

**COMMUNITY EDUCATION COUNCIL DISTRICT 28**  
**Calendar/Business Meeting Minutes**  
**February 1, 2024**

**ATTENDANCE**

<b>Member</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Attendance</b>
Vijah Ramjattan	President	Remote Present
Lu Zhao	1st Vice President	Present
Nurun Swapna	2nd Vice President	Remote Present
Nathifa Lewis	Recording Secretary	Remote Present
Yutao Cheng	Treasurer	Present
Jay Lin	Member	Absent
Julie Suh	Member	Remote Present
G.K Kalyanaram	Member	Remote Present
Quentin Mezetin	Member	Present
Adrianna Alicea	Member	Present
Simone Dornbach	Member	Present
Tanya Wendt	Member	Present

**NON-MEMBER ATTENDANCE**

Dr. Eric Blake	Superintendent	Present
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**CALENDAR MEETING Minutes**

Meeting was called to order by President Ramjattan at 6:41pm  
Roll call by Recording Secretary Nathifa Lewis and Quorum was met.

- President Ramjattan opened the meeting and gave greetings and also made a statement about class size matters mandate. Also, gave an update about the D28 upcoming Chancellor's Town Hall
- President Ramjattan officially introduced Dr. Blake as the D28 Superintendent
- Superintendent Dr. Eric Blake gave his report and also touched upon his background once again now that he is officially the superintendent of District 28
- UtiliSave CEO - Michael Steifman presented a bill that the Senators and Assembly Members are working on to protect consumers from inappropriate business practices
- Family Leadership Coordinator Sonia Rueda gave greetings and provided important updates to the community

**Member Reports**

- Council Member gave his feedback on an on-going disagreement between the PTA and school administration for P.S139
- Council Member announced that the school she liaison with his doing a blood drive and asked the community to volunteer to donate blood
- Council Member reminded everyone about our upcoming Chancellor's Town Hall

- Council Member greeted everyone and wished everyone a happy black history month. She also voiced concerns that schools lack communication in regards to certain department such as EMT, Police, Fire etc.
- Council Member Council Member wanted to highlight that PS144 has a food and cultural festival on Sunday and also wanted to wish everyone a happy lunar new year
- Council Member gave feedback on her visit to Halsey, she mentioned she attended over 30 years ago and wanted give some positive feedback about the school.
- Council Member thanked Superintendent Blake and District staff for their advocacy in D75. He also announced that the NYC buses now have trackers so parents can track their children
- Council Member congratulated Dr. Blake on his role as D28 Superintendent and also his team. She gave feedback on her recent SLT meeting and school visit.
- Council Member gave feedback on her recently attended Jamaica Partnership community meeting as well a Q&A session for the office of student enrollment
- Council member wanted introduced herself once more and gave a background on herself as well as informed everyone on all the groups she's involved with. She also gave feedback on CB12 meeting that she recently attended. She also gave feedback on her recently attended citywide parent and district leadership meeting

### **Public Comments**

- UFT Queens Rep gave greetings and provided updates
- Community Member expressed her sentiments about holocaust remembers day and voiced that she and other Jewish parents held a rally in front of tweed House requesting that the Chancellor takes action to combat antisemitism
- Community Activist and a Rep from PS139 gave feedback on the wonderful things that PS 139 teachers and staff have been working on
- CEC Activist and Member offered his service if they should need it in regards to the Town Hall prep. He also mentioned that the CEC members Could invite Principal Marmor to present at their next meeting in regards to class size matter
- Community member voiced that she made a request at the last CEC meeting and wants to make another request for the members to draft a resolution to resist the influence of political groups such as Moms for Liberty
- Community Activist and Member expressed concerns with her school having transparency with the budget and Reso A. She voiced concerns that parents are not engaged.
- Community Activist from CB12 gave greetings and congratulated Dr. and his team. She also thanked CEC Members for attending CB12 meeting. She spoke about the proposed Charter school that will be opened near Queens Blvd and Hillside Ave. She also wanted to highlight that we can all celebrate each other without sliding someone else. She does want to see a divided district.

- Community Member confirmed that June will be the month Jewish heritage and wants the CEC to keep that in mind for their June meeting. She voiced her concerns about one of the CEC members who is currently sitting on the board. She claims that the Member does not represent her nor her community.
- Council Member voiced concerns that he has noticed the negativity and hate on our chat as well as comments in the past couple meetings. He wants to point that CEC28 does not represent hate, CEC28 has space for everyone and CEC uplifts everyone in a positive way.
- Community Activist and Member expressed his support for CEC28 Members and the member in particular that's being questioned by certain parents in the community. He pointed that the member has been doing amazing work in the community and certain parents that are asking her to resign does not speak for the entire Jewish community. He also voiced concerns that Moms for liberty is trying to take roots in NY and is asking the CEC Members to put out a resolution condemning this group as this is not just a Florida issue.
- Council Member shared flyers of CEC28 upcoming Chancellor's Town Hall and gave details
- Council Member also addressed the question in regards to a resolution in regards to Moms for liberty. He mentioned that a fellow council member already has a resolution and we will share it in the March Meeting.

