

**COMMUNITY EDUCATION COUNCIL DISTRICT 28**  
**Calendar/Business Meeting Minutes**  
**November 3, 2022**

**ATTENDANCE**

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

**NON-MEMBER ATTENDANCE**

Dr. Tammy Pate	Superintendent	Present
Bibi Matadin	FACE Liaison	Present

**CALENDAR MEETING Minutes**

Meeting was called to order by President Ramjattan at 6:40pm  
 Roll call by Member Nathifa Lewis and Quorum was met

- President Ramjattan opened the meeting and welcomed attendees. Thanked Dr. Pate for being outstanding leader
- Superintendent Pate gave greetings and introduced her Team
- District Team introduced themselves one after the other
- Superintendent Pate gave a District 28 Data Presentation
- Community board 12 thanked Dr. Pate for a phenomenal presentation and asked her and CEC28 members to expect an invite to the next general membership meeting
- Community Education Activist thanked the entire D28 district for their work and specially thank Dr. Pate for her presentation. She also requested more presentations in the future regarding programs, curriculums etc.
- PA Co-President of PS175Q thanked Dr. Pate for the incredible presentation. She asked Dr. Pate if the implicit bias training was extended to teachers within the schools. She voiced the importance of this specific training for teachers.
- Family Leadership Coordinator Sonia Rueda gave District updates

**Member Reports**

- Council Member thanked Dr. Pate for her presentation and requested future data presentation on year to year or semester to semester changes within D28 district

- Council Members brought up concerns about the lack of crossing guards and safety issues within the district.
- Council Member recognized recent and upcoming holidays and gave greetings
- Council Member discussed recent meetings she has attended and gave feedback about each meeting attended. She also voiced concerns about bussing for children across the district and how it affects the attendance rate for certain groups of children. She requested future attendance data presentation by schools not district. She also brought up bullying concerns. She also announced upcoming CEC28 High School Town Hall
- Council Member spoke about her recent visit to Halsey. She said they are in need for repairs due to safety issues
- President Ramjattan announced upcoming CEC28 Middle School Town Hall
- Council Member brought up concerns about too many schools in one building and gang/drugs activities in schools. She also brought up the difference in funding for minority schools vs other schools

**Meeting Adjourned at 8:48pm**

**BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES**  
**ATTENDANCE**

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Meeting was called to order by President Ramjattan at 8:57pm  
 Roll call by Member Nathifa Lewis

Motion was made by Member Nathifa Lewis to adopt October's Minutes  
 Seconded by Member President Ramjattan

President Ramjattan updated the Council Members about his call with ODP regarding Success Academy's proposal to open an elementary charter school and co-locate with 72 building

Council Member gave feedback about other Success Academy schools and another charter school proposal in D29. Council Member is not in favor of the proposal

Council Member gave feedback about the class size 5-year bill that was just signed by the Governor to start with schools that are under utilized

Council Member thanked President Ramjattan for bringing up the charter school proposal so it can be discussed amongst the Council Members

Council Members discussed the final stages of two CEC28 Town Halls amongst themselves

Council Member apologized and explained her absences for the past 4 months to the rest of the Council Members and asked to finish out her term this year

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President gave feedback on absences and asked for a uniform system to address absences according to the bylaws moving forward

Council Member agreed with 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Ted Chang explained that absences need to be communicated to the Council accordingly

Council Member agreed with 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Ted Chang explained that a document should be formed to determine what is an excused and unexcused absence

Council Members discussed those who puts in the extra effort and those who go above and beyond to attend the CEC monthly meetings amongst themselves

President Ramjattan announced that Council Member Nancy Lugassy wrote in the meeting chat that she is happy to resign her seat.

Council Members discussed amongst themselves the next steps to formally resign Member Nancy Lugassy

FACE Liaison Bibi Matadin gave guidance on the proper steps to remove a Council Member from the Council

President Ramjattan asked the Council Members for empathy and have Member Nancy Lugassy serve out her Term

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President made a motion to go into an executive session to discuss private matters concerning a particular individual  
Seconded by Member Nathifa Lewis

President Ramjattan asked for approval from the Council Members to have FACE Liaison Bibi Matadin and CEC28 AA Dorinda Seemangal to join the executive session

President Ramjattan announced that the Council was in an executive session, and they have come to a decision to send out a letter to vacate the Member seat

Council Members agreed to collaborate with MS 217 for the Outreach Town Hall

Discuss Town Hall for Special Education Students was tabled

Discuss Restorative Justice was tabled

**Business Meeting Adjourned at [ 10:50pm]**

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**Respectfully Adopted by**

Elena Aminova  
Recording Secretary