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**DCA DIRECTOR APPOINTS MELANIE DELGADO TO BUREAU FOR PRIVATE POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

SACRAMENTO — Today, Department of Consumer Affairs (DCA) Director Kimberly Kirchmeyer announced the appointment of Melanie Delgado to the Bureau for Private Postsecondary Education (BPPE) Advisory Committee. Delgado will serve on the committee in the consumer advocate role, which is designated by statute.

“We are excited to welcome Melanie Delgado as the newest member of the BPPE Advisory Committee,” said Director Kirchmeyer. “Consumer protection is the top priority for BPPE and the consumer advocate role is instrumental in representing student voices. Delgado’s experience and skills in advocacy are well-suited to further California’s consumer protection efforts.”

Delgado currently serves as senior staff attorney and director of Transition Age Youth Projects at the Children’s Advocacy Institute at the University of San Diego School of Law. Since 2006, she has conducted research, writing, and engaged in state and federal policy advocacy in the areas of transition age youth, foster youth, homeless youth, and commercially sexually exploited children. Delgado earned her law and bachelor of arts degrees from the University of San Diego.

The Advisory Committee examines the oversight functions and operational policies of the Bureau and advises with respect to matters relating to private postsecondary education. The committee also makes recommendations with respect to policies, practices, and regulations relating to private postsecondary education, and provides assistance as may be requested by the Bureau.

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