**Meeting Adjourned at 8:43pm**

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

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Quentin Mezetin	Member	Present
Adrianna Alicea	Member	Present
Simone Dornbach	Member	Present
Tanya Wendt	Member	Present

Meeting was called to order by Recording Secretary Nathifa Lewis at 8:51pm  
Roll call by Recording Secretary Nathifa Lewis

Motion was made by President Ramjattan to adopt November's Minutes  
Seconded by Member Quentin Mezetin

Motion was made by President Ramjattan to adopt December's Minutes  
Seconded by 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Lu Zhao

Motion was made by President Ramjattan to adopt January's Minutes  
Seconded by 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Lu Zhao

Council Members discussed the liaison list and assigned the unassigned school to Member Quentin Mezetin

1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Lu Zhao went over President Ramjattan December in-person absence form

1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Lu Zhao made a motion to approve President Ramjattan virtual attendance for December Calendar and Business Meeting

12 in favor; 0 opposed; 0 absent – Motion passed

1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Lu Zhao went over President Ramjattan January in-person absence form

1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Lu Zhao made a motion to approve President Ramjattan virtual attendance for January Calendar and Business Meeting

12 in favor; 0 opposed; 0 absent – Motion passed

1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Lu Zhao went over Member Jay Lin January in-person absence form

1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Lu Zhao made a motion to approve Member Jay Lin virtual attendance for January Calendar and Business Meeting

12 in favor; 0 opposed; 0 absent – Motion passed

1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Lu Zhao went over his own January in-person absence form

1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Lu Zhao made a motion to approve his own virtual attendance for January Calendar and Business Meeting

12 in favor; 0 opposed; 0 absent – Motion passed

1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Lu Zhao went over President Ramjattan February in-person absence form

1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Lu Zhao made a motion to approve President Ramjattan virtual attendance for February Calendar and Business Meeting

12 in favor; 0 opposed; 0 absent – Motion passed

1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Lu Zhao went over Member Julie Suh February in-person absence form

1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Lu Zhao made a motion to approve Member Julie Suh virtual attendance for February Calendar and Business Meeting

12 in favor; 0 opposed; 0 absent – Motion passed

1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Lu Zhao went over Member G.K Kalyanaram February in-person absence form

1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Lu Zhao made a motion to approve Member G.K Kalyanaram virtual attendance for February Calendar and Business Meeting

12 in favor; **0** opposed; 0 absent – Motion passed

1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Lu Zhao went over Recording Secretary Nathifa Lewis February in-person absence form

1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Lu Zhao made a motion to approve Recording Secretary Nathifa Lewis virtual attendance for February Calendar and Business Meeting

12 in favor; **0** opposed; 0 absent – Motion passed

1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Lu Zhao went over 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Nurun Swapna February in-person absence form

1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Lu Zhao made a motion to approve 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Nurun Swapna virtual attendance for February Calendar and Business Meeting

12 in favor; **0** opposed; 0 absent – Motion passed

Council Members discussed the CEC28 budget amongst themselves

Motion was made by President Ramjattan to approve the modified budget

Seconded by Recording Secretary Nathifa Lewis

Roll call by Recording Secretary Nathifa Lewis

12 in favor; **0** opposed; 0 absent – Motion passed

Members discussed former Council Member reimbursement amongst themselves

Motion was made by President Ramjattan to approve giving Barbara Williams her \$300 reimbursement from CEC28 current budget

Roll call by Recording Secretary Nathifa Lewis

12 in favor; **0** opposed; 0 absent – Motion passed

Council Member discussed the CEC28 Chancellor's Town Hall in District 28 amongst themselves

Council Members discussed moving the July's meeting. Motion was made by President Ramjattan to move July's meeting from July 4<sup>th</sup> to July 11<sup>th</sup>

Seconded by Recording Secretary Nathifa Lewis

Roll call by Recording Secretary Nathifa Lewis

12 in favor; **0** opposed; 0 absent – Motion passed

**Business Meeting Adjourned at [ 10:00pm]**

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**Respectfully Adopted by**

Nathifa Lewis  
Recording Secretary

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