



Community District Education Council 26

New York City Department of Education

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Raymond Torres

Student Members:

District 26 Community Superintendent IA:
Anthony Inzerillo

Meeting Type: Hybrid (In-Person and Virtual)

Date: Thursday, April 11, 2024

Time: 7:00 PM, Calendar Meeting & Business Meeting to follow

Virtual Registration Link: <https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJMtc--vqjkoG9PIybNorMuVGN5PwrpUjXi>

In-Person Meeting Location: 61-15 Oceania Street, Bayside, NY 11364

Calendar Meeting 7:00 PM

1. Call to order and welcome.
2. **Superintendent's Report**
3. Proposed Resolution on Relaxing Quorum Requirements for CCECs
4. Public Comment
5. Meeting Adjournment

Business Meeting

1. Call to order & roll call.
2. Review and approve minutes from the March 13, 2024, CEC26 meeting.
3. Budget Review
4. President's Report
5. Members' Reports
6. Committee Reports
7. Old Business
8. New Business
9. Adjournment

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Da Lin Gilberto Mejia Ribhi Alam Raymond Torres				

April 14, 2024, CEC26 Meeting Calendar Meeting

Present: Albert Suhu, Sae Jung Lee, Dennis Chan, Ribhi Alam, Louis Tsai, Raymond Torres, Joanna Edwards, Da Lin

Virtual Attendance: Sherry Gonzalez

Absent: Cassandra Louie, Giberto Mejia, Sulinda Hong (excused)

Also Present: Anthony Inzerillo and District 26 Team

The meeting was called to order by Albert Suhu at 7:05 p.m.

- I. Meeting call to order –
- II. Welcome
- III. Superintendent Report
- IV. **Proposed Resolution on Relaxing Quorum Requirements for CCECs**
- Public Comment
Albert Suhu motioned to approve the resolution. The resolution was seconded by Louis Tsai. Motioned passed unanimously.
- IV. **Public Comment**

Al motioned to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 p.m. No objection. Motion passed.

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Virtual Attendance: Sherry Gonzalez

Absent: Cassandra Louie(excused), Giberto Mejia, Sulinda Hong(excused)

Also Present: Anthony Inzerillo and District 26 Team

- I. **Minutes:** March 13, 2024 minutes are reviewed. Minutes are approved.
- II. **Budget Report:** The budget is approved unanimously.
- III. **President Report:**
- IV. Members Report:
- V. **Old Business:**
- VI. **New Business:**

Al Suhu motioned to adjourn the meeting at 9:45 PM and motioned passed unanimously.

Addendum A:



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Resolution on Relaxing Quorum Requirements for Community & Citywide Education Councils (CCEC)

WHEREAS, according to Family and Community Engagement (FACE) the number of applicants to CCEC elections dropped from 1,785 in 2021 to 1,099 in 2023, following the lapse in permission to hold 100% virtual meetings; and

WHEREAS, FACE received numerous CCEC resignations in the spring of 2023, when members were informed that CCEC meetings could no longer be held virtually and therefore require attendance in-person; and

WHEREAS, FACE revealed that during the vetting process for newly elected members in 2023, many did not take office when informed CCEC meetings are no longer held 100% virtually and require in-person attendance; and

WHEREAS, FACE provided data on current vacancies in CCECs as of March 2024, showing that 86 of the 430 CCEC seats are vacant (20%); and

WHEREAS, CCEC vacancies representing vulnerable student populations are disproportionately high:

- D75 - 16
- ELL - 14
- IEP - 9; and

WHEREAS, vacancies in Citywide councils are pronounced:

- CCD75 - 3
- CCELL - 4
- CCHS - 3; and

WHEREAS, vacancies in underserved districts are significant and very troubling, such as in Districts 7-12, all in the Bronx, which average 4 vacancies per council; and

WHEREAS, current NYS Education Law that results in limited representation in CECs in underserved neighborhoods with high proportions of underserved student populations could be construed as racist and/or exclusionary; and

WHEREAS, Education Law was amended in 2022 requiring 2 student members in each CEC; and

WHEREAS, 63 of the 68 CCEC student member seats are vacant (93%); and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, Community Education Council 26 urges the state legislature to consider:

- Amending Education Law to relax in-person quorum requirements such that quorum can be satisfied by including members participating virtually along with those members who participate in-person; and

