

COMMUNITY EDUCATION COUNCIL DISTRICT 28
Calendar/Business Meeting Minutes
June 12, 2025

ATTENDANCE

Member	Position	Attendance
Quentin Mezetin	President	Present
Lauren Clavin	1st Vice President	Present
Yutao Cheng	2nd Vice President	Present
Nathifa Lewis	Recording Secretary	Present
Tanya Wendt	Treasurer	Absent
Lu Zhao	Member	Remote Unexcused
Julie Suh	Member	Remote Unexcused
G.K Kalyanaram	Member	Absent
Simone Dornbach	Member	Present
Paquita Williams	Member	Present
Jennifer Sobers	Member	Present
Arezoo Termechi	Member	Absent
Jada Crawford	Student Member	Remote Present Excused

NON-MEMBER ATTENDANCE

Dr. Eric Blake	Superintendent	Present
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Calendar Meeting Minutes

Meeting was called to order by President Quentin Mezetin at 6:35pm
 Roll call by President Quentin Mezetin and Quorum was met.

- President Quentin Mezetin opened the meeting and gave greetings. He asked Spanish interpreters to give instructions in Spanish. He gave a brief run through the meeting process. He mentioned that this is the last meeting and thanked the community, members, and AA for all the work behind the scenes.
- Superintendent Dr. Eric Blake gave a brief report
- Superintendent Dr. Eric Blake gave a presentation on contracts of excellence. Senior Grant Officer, Dragomira Koleva answered a few questions pertaining to the C4E presentation.
- President Quentin Mezetin voiced June awarenesses. He also asked Principal Signal to bring greetings. He asked the district office to bring greetings, PEP Rep, Adriana Alicea and Elected Officials to also bring greetings and provide updates. President Quentin Mezetin gave his report and gave feedback on his recent school visit at Q140. He voiced that the school has been having a major issue with its water fountains. They have been using a portable double mug water cooler that service 500 students. He is pleading with the district office and elected officials to help fix the issue with Q140 water fountain.
- Presentation by Queens Affirming Youth and Family Alliance

- Council Member Simone Dornbach presented Resolution Urging Siting of Queens High School for the Sciences at York College (28Q687)
 President Mezetin asked for public and council members feedback on proposed resolution.
 No public comment
 Council Members provided their feedback
 Roll call by Recording Secretary Nathifa Lewis
 10 in favor; 0 opposed; 2 absent; 0 abstain.
 Resolution passed.

- Council Member President Mezetin presented Resolution Calling for Systemic Improvements in Co-Located District 75 Schools to Promote Equity, Safety, and Inclusion
 President Mezetin asked for public and council members feedback on proposed resolution.
 No public comment
 Council Members provided their feedback
 Roll call by Recording Secretary Nathifa Lewis
 10 in favor; 0 opposed; 2 absent; 0 abstain.
 Resolution passed.

- President Mezetin made a motion to have public comment go before members report.
 Seconded by Member Simone Dornbach

Public Comments

- CB 12 gave greetings and thanked the members for all the work that they do. She thanked the members for passing the resolutions. She voiced that CB12 will continue to work with the next council and district office in the future.

- D28 parent wanted to thank the CEC for a wonderful end of year celebration. She also voiced that she has already reached out to her contacts regarding the water fountain issue at Q140. She wished everyone a safe and wonderful summer.

Member Reports

- Council Member reminded everyone to vote in the upcoming elections. She also voiced that there's a runoff election and people should vote. She also provided feedback on her recent event that she attended at PS349.

- Council Member voiced that this is not our last meeting and that we have a committee meeting coming up, but this is the last calendar meeting. He voiced that he has great respect for people who have served multiple terms; they served the community for so many years. He voiced that it's not easy, it's a lot of work behind the scenes.

- Council Member provided feedback on her recent SLT meetings. She voiced that she's graduating out and it's been a pleasure being on CC 28 for the past 4 years. She's looking forward to the next weeks to go to a couple of graduations.
- Council member said that that she didn't know what she signed up for when she came on the board, she had listened and learned, and she did I learned a lot. She voiced that this district is so unique and special. There's no district that she can't believe is more diverse than this one. She voiced that no matter how you look, no matter where you're from, no matter your abilities, there's one thing we have in common that we sometimes forget. She voiced that she grew up very economically disadvantaged and faced so much discrimination, but it was the amazing teachers who kept her going. It was the loving home, the parents that kept saying that education is the one meritocratic tool that would help her to be successful, and it really was the truth. She wants the next group to assume positive intent of one another and wishes them good luck.
- Council Member gave feedback on her experience being on the CEC board. She thanked the members for the opportunity she was given as it was truly a pleasure. She wished the future members luck and wished everyone a safe summer.
- Council Member announced the next class size law committee meeting date and time. She voiced she's working on getting SCA at the meeting. She said she made a public comment during the Jamaica Neighborhood plan at Queensborough Hall and said that D28 needs more schools. At least one more elementary school, one more middle school, and one more high school in the south side of the district, and of course also in the north side as well. She also gave feedback on her recent SLT meeting at MS72. She thanked CB's, district office, FACE, CEC28 AA and fellow members for doing advocacy work. She also thanked many stakeholders and parent leaders in the community.
- Council Member thanked students, teachers and schools for their performances at the CEC end of year celebration. She gave feedback on her recent visit at PS50. She also gave feedback on her recent SLT meeting at PS0121. She voiced that it was an honor to laissee with PS50, PS55 and PS121. She also voiced concerns regarding several instances of students being sexually assaulted, sexually harassed. She pointed out that summer is here, and families should stay vigilant, and have open communication with children. Teaching children to be careful, especially outside of the environment. She also brought up different events and changes that are coming up in the neighborhood. She said she's thankful for the opportunity and wished everyone a happy summer.
- Student Member started off by thanking the Council for letting her participate and voiced her opinion. She thanked them for the work they were doing. She voiced that she hopes the future members would also elect another high school member next year, or, if not a high school member, someone who has connections to elementary school students and middle school students directly, so that they also have more of a direct impact and have their voice heard.
- Council Member commended the work that the student member has been doing outside of the board and on the board. He voiced that he has gotten to know the CEC members outside of the board, wants people to know that they're still

