), Renee Nash, Region 4 (Eureka Union SD).

Candidates for President-elect and Vice President were elected by acclamation: President-elect Susan Heredia, Region 6 (Natomas USD), Vice President Susan Markarian, Director, Region 10 (Pacific Union ESD)

### **REGION DIRECTORS ELECTION – EVEN NUMBERED**

Regional Directors are nominated by Delegates in their respective regions. In accordance with CSBA Bylaws, Article IV, Section 4, "Election of Directors shall be at the Delegate Assembly meeting held prior to the Annual Education Conference." The following nominees were received for regional Directors from even-numbered regions and declared elected by acclamation: **Region 2:** Sherry Crawford, Director, Region 2 (Siskiyou COE)\*; **Region 4:** Renee Nash, Delegate, Region 4 (Eureka Union SD); **Region 6:** Darrel Woo, Director, Region 6 (Sacramento City USD)\*; **Region 8:** Stephen Schluer, Delegate, Region 8 (Manteca USD); **Region 10:** Kathy Spate, Delegate, Region 10 (Caruthers USD); **Region 12:** Bill Farris, Director, Region 12 (Sierra Sands USD)\*; **Region 16:** Karen Gray, Director, Region 16 (Silver Valley USD)\*; **Region 18:** Wendy Jonathan, Director, Region 18 (Desert Sands USD)\*; **Region 20:** Albert Gonzalez, Director, Region 20 (Santa Clara USD)\*; **Region 22:** Nancy Smith, Director, Region 22 (Palmdale SD)\*. **Region 24's initial nominee** Jesse Urquidi, Delegate, Region 24 (Norwalk-La Mirada USD) lost his local election. Region 24 nominated Laton Andersen, Region 24 (Whittier USD) from the floor.

### **DIRECTOR-AT-LARGE, ASIAN/PACIFIC ISLANDER**

Amy Koo, Delegate, Region 5 (Belmont-Redwood Shores SD) was elected **Asian/Pacific Islander** Director in the race against Cindy Woo, Region 23 (Mt. ) nominated from the floor.

### **DIRECTOR-AT-LARGE, HISPANIC**

Incumbent Joaquin Rivera, Director-at-Large, Hispanic (Alameda COE)\* was elected **Director-at-Large, Hispanic** in the race against Nancy Armenta, Board Member (Rosemead SD), Vladimir Gomez, Board Member (Wilsona SD), Mina Richardson, Board Member (South San Francisco USD) and floor candidate Marina Ramos, Board Member (John Swett USD).

### **MEMBERS OF THE 2021 NOMINATING COMMITTEE** were announced:

The carry-over member from the 2020 Committee, who will chair the 2021 Nominating Committee, is Renee Nash (Eureka Union SD – Region 4). Other members include:

**North Section** - Clayton Koo (Jefferson ESD – Region 5) and Lisa Kaplan (Natomas USD – Region 6)

**Central Section** - Pamela Jacobsen (Standard SD – Region 12) and Jodi Muirhead (Santa Clara USD – Region 20)

**South Section** - Cindy Gardner (Rim of the World USD – Region 16), Dawn Perfect (Ramona USD – Region 17), Steven Llanusa (Claremont USD – Region 23), and Ann Phillips (Lawndale ESD – Region 24).

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT.** Outgoing President Xilonin Cruz-Gonzalez delivered a report to the Delegate Assembly.

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT.** Executive Director Billy Vernon gave a report.

### **GOVERNANCE TASK FORCE**

The Governance Task Force (GTF) completed its work in March 2020, presenting its Report of Recommendations to the Board of Directors. The Board addressed all twenty-six GTF Recommendations at its September 2020 meeting, and next steps were identified for the twenty-four recommendations moved forward by the Board. For additional details regarding the Board's decisions on each recommendation, see the attached document entitled, "September 2020 BOD Meeting - GTF Recommendations."

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### **CLIMATE CHANGE TASK FORCE**

At its December 2019 meeting, the Board of Directors held a discussion on the issue of global climate change and how CSBA can best respond to the issue. At the conclusion of that discussion, the Board approved the formation of a task force on climate change, an action reported on the Delegate Assembly floor at the December 2019 meeting. Region 7 was instrumental in the development of the task force.

The purpose of the Task Force is to examine the issue of climate change and determine how CSBA can best support its members in addressing the issue and responding to the challenges that California's schools are facing as a result of changed in the global climate. As part of the discussion, the Board determined that the Task Force would have the ability to make recommendations on potential CSBA initiatives related to climate change on a rolling basis, so that the Task Force would not be required to wait until the conclusion of its term before presenting key findings or recommending action. The Task Force held two meetings on May 27 and July 15 via Zoom, during which members of the Task Force provided extensive input on a sample resolution that CSBA can provide local educational agencies to adopt, which is slated to be further reviewed and adopted on November 20.

Four members of the Task Force (including the two student representatives) recorded a workshop session for the virtual 2020 Annual Education Conference, scheduled at 9:30 a.m. and again at 2:45 p.m. on Thursday, December 3.

The Task Force has also requested that CSBA add a climate-related page to the CSBA website that provides resources for local educational agencies that are interested in pursuing and adopting climate friendly facilities and practices. CSBA Communications, Member Services and Research and Education Policy Development staff are working with the Task Force to curate content. The work will continue into 2021 as the Task Force continues to examine ways in which CSBA can support its members in addressing climate change locally.

