

COMMUNITY EDUCATION COUNCIL DISTRICT 28
Calendar/Business Meeting Minutes
August 3, 2023

ATTENDANCE

Member	Position	Attendance
Vijah Ramjattan	President	Present
Lu Zhao	1st Vice President	Present
Nurun Swapna	2nd Vice President	Excused Absence
Nathifa Lewis	Recording Secretary	Present
Yutao Cheng	Treasurer	Present
Jay Lin	Member	Excused Absence
Julie Suh	Member	Present
Mohammad Hossain	Member	Present
Quentin Mezetin	Member	Present
Christine Sacristano	Member	Unexcused Absence

NON-MEMBER ATTENDANCE

Dr. Eric Blake	Acting Superintendent	Present
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CALENDAR MEETING Minutes

Meeting was called to order by President Vijah Ramjattan at 6:47pm
 Roll call by Recording Secretary Nathifa Lewis and Quorum was met.

- President Ramjattan opened the meeting and gave greeting
- President Ramjattan gave his report on summer rising and back to school concerns
- Acting Superintendent Dr. Eric Blake introduced himself and shared a deck on his background to the Community
- INCLUDEnyc (an organization that provides love, equity, and access for young people with disabilities) Presentation by Stacy Marshall - Director of Parent & Family Engagement – School Age
- Senator John Liu gave greetings and updated the Community on important current events
- 1st Vice President Lu Zhao presented a Resolution on Admission Lottery to the Community
- President of D28 Presidents Council Adrianna Alicea asked questions pertaining to the resolution presented
- Recording Secretary Nathifa Lewis responded to the question and provided clarity
- Council Members voted on presented Resolution
- Roll call by Recording Secretary Nathifa Lewis
 7 in favor; 0 opposed; 3 absent – Resolution passed

Member Reports

- Council Member voiced concerns about limited after school programs
- Council Member commented on budget cut that's being discussed and how devastated it would be should it happen. Council Member expressed that more funding is needed not less
- Council Member gave feedback on her recent experience sitting on an PC hiring interview process for PS 206
- Council Member shared one of her Community Group flyers announcing a free back to school brunch and give aways for Educators
- Council Member voiced concerns about lack of resources for families going back to school for students attending new schools
- Council Member voiced concerns about parents are worried that their children IEP won't be met. Their hours weren't kept last year and did not get all of their therapies. Council Member is worried a lack of therapist to fulfil parent's goals for their children

Public Comments

- Community Activist and UFT Rep gave greetings and provided an update to the Community. He announced the launched of a new website called studentsofnyc.org which allows students to tell their own stories on their own platform
- Community Activist introduced herself to the new Council Members, gave greetings, welcomed the news Council Members. Also, encouraged the parents to attend CEC meetings. She also asked if the Acting Superintendent will also go through the hiring process.
- CEC28 President addressed that the Council is waiting on the next steps about the hiring process for the next D28 Superintendent
- Community Activist and President of Presidents Council asked about upcoming committee meetings schedule
- PS 140 Principal suggested that parents should visit the schools, district and CEC websites for important resources
- Community Activist with the American Debate League congratulated all new Council Members and looking forward to working with a few schools and elected officials

Meeting Adjourned at 8:56pm

BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES
ATTENDANCE

Member	Position	Attendance
Vijah Ramjattan	President	Present
Lu Zhao	1st Vice President	Present
Nurun Swapna	2nd Vice President	Excused Absence
Nathifa Lewis	Recording Secretary	Present
Yutao Cheng	Treasurer	Present
Jay Lin	Member	Excused Absence
Julie Suh	Member	Present
Mohammad Hossain	Member	Present
Quentin Mezetin	Member	Present
Christine Sacristano	Member	Unexcused Absence

Meeting was called to order by President Ramjattan at 9:08pm
 Roll call by Recording Secretary Nathifa Lewis

Motion was made by President Ramjattan to adopt July's Meeting Minutes
 Seconded by Recording Secretary Nathifa Lewis

1st Vice President Lu Zhao went over the absentee's form with the Council Members
 President Ramjattan explained the absentee's form process

President Ramjattan announced the Council Member Christine Sacristano has been absent for the past two Calendar and Business meeting without submitting any formal notice therefore she will have two unexcused absences. He asked the AA to reach out and notify her that she is in jeopardy of being unseated to advise if she will attend the next meeting.

1st Vice President Lu Zhao went over Jay Lin absence form with the Council Members
 Recording Secretary Nathifa Lewis made a motion record Member Jay Lin absence from the August, 2023 meeting as excused.

Seconded by 1st Vice President Lu Zhao

Roll call by Recording Secretary Nathifa Lewis

Motion passed 7-0 to record Member Jay Lin absence from August 2023 meeting as excused.

1st Vice President Lu Zhao went over 2nd Vice President Nurun Swampa absence form with the Council Members

Recording Secretary Nathifa Lewis made a motion record 2nd Vice President Nurun Swampa absence from the August, 2023 meeting as excused.

Seconded by President Ramjattan

Roll call by Recording Secretary Nathifa Lewis

Motion passed 7-0 to record 2nd Vice President Nurun Swampa absence from August 2023 meeting as excused.

Council Members discuss the School Liaison list amongst themselves

Recording Secretary Nathifa Lewis went over the bylaws and explain each section with the new Council Members

President Ramjattan asked each committee chair to organize their first committee meeting

Business Meeting Adjourned at [9:55pm]

Respectfully Adopted by

Nathifa Lewis
Recording Secretary

APPROVED