human, and still just parents doing the best they can. He voiced that he's grateful to know these phenomenal human beings, these parents that set examples for others. He voiced they're on the board to do the work and hold people accountable and work with different stakeholders to the job done. He thanked the members again for all the work they do behind the scenes. He also thanked the end of year committee members for their hard work. He spoke about the relationships he has built with the district office. He voiced that he sees the mothers at meetings and everywhere else but would love for some fathers to come out. He briefly spoke about his own experience being a father. He also commended CEC28 AA for doing a phenomenal job. He thanked the elected officials for their partnership. He thanked the schools that performed at CEC28 end of year celebration. He mentioned that they did an amazing job. He thanked the district office and the school's staff.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:45pm

BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES
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Tanya Wendt	Treasurer	Absent
Lu Zhao	Member	Absent
Julie Suh	Member	Absent
G.K Kalyanaram	Member	Absent
Simone Dornbach	Member	Present
Paquita Williams	Member	Present
Jennifer Sobers	Member	Present
Arezoo Termechi	Member	Absent
Jada Crawford	Student Member	Remote Present

Meeting was called to order by President Mezetin at 9:00pm
Roll call by Recording Secretary Nathifa Lewis and Quorum was met

1st Vice President Lauren Clavin made a motion to approve Council Jada Crawford excused absence for April Calendar and Business Meeting.

Seconded by President Mezetin

1st Vice President Lauren Clavin made a motion to not excuse Council Member Arezoo Termechi May Calendar and Business Meeting absence

Seconded by Member President Mezetin

Roll call by Recording Secretary Nathifa Lewis

7 in favor; 0 opposed; 5 absent; 0 abstain.

Motion passed

1st Vice President Lauren Clavin made a motion to approve her own remote present for May Calendar and Business Meeting

Seconded by Member President Mezetin

No objections

1st Vice President Lauren Clavin made a motion to approve member Jada Crawford remote present for May CEC Calendar and Business Meeting

Seconded by Member President Mezetin

No objections

1st Vice President Lauren Clavin made a motion to approve member Tanya Wendt excused absence for June CEC Calendar and Business Meeting

Seconded by Member Simone Dornbach

No objections

1st Vice President Lauren Clavin made a motion to not excuse Council Member G.K Kalyanaram for June Calendar and Business Meeting absence

Seconded by Member President Mezetin

Roll call by Recording Secretary Nathifa Lewis

7 in favor; 0 opposed; 5 absent; 0 abstain.

Motion passed

1st Vice President Lauren Clavin made a motion to not excuse Council Member Lu Zhao for June Calendar remote attendance and Business Meeting absence

Seconded by Member President Mezetin

Roll call by Recording Secretary Nathifa Lewis

7 in favor; 0 opposed; 5 absent; 0 abstain.

Motion passed

1st Vice President Lauren Clavin made a motion to not excuse Council Member Arezoo Termechi for June Calendar and Business Meeting absences

Seconded by Member President Mezetin

Roll call by Recording Secretary Nathifa Lewis

7 in favor; 0 opposed; 5 absent; 0 abstain.

Motion passed

Recording Secretary Nathifa Lewis made motion to adopt May Calendar and Business Meeting Minutes

Seconded by Member President Mezetin

Council Members discussed the superintendent's evaluation amongst themselves. AA reminded members that evaluation should be done in executive session and asked FACE rep to confirm. Recording Secretary Nathifa Lewis explained the form and process to the rest of the members. The form was prefilled but was not shared on the screen.

Council Members thanked each other once again for all the work that they did together.

Council Members thanked AA for her assistance, dedication and for holding them accountable for the past two years.

AA also thanked the members for their guidance, hard work and for cooperating with her.

President Mezetin made a motion to adjourn meeting.

Seconded by Recording Secretary Nathifa Lewis

Business Meeting Adjourned at [9:28pm]

Respectfully Adopted by

Nathifa Lewis
Recording Secretary