

COMMUNITY EDUCATION COUNCIL DISTRICT 28
Calendar/Business Meeting Minutes
March 2, 2023

ATTENDANCE

Member	Position	Attendance
Vijah Ramjattan	President	Present
Barbara Williams	1st Vice President	Present
Ted Chang	2nd Vice President	Present
Elena Aminova	Recording Secretary	Present
Lu Zhao	Treasurer	Present
Vacant Seat		
Sheleeza Deen	Member	Present
Rajwinder Kaur	Member	Present
Cassandra Alexander	Member	Present
Nathifa Lewis	Member	Present
Simone Dornbach	Member	Excused Absence

NON-MEMBER ATTENDANCE

Dr. Tammy Pate	Superintendent	Present
Bibi Matadin	FACE Liaison	Absent

CALENDAR MEETING Minutes

Meeting was called to order by President Ramjattan at 6:40pm
Roll call by 1st Vice President Barbara Williams and Quorum was met.

- President Ramjattan opened the meeting and gave greetings.
- President Ramjattan announced details about CEC28 2nd Annual Principal and Legislative Breakfast event.
- Superintendent Pate gave greetings and highlighted Women's History Month
- Superintendent Pate touched upon the free test taking workshop and D28 attendance data.
- QSHS Updates by Steven Chernigoff - QSHS Executive Director
- Presentation Principal Ojeda Moses of Thomas Edison CTE HS
- Queens High School Presidents Council updates by Co-Presidents, Shirley Aubin and Barbara Williams
- Resolution in opposition to raising the NYC charter school cap and instead in favor of limiting charter costs to the DOE budget and ensuring more oversight and accountability was presented by President Ramjattan
President Ramjattan made a motion to approve Resolution in opposition to raising the NYC charter school cap and instead in favor of limiting charter costs to the DOE budget and ensuring more oversight and accountability Seconded by Member Nathifa Lewis
Roll call by Member Nathifa Lewis
9 in favor; 0 opposed; 1 absent – Motion passed.

Member Reports

- Council Member greeted everyone and wished all women a Happy Women's History Month
- Council Member commended that the school budget for PEP and CEC voting is coming up soon.
- Council Member highlighted PS175 for their welcoming music at the entrance of their building
- Council Member spoke about the lack of after school programs in certain schools
- Council Member announced that PS40 renovation is coming along wonderfully.
- Council Member asked community for feedback for CEC28 end of year celebration.
- Council Member highlighted all Principals in attendance.

Public Comments

- Community Activist greeted everyone and encouraged all the D28 Principals to reach out to their respective Community Boards and build a rapport with them.
- Community Activist greeted and applauded everyone for their attendance. Also, thanked CEC for passing the Resolution in opposition to raising the NYC charter school cap and instead in favor of limiting charter costs to the DOE budget and ensuring more oversight and accountability. Also, announced the "Dial in Program" in collaboration with the district office and UFT
- Community Activist gave greetings and thanked Dr. Pate for presentation on absenteeism and the respective codes.
- Office of Senator Comrie made various announcements for family in need and provided her contact information for further details.
- Parent and Community activist voiced concerns surrounding the data that came from the 2019 Research Alliance for NYC Schools which highlighted the NYPD in NYC students neighborhood and school buildings
- Parent and Community activists commented that better way of policing can help opposed no policing at all.
- Parent voiced concerns surrounding bussing.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:49pm

BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

ATTENDANCE

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Vijah Ramjattan	President	Present
Barbara Williams	1st Vice President	Present
Ted Chang	2nd Vice President	Present
Elena Aminova	Recording Secretary	Present
Lu Zhao	Treasurer	Present
Vacant Seat		
Sheleeza Deen	Member	Present
Rajwinder Kaur	Member	Present
Cassandra Alexander	Member	Present
Nathifa Lewis	Member	Present
Simone Dornbach	Member	Excused Absence

Meeting was called to order by President Ramjattan at 8:56pm
Roll call by Recording Secretary Elena Aminova

Recording Secretary Elena Aminova made a motion to adopt February meeting minutes.

Seconded by President Ramjattan

Council Members discussed budget deadline and reallocated accordingly.

President Ramjattan made a motion to approve the budget.

Seconded by Treasurer Lu Zhao

Roll call by Member Elena Aminova

9 in favor; 0 opposed; 1 absent – Motion passed.

2nd Vice President made a motion record Member Rajwinder Kaur absence from the February, 2023 meeting as unexcused.

Seconded by Member Sheleeza Deen

Roll call by Recording Secretary Elena Aminova

Motion passed 8-1 to record Member Rajwinder Kaur absence from February 2023 meeting as unexcused.

2nd Vice President made a motion record Member Simone Dornbach absence from the March, 2023 meeting as excused.

Seconded by Member Recording Secretary Elena Aminova

Roll call by Recording Secretary Elena Aminova

Motion passed 9-1 to record Member Simone Dornbach absence from March 2023 meeting as excused.

Council Members discussed CEC28 second annual breakfast planning and details amongst themselves.

2nd Vice President Ted Chang 2nd Vice President made a motion to reconsider the vote on the budget.

Seconded by President Ramjattan

Motion on reconsideration was unanimously passed.

Treasurer Lu Zhou made a motion to approve the budget.

Seconded by Member Nathifa Lewis

9 in favor; 0 opposed; 1 absent – Motion passed.

Business Meeting Adjourned at [10:03pm]

Respectfully Submitted by

Elena Aminova
Recording Secretary