

# **CEC D8 Annual, Calendar & Business Meetings Minutes**

**July 17, 2024**

## **Council Members:**

Wanda Ivette Balines D75 Representative/ Treasurer

Latoya Coleman IEP, IAAA, IAP

Carmen Feliciano

Rosalia Fontanez

Elizabeth Garcia

Crystal Rodriguez

Aurora Ronda BPA

Jasmine Ruiz

Laticia Thompson

## **Annual Meeting: Election of Officers**

Meeting started at 6:07:33 pm

### **Roll Call:**

*Wanda Ivette Balines: Present*

*Latoya Coleman: Present*

*Carmen Feliciano: Present*

*Rosalia Fontanez: Excused Absence*

*Elizabeth Garcia: Absent*

*Crystal Rodriguez: Excused Absence*

*Aurora Ronda: Present*

*Jasmine Ruiz: Present*

*Laticia Thompson: Present*

Due to lack of quorum and until reaching it the meeting became an information session as per agreement of attending Council Members

Council Member Austin Rodriguez VP2 and Borough President Appointee (BPA) announced via email his official resignation effective immediately.

As the meeting became an information session, Council Member Wanda Ivette was allowed to present her full report until reaching quorum.

CM Balines report:

\*Identification cards for all our students and why is it important. A brief history as to why. The Ubalde Texas school Massacre in 2018.

\* A Subway Surfing Town Hall with all Bronx School Districts to happen on July 30, 2024. A brief explanation as to why the event is needed.

\* A new District 75 school within School District 10. P 643X will have 2 sites. P10X, P188X and P754X will have changes to accommodate the influx of new students on least restrictive environment.

As of 6:34:47 and with the arrival of CM Garcia we reached quorum. CM Balines was requested to finish her report.

As of 6:39:06 pm CM Coleman officially welcomed all attendees proceeding to the roll call of all Council Members: CM Rosalia Fontanez and CM Crystal Rodriguez had excuse absences and weren't in attendance. 7 Council Members in attendance.

## **Annual Meeting**

### **Started at 6:39 pm**

Elections for Executive Team for School Year 24-25

CM Latoya Coleman nominated to be Chair Pro-Tem to which everyone agreed to.

Reading of rules and description for the positions by our FACE liaison.

CM Aurora Ronda nominated CM Carmen Feliciano to be President

With 4 votes and 3 abstentions, no President was elected.

CM Jasmine Ruiz nominated CM Laticia Thompson for the position of Vice-president 2 who refused the nomination. Subsequently, CM Ruiz nominated CM Wanda Ivette Balines who accepted the nomination. With 3 votes Yes, 2 votes No and 2 abstentions, No VP1 was elected.

For Vice-president 2, CM Latoya Coleman removed herself of being Chair Pro-tem. CM Laticia Thompson became the Chair Pro-tem. CM Coleman proceeded to auto nominate herself to be Vice-president 2. With 6 votes Yes and 1 abstention, No VP2 was elected.

Election of Recording Secretary. No one expressed interest so, the position remained vacant.

For the position of Treasurer. CM Aurora Ronda and CM Jasmine Ruiz auto nominated themselves. With 3 votes Yes for CM Ronda, 2 Votes Yes for CM Ruiz and 2 abstentions. No Treasurer was elected.

At 7:04 pm, The Highest Ranking member CM Coleman, adjourns the Annual/ Election meeting which was seconded by CM Thompson.

### **Calendar meeting:**

Called into session as of 7:07 pm.

Roll Call of the attending members. CM Ronda, CM Garcia, CM Coleman, CM Feliciano, CM Ruiz, CM Balines, CM Thompson present. CM Rodriguez and CM Fontanez have excused absences.

Interview of prospective Council Member Deirdre Riveccio.

With 4 questions asked and with a 5th attempted question by CM Balines which was denied, Council Members called for an executive meeting before voting to onboard Ms. Riveccio.

The Executive meeting was called to get input from public attendee and President of D8 Presidents Council, Ms. Erica Newsome- Rodriguez.

Recommended by FACE liaison to have Ms. Riveccio offer a brief statement as to why she want to become a Council Member which she decided to not offer one.

As of 7:20 pm Council Members reconvene from the Executive meeting, and vote to onboard Ms. Riviuccio. With 4 votes Yes and 3 abstentions, Ms. Riviuccio did not become a Council Member. She was encouraged to remain in the meeting , invested with our Council and to re apply to become a member.

### **Superintendent report: State of the District**

As of 7:28 pm, Superintendent of School District, Ms. Jennifer Joynt started the report.

NYC READS is now on the 2<sup>nd</sup> phase with HMH curriculum. 265 NYC READS ambassadors. One of the largest in all Bronx School districts

NYC Solves: Math PIVOT standard base instruction.

Process of getting the Curriculum vetted for SY 24-25.

Mention of Science Expo

Learn and Listen tours

Professional training of the Parent Coordinators with FLC Ms. Vanessa Ruiz.

Data given by Superintendent Joynt of PMT(Potential material incidents report)

Decrease of level 4 & 5 brought down by 9%.

Presentation of School safety and climate Dashboard.

Our School district is composed of 90% Black, Brown and Hispanic students who have ENL ( English as a new language)

CM Laticia Thompson inquired Superintendent Joynt about the implementation of Class Size Matters

Community member Jibodh asked Superintendent Joynt about what kind of supports are being given to the families of the Students in our district at home.

### **Public Comment:**

By Nicole Post from Constituent services of the NYC Council Member Amanda Farias Office . She offered the NYC CM services to all community members. Gave the phone number to contact the CM office anytime. 718-792-1140.

CM Balines asked about when Participatory Budgeting will start which she responded that they do not have a date at this time.

CM Thompson stressed the importance of all our schools getting involved in the process of Participatory Budgeting and Capital Funding submissions to benefit our schools.

Motion to adjourn the Calendar meeting by CM Coleman and seconded by CM Thompson at 8:04 pm.

Recess of 10 minutes requested and voted unanimously by all Council Members in attendance.

### **Business Meeting:**

Call to order by CM Coleman I/A President at 8:15 pm

Roll call:

CM Ronda Present

CM Garcia Present

CM Coleman Present

CM Feliciano Present

CM Ruiz Present

CM Balines. Present

CM Thompson Present

CM Rodriguez. Absent

CM Fontanez. Absent.

Discussion about the need of having an Administrative assistant as soon as possible.

Set up of a Hiring Committee and the refusal to meet in Saturdays.

CM Coleman to send a Doodle Poll to get the meeting days/dates as of tomorrow, July 18, 2024.

Discussion of an updated new school liaisons

Add all D75 schools in the list of all schools in District 8.

Suggestion to invite D75 Superintendent Louissaint to our meetings. To be discussed at a later date to get his availability.

CM Balines suggested to have CM Ruiz as 2<sup>nd</sup> liaison to D75 schools in our district.

Draft of our 24-25 Budget.

Bring a list of, at least, 5 food vendors for our next month (August) meeting.

Acknowledgement of returning member Wanda Ivette Balines, to be Interim Acting Treasurer until a new one is elected.

Motion to adjourn the Business meeting by CM Ruiz and seconded by CM Thompson and Balines.

Meeting adjourned at 8:35 pm