

# Citywide Council for District 75

## NOTES CALENDAR & BUSINESS MEETING

**Date:** January 15, 2020 **Time:** 6:30 PM – 9:00PM

**Location:** Tweed Courthouse, 52 Chambers Street, Manhattan, NY

<b>MEETING CALLED BY</b>	<b>Craig E. Spencer</b> , Vice President
<b>FACILITATOR</b>	<b>Craig E. Spencer</b> , Vice President
<b>ROLL CALL &amp; NOTE TAKER</b>	Administrative Assistant
<b>TIMEKEEPER</b>	<b>Tiesha Groover</b> , Council Member
<b>ATTENDEES</b>	<b>Amy Ming Tsai</b> , Parliamentarian - Present, <b>Tiesha Groover</b> , Council Member-Present, <b>Shamel Lawrence, Sr.</b> , Council Member-Excused, <b>Craig E. Spencer</b> , Vice President- Present, <b>Grisel Cardona</b> , Council Member- Excused, <b>Debra Altman</b> , Council Member- Excused, <b>Constance Asiedu</b> , Public Advocate Appointee-Present
<b>MEETING START</b>	Start: 6:30pm Adjourn: 8:00pm

**Notes:** The council did not have quorum during the meeting.

1. Call to Order and Roll Call
2. Appointment of Time Keeper
3. Review Meeting Minutes: Tabled
4. Review Items that need Official Votes: Bylaws and Legislative Committees Tabled
5. **New Business:**
6. Superintendent's Report: Shelly Kleinburg, Deputy Superintendent:
  - ◆ Girls D75 STEMS Program- Saturday's at District 75 from 10 am to 1pm will start again.
  - ◆ Mentioned Save the Date-District 75 Family Fun Day
7. Report from FACE. Report from FACE: Shona Gibson and Ms. Claudette Agard and mentioned the follow:
  - ◆ Restructure FACE at the beginning of the school year and how they support citywide councils. They were going to give the citywide different supports. Mr. Mojica is still connected to the citywide council. Shona mentioned she used to be in the special education division before she moved to FACE back when it was called the division of students with disabilities and English Language Learners. She is very passionate working with students with disabilities. She spearheaded the family engagement and moved to FACE working special education.
  - ◆ Claudette Agard expressed her experience within parent leadership she coming in the DOE and approaching it with a different lens and excited to be here. Ms. Claudette mentioned she is interested in hearing from and supporting the councils. She mentioned the councils retreat and FACE would like to support the councils endeavor and they would like to know the date of the retreat.
8. Report from the Committee Chairs and Borough Representatives:

**Grisel Cardona:** Include NYC Fair at the Hotel Pennsylvania on Saturday and we have a table for the event. Putting together an information session at the Bronx Kingsbridge Library Center however she is working on the date and time. Ms. Cardona is also working on getting OPWDD to attend a meeting. She is also working with Debra Altman a few items she wants to talk about regarding co-location sites.

**Tiesha Groover:** Transition will be the same and her first meeting will be at a school. She has attended various workshops on behalf of the council. She emailed the council as well as Superintendent Louissant about the workshops she attended and the methodologies applied within the program.

**Craig E. Spencer:** Thank Shelly Kleinberg for attending the meeting and keeping his presentation short as shares what's happening at the District. Craig also mentioned Ms. Amanda McGee who is implementing a dynamic arts program as well the work she did with the Girls Stem Program. He would like to get the word out so parents are aware of the great work she is currently doing. He also attended three joint public hearings: 1 in Bayside and 2 located in Station

Island. The parents were glad to see the members of the council at the meeting and received great feedback. Craig mentioned the CEC Election process is concerning to him. He reached out to the DOE and did not hear back from them. He wants to know the process sooner than later.

**Constance Asiedu** mentioned she hasn't received notice of the D75 DLT meetings. She wanted to know as to why the meeting notices were not sent to a select few, a private meeting, a public meeting. She attended previously, received the notice previously but has not received anything as recent. She asked Mr. Velez, D75 how do you notify people of the meeting.

Ms. Kleinberg replied, forums are set in terms of the regulations- configurations that happen to have a set number of the SLT upon the DLT we have various parent forums. I wish we had unlimited space and seats on any given day at the District office or anywhere else but as you know anytime you come to the District Office there are many things happening. Typically we have workshops on all three floors, we have a school, we have students, a cafeteria. So the structures are set the way they are based on structure and regulations the way they are. We don't have unlimited space to open things up to the vast amount of families across the district. This is something that doesn't come from us but we welcome and have people to comment.

**Amy Ming Tsai:** The PEP voted and approved an extension on school bus contracts. The City Council on Committee Transportation held multiple proposals on transportation on safety stop arms camera pilot program. They will be placed on the stop signs on the buses. Two city council members are putting forth a resolution. The cameras will have GPS. OPT has stated their parent committee they are discussing the GPS pilot program that they were supposed to start in September. They are revisiting the program to see if it can be initiated in June 2020 for September 2020. ECC has a resolution on the table and will meet with the Chancellor to push forward electric busing.

**Constance Asiedu:** Mentioned there is an ECC meeting scheduled for this coming Saturday. The presidents will meet with the Chancellor and thereafter the membership will meet to discuss resolutions put forth. As the Chair for the CCD75 Bylaws Committee, the committee was not officially entered into the bylaws and is currently an ad hoc committee. Constance requested from members their input and has not heard from anyone. She is requesting the members email her their input.

9. **Report of the President:** Shamel Lawrence called during the meeting and provided the council with an update on the joint hearings he attended on behalf of the council.

10. Adjournment

#### **Business Meeting:**

1. Call to Order and Roll Call
2. Members discuss New Business
3. Adjournment

#### **ACTIONS:**

VOTES	Motion made	Voice –Vote Tally

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