### **EDUCATION LEGAL ALLIANCE**

This report provides an update of CSBA's Education Legal Alliance ("ELA") activities since the last report presented to the Delegate Assembly in May 2020. For the past 28 years, the ELA has initiated and supported litigation on behalf of public schools and programs. The ELA is composed of school districts, county offices of education ("COEs") and regional occupational centers and programs ("ROC/P") that have voluntarily joined together to impact statewide education issues, legislation, case and statutory law.

### **LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE**

Legislative Committee Chair Suzanne Kitchens presented on the committee's activities in 2020. The Committee considered 60 bills during the second year of the two-year 2019-2020 legislative session, including:

- AB 1835 (Weber): Proposed to require LEAs to identify and report unspent LCFE supplemental and concentration grant funds annually and clarified that the unspent funds must continue be used to increase or improve services for unduplicated pupils in future years.
- AB 2396 (O'Donnell): Proposed to add district and county school board members, and charter school governing board members, to the requirement that those officials receive training in ethics every two years whether or not those individuals receive any kind of compensation.
- SB 793 (Hill): Bans the sale of flavored tobacco products, including flavored "vaping" products and menthol cigarettes.
- SB 956 (Jackson): Proposed establishing the California Tax Expenditure Review Board as an independent advisory body to comprehensively assess major tax expenditures and make recommendations to the Legislature.

These issues and others involved robust discussions and considerations regarding the impact on school board authority, affects on small school districts, benefits and challenges to various student groups and more. Governmental Relations staff analyzed all of the bills considered by the committee and focused their recommendations on CSBA's Policy Platform. (Click here for the complete [Policy Platform](#).)

### **GOVERNANCE FIRST LEGISLATIVE AGENDA**

Development of the 2021 Governance First legislative agenda. Every two years, CSBA surveys Delegates regarding important legislative issues in order to update the Governance First Legislative Agenda. In a typical year, this is accomplished in breakout sessions held during in-person meetings of the Delegate Assembly: holding breakout sessions to collect Delegate input and then using "clicker voting" to further prioritize key issues relating to each of the four pillars in CSBA's Policy Platform. To mirror this process within the limitations posed by the COVID-19 crisis, CSBA staff has circulated two surveys to Delegates to identify their priorities for the coming 2021-22 legislative session.

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The first survey, sent on Sept. 16, asked Delegates to respond to three questions related to each of CSBA's four policy pillars. Staff analyzed the roughly 1300 responses submitted and identified twenty trends and topics that were supported by large numbers of Delegates. A second survey, sent on Nov. 3, asked Delegates to rate their priority for each of those issues. Responses to these surveys will help determine which issues should be included in the final legislative agenda.

For a full list of these **twenty issues** included in the second survey, please see the attached document. Governmental Relations staff will update the Delegate Assembly on key legislation from 2020, the second year of the two-year 2019-20 session.

**CLICK [HERE](#) FOR CSBA'S "WHAT'S NEW FOR 2021" REPORT detailing all K-12 education laws signed.**

**CLICK [HERE](#) FOR ALL 2019-20 BILLS WITH CSBA POSITIONS**

### **FEDERAL REPORT**

Governmental Relations staff updated the Delegate Assembly on recent developments on federal issues. The attached update contains information as of November 5, 2020: Election Results, Federal Budget – FY 2021 Federal Stimulus, CARES Act Issues, Nutrition Program Waivers, Title IX Rules, Reports and Guidance.

### **STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING REPORTS**

State Board of Education, which meets next on January 13-14, 2021. [Click here](#) for the SBE's meeting agendas page. [Click here for CSBA's report from the November meeting](#). Links to extended reports on prior 2019-2020 meetings are available at the end of this report.

At the November meeting, the State Board of Education (SBE) approved a shorter version of the Smarter Balanced Summative Assessments for the 2021 testing window. The action recognizes that a waiver of federal assessment requirements is not currently available and prepares for the absence of a waiver in the future. Without relief from the Department of Education, the shorter test will enable districts and the state to meet the federal requirement, while easing the burden on LEAs and students.

The board also took steps to implement key provisions of AB 1505 and AB 1507, legislation from 2019 that reformed authorizing, oversight and the siting of charter schools. CDE staff updated the board on how the new laws will affect its work, including in the area of appeals and actions related to nonclassroom-based charter schools. Specifically, the law limits the standard of review of appealed denied charter petitions by the Advisory Commission on Charter Schools and by the board. AB 1505 curtailed the board's appeal authority to a determination of whether a local authorizer has abused its discretion.

On another charter school related, the board took action to clarify and further define the "verified data" that authorizers must consider for charter school renewals.

The SBE's advisory body on curriculum, the Instructional Quality Commission, considered an updated draft of the Ethnic Studies model curriculum at its meeting on November 18-19. An updated draft of the curriculum was revised in response to the September public comment period. The next set of CDE's recommendations to the draft model curriculum will be posted to the [agenda for the November IQC meeting](#).

### **CSBA RECAPS OF PRIOR SBE MEETINGS:**

2020: [September 10](#), [July 8-9](#), [May 7](#), [March 11-12](#), [January 8-9](#),

2019: [November 6](#), [September 11](#), [July 10](#), [May 8-9](#), [March 13-14](#),

Convention Chair report reviewed the scheduled keynote speakers, workshops and trade show session. The traditional exchange of plaques commemorating the 2020 Annual Conference were presented.

At the conclusion of the meeting, outgoing President Xilonin Cruz-Gonzalez made the traditional gavel presentation to President-Elect Suzanne Kitchens and the presentation of plaques and resolutions to the outgoing President from CSBA and regional legislators. The 2020 Delegate Assembly meeting adjourned at 2:30 p.m. on December 2, 2020.