

# Citywide Council for District 75

## CALENDAR MEETING MINUTES

**Date:** July 22, 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>	<b>Amy Ming Tsai</b> , Parliamentarian - Present, <b>Tiesha Groover</b> , Council Member-Present, <b>Shamel Lawrence, Sr.</b> , Council Member-Present, <b>Craig E. Spencer</b> , Vice President- Present, <b>Grisel Cardona</b> , Council Member- Present, <b>Debra Altman</b> , Council Member- Present, <b>Constance Asiedu</b> , Public Advocate Appointee-Present
<b>MEETING START</b>	Start: 6:15 pm Adjourn: 8:00pm

### Minutes:

**Note:** Ms. Patricia Jewett introduced to the council during the Calendar Meeting. She informed the council she will submit her Oath to FACE once its notarized.

Agenda Item: Moment of Silence

Presenter: Shamel Lawrence, President

- Mr. Lawrence asked for a moment of silence to honor those essential workers.

Agenda Item: CCD75 interview process and Q&A

Presenter: CCD75 Members

- The council called for an Executive Session and asked the attendees, Administrative Assistant and Interpreters departed after the vote. See vote below.
- The interview process began with the two candidates for the open seats on the council. The council formatted questions prior to the interview to ask the candidates.
- Guest Attendees from Presidents' Council: Gwen Sacks, Recording Secretary, Camile and Luna Spivey of Presidents' Council was invited to hear from the candidates and provide their input.

Agenda Item: Superintendent's Report

Presenter: Ketler Louissaint, District 75 Superintendent

- The Superintendent mentioned it was a pleasure to be with the council and to really get a chance to share his remarks and updates. He knows this is a difficult time for all of us, including the school staff and families in district 75, we have been trying our very best with our family support team, parent coordinators, principals, and our staff to be available for our parents. Mr. Lawrence recommendation during a meeting for us to hold a town hall. We have decided to direct our principal to hold a town hall for their school and receive questions from the parents because they are able to answer the direct questions the parents will have. Parents are concerned about health, safety, and education of their children. Tonight, at P4K in Brooklyn we were all invited but we had to be at the CCD75 council's meeting. We will follow up with the principal later. He also mentioned the Following:
- Parent meetings are held with the parent coordinators and this allows or the school and parent to continue to engage in conversation during Covid-19.
- Principals are looking at their choices to regarding the programming model that will fit with their school population.
- Before Covid-19 the district planned to open new sites. Due to the cities fiscal offset the district is waiting to hear from central.
- The principals are looking towards September 2020 but again due to Covid-19 we must wait for central.
- The district and the DOE is adhering to the Department of Health's Guideline so we can keep everyone safe.
- In terms of the budget schools have received their budget we are looking at ways to do more with less.

- OPT and the district office are prioritizing to ensure our students are represented more than 80 percent of the ridership and we want to make sure they put us at the top of their agenda. We know council members are concerned about negating bus contacts and equipped with Geotab GPS technology and OPT will no longer send by mail to parents routing notice. Parents will have access through the NYC school account 15 days before school starts in September. OPT plans to have meetings with the parent

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coordinators, liaisons, and parents to explain the new process. The district has asked OPT to also train the parent coordinators, so they are able to access the system and assist parents.

- The Superintendent staffing for next year and the possibility of staff not returning and some students opting to stay home. However, he is aware of the numbers at the rec centers and believes staffing will be ready for the school year. Also, after observing with his cabinet who are supervising some of the rec centers and supporting staff I will tell you, providing in person related services to our student so far is really a winning formula we have observed.
- The students retuning to the classroom setting they are looking at different program models, utilization of space in the context of space and social distancing. The shipment of gloves, hand sanitizers and face shields will be provided for students and staff thus protecting subtends and staff during the day. We have also requested at the suggestion of council member Ms. Altman a disinfected fogger be purchased and used within the school (what the MTA is currently using).The request was sent to school facilities and the district is waiting to hear from them.
  - Agenda Item: Approval of Outstanding Minutes Ready to Be Voted On
  - Finalize Plans for Rescheduled Special Meeting for Office of District Planning Presentation: N/A (with Dep. Ch. Karin Goldmark)
  - Committee Chair/ CCD75 Members Report: N/A
  - CCD75 President's Report: N/A
  - 7PM Observation of First Responders: N/A
  - Review of Preliminary Talking Points for 8/12/20 CCD75 Annual/Business/Calendar Meeting: N/A
  - Council Bylaws Review and Vote: N/A
  - Public Comment: N/A
  - Motion to Adjourn:

♦ **ACTIONS:**

VOTES	Motion made	Voice –Vote Tally
Call to go into Executive Session	Tiesha Groover made the motion and Craig E. Spencer, 2 <sup>nd</sup>	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
Call to go depart the Executive Session		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
Call to go into Executive Session	Constance Asiedu made a motion	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
Call to go depart the Executive Session		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

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