



Community Education Council 29Q

New York City Public Schools

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CEC 29Q Calendar Meeting Minutes, March 20, 2025 @ PS 135Q

Call to Order/Welcome

- The meeting was called to order at 6:31 PM by President Allen Williams.
- President Williams introduced Principal Graf, who welcomed attendees.
- PS 135Q Color Guard presented the flag.
- PS 135Q NYC Reads Ambassador was introduced.
- History Fair Acknowledgments: CEC 29Q President Williams and 1st Vice President Mitchell distributed first place trophies to the principals of schools whose students had placed first in the District 29 History Fair.

Roll Call

- Present: Denese Joyner, Tariq Khan, LaTrina Mitchell, Tamara Morrison, Annmarie Schrouter-Gayle (virtual), David Washington, Mark Washington, and Allen Williams, Sr.
- Excused Absence: Mejbah Ahmed and Joann Cummings
- In-person Quorum Met

CSD 29 Superintendent's Report: Dr. Crystal Bonds

- Superintendent Dr. Bonds, along with Dr. Vaughn, Dr. Lubin, and Dr. Dixon, presented the Fair Student Funding (FSF) budget.
- A Q&A session followed the presentation.
 - Questions included concerns about how NYSED plans to address potential funding cuts, especially given that 6% of funding comes from federal sources.
 - Discussion on who is responsible for addressing budget shortfalls at the district level.
 - The Superintendent's team demonstrated how families can access information regarding school budgets.
- Superintendent's Team provided a brief update on the upcoming Right to Read event taking place on April 1st at IS 59Q.

CEC 29 President's Report: Mr. Allen Williams

- President Williams introduced Alyssa Beaumont, the newly appointed CEC 29Q Student Member.
- Alyssa introduced herself and shared her passion for advocating on behalf of students. She is currently a senior at MAST (Mathematics, Science Research, and Technology Magnet High School).
- CEC 29Q warmly welcomed Alyssa to the dais and presented her with a SWAG bag, which included a CEC 29Q lunch bag, t-shirt, pin, and other items.

District 29Q Presidents' Council Report: Mrs. Priscilla Monteiro

- Reported Presidents' Council is hosting a Student Pop-Up event during their April 28th monthly meeting.



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- President Monteiro discussed the CEC Elections and informed the public of the upcoming Candidate's Forum.

Approval of Minutes

- The following meeting minutes were reviewed by Council Members, a copy was provided to the public:
 - January 16th Calendar & Business Meetings
 - February 13th Calendar & Business Meetings
 - March 3rd Special Meeting
- President Williams motioned to accept the January 16th, February 13th, and March 3rd Calendar, Business and Special meeting minutes. D. Washington seconded the motion. The motion was carried. No one opposed.

Adjournment

- President Williams motioned to adjourn the Calendar Meeting. T. Khan seconded the motion. The Calendar Meeting was adjourned at 8:00 PM.

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CEC 29Q Business Meeting Minutes, March 20, 2025 @ PS 135Q

Call to Order

- The business meeting was called to order at 8:20 PM by President Allen Williams.

Roll Call: Tamara Morrison

- Present: Denese Joyner, Tariq Khan, LaTrina Mitchell, Tamara Morrison, Annmarie Schrouter-Gayle (virtual), David Washington, Mark Washington, and Allen Williams, Sr.
- Excused Absence: Mejbah Ahmed and Joann Cummings
- In-person Quorum Met

Treasurer's Report: Tariq Khan

- **Submissions of Monthly Activity Reports and Reimbursement Requests:** Tariq thanked members for submitting their reimbursement requests.
- **Budget Updates:**
 - The Operating and Legislative budgets were reviewed.
 - President Williams expressed concern over the delay in Assembly member Hyndman's funding.
 - President Williams informed council if the funding does not come through, CEC 29Q annual graduation awards ceremony may not be possible.
 - A suggestion was made to find out who, other than the CEC 29 Senior Grants Officer D. Koleva, can help determine the status of CEC 29 funding. CEC 29 will bring this issue to the Chancellor's attention if necessary.
 - Council members emphasized the importance of transparency and noted that the entire council should be included in all communications regarding funding.
 - Members agreed to send an email to FACE Representative J. Gonzales, for assistance with tracking the funding status.

Old Business/New Business

- **Chancellor Town Hall Event Updates:**
 - Clarification was requested on the process of hosting the Town Hall. Council members were asked for their expectations.
 - Mr. J. Gonzales from FACE explained the purpose of the Town Hall is for the Chancellor to answer questions from the community.
 - He advised the Council to develop a series of questions to present during the town hall.
 - FACE will support gathering district data for the event.



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- A walkthrough of the event logistics (including livestream, audio, video, seating for staff, and Council members) will take place on March 26th, from 12 PM-1 PM.
- A virtual logistical prep meeting is scheduled for March 26th from 5 PM-6 PM.
- Council members were asked to engage with their schools to gather questions from the community.
- The deadline for submitting questions is March 28th.
- Council members were instructed to submit their questions to the CEC 29 office by March 28th.
- CEC 29Q will submit the list of questions to J. Gonzales/FACE by April 1st.
- **CEC 29Q Resolutions & Responses:**
 - **Resolution to Expand Student Access on the Council:**
 - A discussion was held regarding the need to strongly advocate for a resolution to amend the law to expand student representation on Citywide and Community Education Councils. The Council agreed to present a vote on the resolution at the April 24th Calendar Meeting.
 - **Response to Promoting Unity Through an End All Hatred Day:**
 - One member suggested tabling the response to this proposal, while another member felt it should be addressed immediately.
 - A Council member suggested drafting a resolution on the matter rather than responding directly to the email.
 - The Council agreed to reviewing a resolution addressing the issue at the April 24th Business meeting but did not reach a consensus on how to respond to the original email.

Adjournment of Business Meeting

- T. Khan motioned to adjourn the meeting. L. Mitchell seconded the motion.
- The meeting was adjourned at 9:35 PM.

Minutes submitted by: Nakida Camille, AA, CEC 29