



CITYWIDE DISTRICT 75 COUNCIL

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MINUTES Annual and Working Meeting

The Annual and Working Meeting of the Citywide District 75 Council was held on Wednesday, **July, 6, 2011** at 6:00pm at 45-18 Court Square, Long Island City, NY 11101. The following people were in attendance.

1. Introduction of Newly Elected Council Members

Charlene Carroll- Hall, Co-President of the council stated the meeting by introducing herself and provided a personal history to the newly elected council members and requested that they do the same

2. Annual Meeting Call to Order

Charlene welcomed, informed the council this is the Annual Meeting for the District 75 Council. The meeting will come to order and that she was convening the Annual Meeting of District 75 for the purpose of electing officials.

*Note: Joe Williams informed the council that he contacted OFIA to inquire if it was fair to hold the Annual Meeting Elections tonight. Joe mentioned to the council, this will be the first time that the members have officially met and they do not know each other. It's not fair to ask the new and previous members who may want to run for a seat to vote on a person you do not know; as the elected member what will they contribute and how do they plan on running the council. He suggest that anyone who is running for office especially for the office of President, Vice President that they submit in writing what you have previously done, will and what are your plans are for the council in the future. Allowing the new member's time to read and digest the information provided. OFIA said that if we wish to have the election at a later date in July or in August during the Calendar Meeting.

Charlene responded by mentioning; this is the first time that she is hearing of that. According to what was giving to her today, we cannot make any decision or going forth until we handle the Annual Meeting.

Joe stated the reason why he called OFIA was to get information on how we stand as a council by making the said suggestion; how do we go forth and is it legal to do so. He was informed if the council as a body agrees to have the election at a later date in July or August it will be okay with OFIA.

Charlene asked how the council will conduct its meeting going forward if we decided to do what you're suggesting.

Joe informed Charlene the council can have the elections at the next Calendar Meeting. Ewel Napier of OFIA stated if the council as a whole decides to hold the Annual Meeting at a later date it will be fine. Joe continued to inform the council that is not fair to ask people who do not know each other and meeting for the first time to vote for leaders without knowing what their plans are for the council.

Charlene stated that she trust Joe and that he contacted OFIA. We can go around the table and see if this is how we want to handle that or a time line. Charlene asked for the council to pick a chairperson to officiate the meeting since the council does not have an executive board.

Allison Bridges-Matthews said she will step in as the Chairperson. Charlene informed her and the council that Allison may nominate herself for pro tem chairperson.

3. Annual Meeting Roll Call

Able Alagbe	Absent
Ramona Bisnauth	Absent
Maureen Dantzer	Present
Dixon Deutsch	Present
Charlene Carroll-Hall	Present
Jackie Pierre-Louis	Excused
Allison Bridges-Matthews	Present
Diamaris Magarin	Present
Gloria Ann Smith	Present
Alicia Valeus	Present
Joseph Williams	Present

*Note: Jackie Pierre- Louis has an excused absent due to a death in her family and is currently in Haiti.
Ramona Bisnauth provided no notification to the council regarding her absent.
Able Alagbe provided no notification to the council regarding his absent.

4. Annual Meeting Recorder: Administrative Assistant

Ramona Garcia, Administrative Assistant

5. Election of Chairman pro tem

Charlene Carroll-Hall called for a chairperson pro tem. Allison Bridges-Matthews nominated herself as the chairperson pro tem, Joe Williams seconded it and the council agreed; none opposed. Charlene stated the elections for pro tem is now closed the officers will proceed to take nominations.

8 Yes, 0 No

6. Elections of Officers

Charlene Carroll-Hall opened the floor to Joe Williams.

Joe Williams motioned to postpone the elections tonight and vote at a later date. Allison Bridges-Matthews second the motion and all were in favor, none opposed.

8 Yes, 0 No

Gloria Ann Smith made a motion to choose the date of August Calendar Meeting. Joe Williams seconded it and all were in favor, none opposed.

8 Yes, 0 No

7. Adjournment of Annual Meeting

See below

Working Agenda

Call to order at 6:45 pm the working agenda

2. Roll Call

Able Alagbe	Present
Ramona Bisnauth	Absent
Maureen Dantzer	Present
Dixon Deutsch	Present
Charlene Carroll-Hall	Present
Jackie Pierre-Louis	Excused
Allison Bridges-Matthews	Present
Diamaris Magarin	Present
Gloria Ann Smith	Present
Alicia Valeus	Present
Joseph Williams	Present

3. Appointment of Timekeeper

Dixon Deutsch

4. Meeting with Roberto E. Tillman, Director of Operations Citywide Schools NYC DOE: D75

Roberto Tillman introduced himself to the council and passed out a handout. Roberto explained at the last reorganization DOE went from the integrated service centers to children first network. D75 is still considered a school district there is a CFN Unit consisting of nine people that provide the business and operating support and were in the same building with the district. What my unit does is prepare the budget, generate allocations to the schools and assist them with their day to day operations. As far as the CEC is concerned unless something happens the DOE provides the CEC's 20 thousand a year to operate. It has not been received yet and waiting for an email reply. Roberto mentioned the Fiscal Resource Management and expenditures are guided by the DOE Standard Operating Procedure Manual. Explanation in how operating procedures was explained to the council; the role the President, Administrative Assistant and his office collaborates to follow the rules and regulations by the DOE.

5. Schedule dates & Locations for Calendar Meetings

The council agreed to email each other subjects for the calendar meeting and possible locations.

*Note: The council discussed to change the By-Laws to reflect on the following:

- a) To have the working & calendar agenda on the same day
- b) To have one President and 1st VP and 2nd VP. The discussion will continue at the next working meeting and voted at a later date.

6. Adjournment of Meetings

Allison Bridges- Matthews made a motion to conclude the meetings and Joe Williams second, all were in favor.

Meeting Adjourned at 9:00 pm.