

# Citywide Council for District 75

## BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

**Date:** July 8, 2020 **Time:** 6:00 PM – 8:00PM

**Location:** Virtual Meeting: Zoom

<b>MEETING CALLED BY</b>	<b>Shamel Lawrence</b> , President
<b>FACILITATOR</b>	<b>Shamel Lawrence</b> , President
<b>ROLL CALL &amp; NOTE TAKER</b>	<b>Grisel Cardona</b> , Recording Secretary
<b>TIMEKEEPER</b>	<b>Shamel Lawrence</b> , President
<b>ATTENDEES</b>	Amy Ming Tsai, Parliamentarian - Present, Tiesha Groover, Council Member-Present, Shamel Lawrence, Sr., Council Member-Present, Craig E. Spencer, Vice President- Present, Grisel Cardona, Council Member- Present, Debra Altman, Council Member- Excused, Constance Asiedu, Public Advocate Appointee-Present
<b>MEETING START</b>	Start: 6:00pm Adjourn: 8:00pm

### 1. Call to Order

2. **Roll Call:** Grisel Cardona

3. **Appointment of Timekeeper:** Amy Ming Tsai

4. **Moment of Silence:** For those who passed away due to Covid- 19 and stand with the protesters who are protesting the injustices they face in their lives, for the young artistic young man and his grandfather died in the fire goes to school and pay tribute to the esstial worker.

### 5. Review of last two FACE Check-Ins and any other significant Member activity:

- Craig E. Spencer meantioned the following: The council donated the remainder of their budget to the children of D75 in temporary housing.
- Claudette Agard on June 25th that we can vote during the virtual meetings.
- The A.A. will receive training on Zoom.
- The council reveived applications of possible caindates.
- The council and D25 president's council participated in calls with Distrrict Leadership on July 1<sup>st</sup> and yesterday regarding our plans for the future. There will be a roundtable of parents advising on the terms of how the reopening will look for the school year.

6. **Determine Timetable for Council Interview of Candidates:** Mr. Lawrence asked the council their opion on setting a date for the interview process for the possibel canidates. Amy, Craig, Tiesha and Shamel suggested the council wait until the bylaws are in order. Grisel stated their shouldn't be a delay in the interview process. Constance stated the council can interview the canidates at their next meeting. That does not prohibit you interviewing people on the 22nd. The candidates can be presented to the Council as a whole. We are going to vote on them pulmonary and get public comments and the next meeting is when we ratify back for them. Ms. Cardona asked if the council could format questions for the interview process.

7. **Motion for Special Meeting:** 7/14/20 Office of District Planning Presentation

7A. Subsequent Capacity Committee Meetings to follow

**8. Council By-Law Review and Vote:** Constance Asiedu informed the council they should review the bylaws and look at the template the council will need to make some additions. The addition of President and Co-President and the addition of a second VP.

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**9. Finalize and Vote on holding Annual Meeting:** See below in Actions

**10. 7/22/20 Calendar Meeting Agenda Review and Vote:** See below in Actions

**11. Set a preliminary Meeting Schedule to address vital topics the Council needs to monitor over the next year:** Amy Ming Tasi elaborated on the school bus transportation contract. Currently, there are conversations on how to work with unions and how to make it safe for their employees clients: students, bus para and bus nurses. It's very complicated at this moment, since buses have not been running and a lot of bus companies had to furlough and temporarily suspend money access as going back and forth. There are some a large chunk of employees will have to be recertified and trained. Once these contracts are in place and even if it is not in place, they will still have to be recertified and try it again. It's a very complex issue, even though we have contracts by August, maybe few of the bus companies that will be operational will not certify that will have enough bus attendance, drivers or maintain the buses. Mr. Spencer will attend a compacity meeting at his daughter school and will bring back the information he gathered to the council.

**12. Health & Safety:** Grisel Cardona mention her issue with health and safety stems from those who are asymptomatic the Mayor and Chancellor said health and safety bills come first. Most adults are asymptomatic they have no fever, nothing, and are you doing temperature checks at the door. Are we asking the district or the DOE to provide proof they were tested? Mr. Spencer spoke to the Superintendent and asked who will address the social support for the district and he was informed Ray Velez will. Mr. Spencer wants the health department involved with testing and support. Ms. Cardona also brought up bus companies' preparation and compliance with the new social distancing. This can be discussed during the joint forum with CCSE.

**13. Curriculum & Transition:** Grisel Cardona informed the council she wants the council to meet with D75 or LaShawn Robinson to discuss in depth healing censored, culturally responsive education to address the associate emotional support because students don't understand as to why the schools closed. Once addressed students can get back on track with their academics. The discussion with the district will provide us with insight into what they're planning to address social emotional supports. We also need to receive information on Transition. Mr. Lawrence asked Ms. Groover will schedule a meeting on transition. Ms. Cardona asked to add to the calendar meeting agenda on the 22<sup>nd</sup> talk about the models presented during Chancellor meeting. That can be presented by the Superintendents during his Report.

**14. Budget:** Ms. Cardona asked if the council can purchase laptops for students in need for September. The budget will be discussed in August.

15. **SCA:** Craig E. Spencer would like to put forth a motion to have a Special Meeting on Tuesday, July 14<sup>th</sup> for the Office of District Planning to do a presentation on their plans for D75, 2020-21 and 2021-2022 school year regarding capacity for D75. D75 Superintendent and his team supports the endeavour. The meeting will provide the council with the opportunity to address their concerns. Shamel Lawrence asked to add in the motion to host a joint meeting with CCSE on July 15<sup>th</sup> at 6pm. Motion is hold a meeting with OPD on July 14<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm and D75 and CCSE to host a Special Education Forum on July 15<sup>th</sup> at 6pm

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16. **Legislature & Elections:** 3 candidates for the PEP and the vote is tomorrow night for the PEP. The council can't be part of the voting process. The applications are for reviewing purposes only. Ms. Asiedu informed the council the CDC working group is coming back together to determine how the elections. They will be meeting next week. You can only attend if you're a member of the Mayor's Taskforce Group.

17. **Joint Meeting:** See below in Actions

18. **Motion to Adjourn:**

♦ **ACTIONS:**

VOTES	Motion made	Voice –Vote Tally
OPD on July 14 <sup>th</sup> at 6 pm and D75 and CCSE to host a Special Education Forum on July 15 <sup>th</sup> at 6pm	Craig Spencer and Seconded by Shamel Lawrence	Amy Ming Tsai-Yes Tiesha Groover-Yes Shamel Lawrence-Yes Constance Asiedu-Yes Craig E. Spencer- Yes Grisel Cardona-Yes Debra Altman-Excuse Pass: 6 Votes Excuse: 1
Hold the Annual, Business, Calendar Meeting on August 12, 2020 at 5 pm	Craig Spencer and Seconded by Shamel Lawrence	Amy Ming Tsai-Yes Tiesha Groover-Yes Shamel Lawrence-Yes Constance Asiedu-Yes Craig E. Spencer- Yes Grisel Cardona-Yes Debra Altman-Excuse Pass: 6 Votes Excuse: 1
Calendar Meeting July 22, 2020 (on the agenda: interview the candidates, Bylaws and the Superintendent).	Craig Spencer and Seconded by Shamel Lawrence	Amy Ming Tsai-Yes Tiesha Groover-Yes Shamel Lawrence-Yes Constance Asiedu-Yes

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