

Citywide Council for District 75

BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

Date: October 7, 2020 **Time:** 6:30 PM – 9:00PM **Location:** Virtual Meeting: Zoom

MEETING CALLED BY	Shamel Lawrence and Craig E. Spencer , Co-Presidents
FACILITATOR	Shamel Lawrence and Craig E. Spencer , Co-Presidents
ROLL CALL & NOTE TAKER	Patricia Jewett , Recording Secretary
TIMEKEEPER	Shamel Lawrence , President
ATTENDEES	Shamel Lawrence , Co-President-Present, Craig E. Spencer , Co-President-Present, Grisel Cardona , Vice President- Present, Debra Altman , Treasurer- Present, Patricia Jewett , Recording Secretary & Public Advocate Appointee- Present, Amy Ming Tsai , Parliamentarian – Present, Andrea Daniels , Council Member-Present, Constance Asiedu , Public Advocate Appointee-Present and Tiesha Groover , Council Member-Present
MEETING START & ADJOURN	Start: 6:40pm Adjourn: 9 pm

- **Call to Order:** S. Lawrence, Co-President informed the attendees this is a business meeting, and it is not open for public comment.
- **Roll Call:** P. Jewett, Recording Secretary
- **Timekeeper:** C.E. Spencer, Co-President
- **Moment of Silence:** For the First Responders and those who lost their lives to Covid-19.
- **10/7/20 DLT Meeting Review:** C.E. Spencer mentioned there was a DLT meeting today and there is a big emphasis in terms of the SLT. The PA/PTA elections has to be done by October 31st. The members of the council are willing to work with the Superintendent, his staff and FACE to help expedite the process. He also recognized G. Cardona for the work she does within District 9. G. Cardona clarified the roles and process during the election. When it comes to PA elections SLT's and President's Council are to assist with the process, of how the school and the parent coordinators organizes the election at their school. Parents get elected on to the SLT that also happens during the PA elections.
- **Proposed Resolution Testing District 75 Students:** D. Altman authored Resolution #1: District 75 Students to be exempt from random Covid-19 testing to remain eligible for in-person Schooling including IEP Services and Supports. The resolution was read by T. Groover and is located on the council's website at <https://www.cecd75.org/our-accomplishments> . Members were provided two minutes to comment on the resolution. Members thanked D. Altman for her work and are in support of the resolution. D. Altman mentioned there are two proposals suggested to add into the resolution.
 - Suggested by C.E. Spencer *Let it be resolved that parents and counsel. We were not informed of how the DOE, wanted to conduct testing on our children in a timely fashion and that this leaves districts 75 students and unnecessary harm *.
 - The second proposal *Let it be resolved that we recommend all CEC's follow suit that no child be conducted with any medical procedure in school without a parent or a pediatrician present or participating*. Once added to the draft resolution she will send out to the council to review as well as the District 75 school community.
- **Additional Concerns regarding 9/30/20 Misinformation:** Due to time constraint the council was unable to address.

- **Rapid Response Team Review:** Due to time constraint the council was unable to address.
- **Review of Agendas for Upcoming Meeting:**
- **10/8/20 Ketler Louissant Meeting:** The members of CCD75 are invited to meet with Superintendent Ketler Louissant and his team of District 75 at 5:30pm to 6:30pm. C.E. Spencer also informed the members the DOE schedule an information session on testing the same day at 6:30pm to 8pm.
- **10/21/20 Calendar Meeting Agenda:** C.E. Spencer and A.M. Tsai attended a meeting hosted by Senator John Lu on how the State can help the parents hold the DOE accountable. He believes the council’s constituents need more than the DOE support. He would like for the council members to seek more support other than the DOE’s to support D75 parent’s needs. C.E. Spencer would like to invite the Senator to the council’s October 21st Calendar Meeting. He would like to get the council members input first on inviting the Senator.
 - P. Jewett and C. Asiedu will assist in reaching out to his office to invite Senator Gustavo Rivera for the Calendar Meeting on October 21st. She mentioned he is very involved in Albany.
 - S. Lawrence informed the members three elected officials confirmed their attendance Senator Sanders from Queens, NY, Senator Comrie from Queens, and Public Advocate Jumaane Williams. They informed S. Lawrence let them know when and they will be there.
 - **Note:** S. Lawrence informed the members he is working on scheduling a Town Hall meeting with Chancellor Carranza. The council members will need to submit dates for the Town Hall, he wants to make sure the members are in favor of the Town Hall and called for a motion (see below). S. Lawrence informed the members once the date is set, he will inform the members via email.
- **10/28/20 Foti Meeting:** Due to time constraint the council was unable to address.
- **Meeting Minutes Review/Update:** Due to time constraint the council was unable to address.
- **Business and Calendar Meeting Dates from March through June 2021 (from 8/24/20):** Due to time constraint the council was unable to address.
- **Review of Policies & Procedures into the By-Laws:** Due to time constraint the council was unable to address.
- **Committee Goals/Action Item:** Due to time constraint the council was unable to address.
- **Motion to Adjourn:**

◆ **ACTIONS:**

VOTES	Motion made	Voice –Vote Tally
A motion was made to hold a Special Meeting open to the public for review and comments on Resolution #1: District 75 Students to be exempt from random Covid-19 testing to remain eligible for in-person Schooling including IEP Services and Supports prior to the date that we all agreed to you for this special meeting.	D. Altman made a motion and P. Jewett second	S. Lawrence-Yes C.E. Spencer-Yes G. Cardona-No D. Altman- Yes P. Jewett-Yes C. Asiedu-Yes

		T. Groover-Yes A. Daniels-Yes A.M. Tsai-Yes 8- Yes Votes 1-No Vote Passed
T. Groover made a motion for the members CCD75 to have public comment on October 13 at 6:30am For Resolution #1: District 75 Students to be exempt from random Covid-19 testing to remain eligible for in-person Schooling including IEP Services and Supports	T. Groover made a motion and A. Daniels second	S. Lawrence-Yes C.E. Spencer-Yes G. Cardona-No D. Altman- Yes P. Jewett-Yes C. Asiedu-Abstain T. Groover-Yes A. Daniels-Yes A.M. Tsai-Abstain 6- Yes Votes 2-Abstain 1-No Vote Passed
C.E. Spencer: Called for a motion for CCD75 to support state and city officials that are not running for election to speak to our constituents at our calendar meeting on October 21 st . Those that have already been elected speak during the November 2020 Calendar Meeting.	T. Groover made a motion and A. Daniels second	S. Lawrence-Yes C.E. Spencer-Yes G. Cardona-No D. Altman- Yes P. Jewett-Yes C. Asiedu-Yes T. Groover-Yes A. Daniels-Yes A.M. Tsai- Yes 8- Yes Votes 1-No Vote Passed
A motion was called to have a Town Hall Meeting with Chancellor Carranza.	P. Jewett made a motion and A.M. Tsai second	S. Lawrence-Yes C.E. Spencer-Yes G. Cardona-No D. Altman- Yes P. Jewett-Yes C. Asiedu-Yes T. Groover-Yes A. Daniels-Yes A.M. Tsai- Yes 8- Yes Votes 1-No Vote Passed
Motion to adjourn	P. Jewett made a motion and A. Daniels second	

