

COMMUNITY EDUCATION COUNCIL DISTRICT 28
Calendar/Business Meeting Minutes
May 1, 2025

ATTENDANCE

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

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 6:39pm
 Roll call by Recording Secretary Nathifa Lewis and Quorum was met.

- President Quentin Mezetin opened the meeting and gave greetings. He asked Spanish interpreters to give instructions in Spanish. He thanked members and AA for all the work behind the scenes. He voiced May awareness and provided his report briefly.
- Superintendent Dr. Eric Blake started his report by highlighting all Principals as it is national Principals Day. He presented several topics/data. He spoke about getting students ready for the next grade. He also touched on NYS tests and chronic absenteeism. He also gave feedback NYC solves where the focus will be on all NYC students to develop mathematical skills. He spoke about the expansion of NYC reads and solves to an additional 186 schools in 14 districts. He spoke about the hiring of 119 teachers in D28. He also touched on summer rising.
- D28 Principal Angela Teutschman presented on her school AI program progress and answered questions accordingly.
- Dr. Hall gave greetings and brief feedback on the citywide conference she attended.
- Dr. Benoit gave greetings and wished all principals and teachers a happy principal and teacher appreciation week.

- Family Leadership Coordinator Sonia Rueda gave greetings and provided upcoming workshop and forums announcements.
- President Mezetin acknowledged all stakeholders in attendance and asked elected offices to bring greetings.
- Council Member Simone Dornbach spoke briefly about the proposed resolution and asked for it to be tabled so everyone can review once more before voting.
- Seconded by President Mezetin
- 11 in favor; 0 opposed; 1 absent; 1 abstain.
- Motion passed.
- President Mezetin made a motion to have public comment go before members report.
Seconded by Member Simone Dornbach

Public Comments

- D28 parent voiced concerns surrounding summer rising and the enrollment glitch that's currently taking place. She voiced concerns school safety. She also voiced concerns about the bus route changes.
- D28 parent gave feedback on her conversation with CB 6 regarding 139 education budget requests for the department use of community Development for fiscal year 2027. They did get a grant, but it expires in the same year of 2027. She elaborated on what it provides but voiced it puts hundreds of families at risk of losing access to these essential programs, so they want beacon at Ps. 139. She voiced that they did sign a petition they are going to submit it to the principal and hopefully, Dr. Blake will be in support of bringing beacon to Ps.139 school.
- D28 parent gave greetings and thanked the members for their advocacy. She wanted to be announced that she is running for the CEC in D28. She shared her name and her flyer.
- CB 12 gave greetings and thanked the members for all the work that they do. She thanked the members for tabling the resolution. She voiced that no school should be going into that special building that is in the resolution unless it's a D28 school. She voiced that she would like to see more Principals at their meetings and would like to hear from them more.
- PEP Queens Rep, Adriana Alicea gave greetings and provided important meeting information. She also thanked CB12 and CB6 and gave feedback on the recent meeting she had with them.
- D28 Parent asked the members to continue to move forward with the resolution. She voiced that it is important that it gets expressed and passed. She voiced that there is a new Charter Commission that has been convened by the mayor. She is opposing the idea of building more housing in District 28 without 1st alleviating the overcrowded school problem. She also voiced concerns surrounding dyslexia. She voiced that nothing is moving along on the dyslexia front. She is

requesting the Council to look at it and do a resolution towards it because they have been many concerns about the dyslexia screening.

- Dr. Hall commented on the dyslexia screening and gave feedback on her recent conference with the mayor.

Member Reports

- Council Member reminded everyone to really look at the candidates running and look at their values and for vote. She also thanked her fellow class size committee members for their hard work.
- Council Member voiced he wants to echo what his fellow council member just said, and he also wants to thank his special education committee for all their hard work and work they are doing behind scene. He also voiced that it's Asian Pacific month and Jewish Heritage month. He gave feedback on the special education survey that was sent to the community.
- Council Member gave feedback on her recent SLT meetings. She voiced a few things that's happening with schools at this time. She also voiced a few schools did not get class size fund as they never applied for it.
- Council Member gave feedback on recent citywide conference. She also voiced that members who are running for CEC should familiarize themselves with the campaign guidelines as you are not supposed to announce your candidacy on any official DOE sites.
- Council Member thanked Principal Teutschman for her wonderful AI presentation. She also voiced concerns from parents about summer rising and after school programs. She voiced that she's going through a tough time with people approaching her with assumptions instead of communicating with her directly.
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- Council Member thanked Principal Teutschman for her wonderful AI presentation and provided her own feedback. She voiced that she is a little concerned that the children will lose the ability to genuinely think. She voiced that she remembers the old days where children had to sound out the word, or I had to look up the word, or I had to write a paragraph using my thoughts. She also voiced similar concerns surrounding dyslexia and provided her own personal feedback.
- Council Member thanked everyone for praising her for writing her resolution. She pointed out that she did not withdraw her resolution as it will be presented at the next meeting. She provided feedback on her meeting with Lynette Shelburne Barfield, the district director of the office of the Speaker, Adrienne Adams. She voiced that some of the members met with Lynette Shelburne Barfield as they are trying to build relationships with elected leaders to assist and make

changes in D28. She also voiced that they are planning to meet with the school construction authority but also want to ask you the community to give their ideas and suggestions and regarding empty lot or space as it's important that the community work together.

- Council Member voiced that she was amazed at AI presentation and thanked Principal Teutschman. She provided feedback about AI in schools. She updated the community that a 5G tower went up next to PS144. She gave feedback on PS55 and MS72 SLT meetings. She expressed the importance of parent SLT members being part of CEP goal planning process.
- Council Member started off by thanking the Council for letting her participate and thanked them for the work their doing. She voiced a location that could be a possibility for a new school.
- Principal Teutschman provided some guidance and feedback regarding dyslexia screening.
- Council Member voiced that he assisted with putting together a neurodiversity event with our borough president that was at Borough Hall on April 12th, and it addressed a lot of needs that parents and children and people with special needs are going through. He provided feedback on his recent school visits to 161, 175 and 206. He also announced the next meeting with be June 12th to accommodate the Muslim community.
- President Mezetin made a motion to adjourn the Calendar Meeting
- Seconded by Recording Secretary Nathifa Lewis
- President Mezetin dismissed Spanish interpreters.

Meeting Adjourned at 9:05pm

BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

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Meeting was called to order by President Mezetin at 9:26pm

Roll call by Recording Secretary Nathifa Lewis and Quorum was met

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

Seconded by President Mezetin

1st Vice President Lauren Clavin made a motion to approve Julie Suh remote present for March Calendar and Business Meeting

Seconded by Member President Mezetin

1st Vice President Lauren Clavin made a motion to approve Council Member Arezoo Termechi excused absence for April Calendar and Business Meeting

Seconded by Member President Mezetin

1st Vice President Lauren Clavin made a motion to table member Jada Crawford remote presents and April absence for CEC Calendar and Business Meeting

Seconded by Member President Mezetin

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

Seconded by Member President Mezetin

Council Members and A.A discussed CEC28 End of Year Celebration amongst themselves.

Council Members discussed the next Special Education committee meetings amongst themselves.

Treasurer Tanya Wendt reminded all members to please submit their reimbursements as soon as possible to avoid last minute delays.

President Mezetin reminded members to submit their nomination for their parent leader award.

President Mezetin made a motion to adjourn meeting.

Seconded by Recording Secretary Nathifa Lewis

Business Meeting Adjourned at [9:45pm]

Respectfully Adopted by

Nathifa Lewis
Recording Secretary

APPROVED