

**COMMUNITY EDUCATION COUNCIL DISTRICT 28**  
**Calendar/Business Meeting Minutes**  
**February 6, 2025**

**ATTENDANCE**

<b>Member</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Attendance</b>
Quentin Mezetin	President	Present
Lauren Clavin	1st Vice President	Present
Yutao Cheng	2nd Vice President	Present
Nathifa Lewis	Recording Secretary	Present
Tanya Wendt	Treasurer	Present
Paquita Williams	Member	Present
Julie Suh	Member	Present
G.K Kalyanaram	Member	Present
Vacant Seat	Member	
Lu Zhao	Member	Present
Simone Dornbach	Member	Present
Vacant Seat		

**NON-MEMBER ATTENDANCE**

Dr. Eric Blake	Superintendent	Remote Present
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**Calendar Meeting Minutes**

Meeting was called to order by President Quentin Mezetin at 6:37pm  
Roll call by Recording Secretary Nathifa Lewis and Quorum was met.

- President Quentin Mezetin opened the meeting and gave greetings. He asked Spanish interpreters to give instructions in Spanish. He thanked all members and AA for their work behind scenes. He provided his report briefly.
- Superintendent Dr. Eric Blake started his report by highlighting diversity in D28 and presented various topics/data. He also briefly spoke on new immigration policies regarding schools. He also touched on various workshops for staff and teachers. He also gave feedback on a recent truncation that took place in D28. He also voiced that QBP allocated \$25M towards 50 new projects in schools across Queens. He also gave feedback on Speakers Adams Annual Principals Gathering. He ended with thanking the council members for their support and cooperation.
- Dr. Hall gave greetings and briefly spoke about OMNY.
- Dr. Benoit gave greetings
- Family Leadership Coordinator Sonia Rueda gave greetings and provided upcoming workshop announcements.
- President Mezetin wished those that are celebrating a Happy Lunar New Years.
- President Mezetin thanked 2<sup>nd</sup> VP Yutao Cheng for putting together a survey that was shared with the community regarding school food
- Presentation by Office of Food and Nutrition Services - D28 Supervisor Lauren Paccione & Asst. Supervisor, Aaron Baptista

- Council Members asked questions surrounding the feedback from the community
- OFNS answered questions accordingly
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President voiced that he will follow up via email with OFNS with the community feedback
- President Mezetin provided instructions for the CEC Candidate interview  
Council Members proceeded with questions to each candidate  
One of the candidates fell off zoom and never returned so the interview proceeded with only two candidates
- President Mezetin announced that he, AA and fellow members will go into a breakout room to discuss candidates
- Council Members and AA returned and decided to revisit one question that was previously asked. President Mezetin and Recording Secretary asked question pertaining on in person attendance  
Candidates answered accordingly
- Recording Secretary Nathifa Lewis voiced that the members will be voting on the two vacant seats. She also made a motion to move the voting from the Business portion to the Calendar portion of the meeting  
Seconded by President Mezetin  
Roll call by Recording Secretary Nathifa Lewis for Candidate Arezoo Termechi  
10 in favor; 0 opposed; 0 absent; 0 abstain – Arezoo Termechi was elected as Council Member  
Roll call by Recording Secretary Nathifa Lewis for Candidate Jennifer Sobers  
10 in favor; 0 opposed; 0 absent; 0 abstain – Jennifer Sobers was elected as Council Member
- Treasurer Tanya Wendt went through her Resolution Requesting the Continued Protection of All New York City Public School Students and “Know Your Rights” Training Sessions in the Wake of the 2024 Presidential Election
- Council Member gave his feedback and personal experience on the resolution. He voiced that he’s for the resolution
- Council Member gave her feedback and spoke from personal experience. She voiced that she’s for the resolution and thanked Member Tanya Wendt
- Council Member gave her personal feedback and spoke from her childhood experience regarding her and her family immigration status. She thanked member Tanya Wendt for the resolution and voiced that she’s for the resolution
- Council Member voiced that the community should not be scared and that they should educate themselves about the laws and protocol
- Roll call by Recording Secretary Nathifa Lewis  
10 in favor; 0 opposed; 0 absent; 0 abstain – Resolution passed  
President Mezetin acknowledged all PC’s, Elected Officials, Community Boards and Principals in attendance

### **Member Reports**

- Council Member congratulated the new elected members and gave her feedback on her recent visit with QBP team meeting. She also announced the deadline for the Reso A funding. She also voiced that she hopes the Chancellor stands up for all kids regardless of their gender, sexual orientation or immigration status.

- Council Member congratulated the elected members and voiced that he has been busy working on the school survey. He voiced that he will follow up with the OFNS provide the feedback to the district office.
- Council Member voice disappointments regarding the SCA projects as not many of D28 schools were selected. She voiced that she and other members continues to advocate for the one-way street in shared campus school. She also voiced feedback surrounding ICE but asked that everyone avoid listening to rumor and get the facts from the schools opposed to word of mouth.
- Council Member voiced that she was able to connect with all her schools in January and also sit on various meetings. She provided her feedback various family engagements and workshops.
- Council Member voiced that she attended a meeting where the principal of school announced that he's resigning. She spoke highly of the principal and wished him well. She also voiced that she did the read aloud day at her daughter's school.
- Council Member voiced concerns around school food and brought up a past situation where the director outsourced the food and schools were served rotten meats.
- Council Member thanked her fellow council members for sharing their personal life stories. She also voiced last week was the International Holocaust Remembrance Day and it hits home for her home being that she's from Germany. She voiced that it's saddens her to see someone making a Hitler salute without being redemanded. She voiced that everyone should watch out for each other regardless of status, race or pollical party as everyone needs to be protected, especially the kids. She closed with a quote by Gracie Adams.
- Council Member gave greetings and provided feedback his recent SLT and Queens H.S president council meetings. He announced that he was invited to the NYC health and hospital annual public meeting to speak at Elmhurst Hospital as they want to know how to help schools as far as health programs. He also gave feedback on his recent 811Q walkthrough with QBP Director and the Principal. He also gave feedback on his recent D75 Annual Breakfast. He also gave his feedback on his recent in-person meeting with the district office.

### **Public Comments**

- UFT Rep gave greetings congratulated the newly elected CEC Members. He provided updates to the community. He also voiced that the UFT shares the same concerns that the CEC raised.
- PEP Queens Rep thanked council members for sharing the personal life stories. She provided feedback from her trip to Albany. She also provided feedback from her meeting with Senator Liu's office.
- Chair CB 6 gave greetings and thanked the members for all the work that they do. She voiced that she is so proud of the Resolution that passed. She wanted to let everyone know that they are aware of the concerns with traffic and safety at

PS 174 and PS 144 and that they are working with city council members and DOT to come with a solution.

- QBP Education Director gave greetings thanked the Council for their work. She wanted everyone to know their office is working with other city agencies regarding the concerns raised tonight.
- D28 parent wanted to thank the CEC members and President for listening to her concerns from the past. She asked the members write a resolution in regard to the lack of services as far as special education.

**Meeting Adjourned at 9:51pm**

**BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES**  
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Lu Zhao	Member	Present
Simone Dornbach	Member	Absent
Vacant Seat		

Meeting was called to order by President Mezetin at 9:58pm  
Roll call by Recording Secretary Nathifa Lewis and Quorum was met

President Mezetin dismissed Spanish interpreters

1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Lauren Clavin made a motion to approve Council Member Simone Dornbach remote present for January Calendar and Business Meeting.

Seconded by President Mezetin

1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Lauren Clavin made a motion to approve Council Member Tanya Wendt remote present for January Calendar and Business Meeting

Seconded by Member President Mezetin

Motion was made by President Mezetin to adopt January Calendar and Business Meeting Minutes

Seconded by Member Simone Dornbach

Council Members discussed the CEC budget amongst themselves. The Treasurer went over the changes and allocations.

Treasurer Tanya Wendt made a motion to approve modified budget

Seconded by Recording Secretary Nathifa Lewis

President Mezetin made a motion to adjourn meeting.

Seconded by Recording Secretary Nathifa Lewis

**Business Meeting Adjourned at [10:08pm]**

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**Respectfully Adopted by**

Nathifa Lewis

Recording Secretary

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