

Citywide Council for District 75

MINUTES

BUSINESS AND CALENDAR MEETING

Date: November 14, 2019 **Time:** 6:30 PM – 9:30PM

Location: Tweed Courthouse, 52 Chambers Street
New York, New York

MEETING CALLED BY	Shamel Lawrence Sr., President
FACILITATOR	Shamel Lawrence Sr., President
TIME KEEPER	Debra Altman. Council Member
ROLL CALL & NOTE TAKER	Grisel Cardona, Recording Secretary
ATTENDEES	Amy Ming Tsai, Council Member- Present, Tiesha Groover, Council Member-Present, Shamel Lawrence, Sr., President- Present, Grisel Cardona, Recording Sect.- Present, Craig E. Spencer, Parliamentarian- Present , Debra Altman, Council Member- Present and Constance Asiedu, Public Advocate Appointee- Present
MEETING START	Start: 6:30pm Adjourn: 7:30pm Business Meeting Start: 7:40pm Adjourn: 9:38pm

Calendar Meeting Minutes and Business Meeting Minutes

Business Meeting opened:

Agenda Item: Add on to business agenda the changing the name of P396k SOAR Academy.

Presenter: Principal: Dr. Keisha McCoy Dailey Assistant Principal: Dr. Shiffy Josilowski

- ◆ Mr. Lawrence opened the floor to the principal and assistant principal of P396K SOAR Academy to the present:
- ◆ P396k introduced themselves and the reason why they were there. The School wants to change their name from P396K Ramona Contanses. They represent SOAR which stands for Safety, Opportunity, Accelerated Learning, and Reaching our community. The previous Principal and SLT during the 2018-2019 School Year wanted to rename the school; however, the paper work was not submitted and/or processed. The Dr. McCoy, Principal and Assistant Principal, Dr. Josilowski collectively created an online survey for all four school sites for the selection of a new name for the school. The Principal also included paper ballots for voting with the Parent Association, and School Leadership Team. In conclusion, the name that garnished the most votes was "Rosetta Gaston Academy". See below the vote to accept the name change.

Agenda Item: New Business:

- ◆ **Grisel Cardona, Council Member:** Natasha Cappers from Coalition for Educational Justice wanted to know if she can be a speaker at one of CCD75 calendar meetings to discuss CRSE and how it will apply to D75 and all. Council members agreed for her to schedule her for a meeting. Mr. Lawrence agreed and did not have an issue, if the council agreed as well. Craig agreed parents work too hard to be left out of the conversation of CRSE, and getting parents involved and should be part of the process. Debra also agreed because as a council, we need to provide our parents with all the information they are entitled to.

Agenda Item: Request from UFT- Queens to Speak to the Council **Presenter:** Ms. Delsey, UFT- Queens,

- ◆ Ms. Delsey informed the council about the parent workshops in Queens that UFT-Queens will be hosting and they will have the census forms at the event providing families with an opportunity fill it out the form. During the event, the UFT-Queens will provide childcare, teachers and paras, and food will be provided. Grisel Cardona, Council Member asked if on the agenda during the event is transition and will the parents have an opportunity to

receive information on the topic as well as ask questions and continue the conversation after the event with the support of the UFT –Queens. Ms. Cardona also suggested that the UFT –Queens should provide and ensure there is a safe haven for those who are filling out the census forms due to immigrant intimidation and arrest by ICE.

Note: Business Meeting adjourned at 7:30

Motion to adjourn Business Meeting to open Calendar Meeting

Calendar Meeting:

- ◆ **Roll call Vote, all council members present**
- ◆ **Mr. Lawrence appointed Ms. Altman to be the timekeeper**

Agenda Item: SY2019-2020 CCD75 Budget

Presenter: Grisel Cardona, Recording Secretary

- ◆ Grisel Cardona, Recording Secretary read the budget here is the breakdown of the budget including the additional 5,000 applied to the council’s budget.
- ◆ Office supplies: \$1,200.00
- ◆ Courier services: \$300.00
- ◆ P-card: \$4,000
- ◆ Transportation of staff: \$500.00
- ◆ Parent involvement: \$2,000.00
- ◆ Member reimbursement: \$17,000.00

Note: The extra 5,000.00 that was applied to the council’s budget 2000.00 was put into parent involvement, and 2000.00 was added to parent involvement and 1,000.00 to put into p-card.

Transportation of staff had 1000.00 at first 300.00 of those thousand was removed and transferred to courier services and 200.00 of the remaining was added to office supplies. In conclusion, that is leaving the transportation of staff with \$500.00 and In total this adds up to \$25,000.00

Note: Constance Asiedu requested copies of purchases moving forward.

Agenda Item: Election for Vice President

Presenter: Shamel Lawrence, President

- ◆ Shamel Lawrence nominated Amy Ming Tsai for Vice President, Second by: Debra Altman, Amy Ming Tsai: Accepted
- ◆ Constance Asiedu nominated Craig E. Spencer for Vice President, Second By: Grisel Cardona, Craig E. Spencer: Accepted

The Nominated council members provided a synopses of why they should be the VP for the council.

Vote for VP:

- ◆ Amy Ming Tsai: 1
- ◆ Craig E. Spencer: 5
- ◆ Abstain: 1
- ◆ No: 0

Vote for VP: Roll Call Vote to Revisit filling the Seat for VP 7-Yes, 0-No, 0-Abstain

✚ Round Two-Vote for VP: both candidates accepted the nomination of VP

- ◆ Amy: 1
- ◆ Craig: 4
- ◆ Abstain: 2
- ◆ No: 0

Vote for VP: A motion was made to revisit the election for the Vice President

Motion made by: Grisel Cardona and Second By: Constance Asiedu

Vote Tally: 7-Yes, 0- No, 0-Abstain

✚ Round Three-Vote for VP: both candidates accepted the nomination of VP

- ◆ Amy: 1
- ◆ Craig: 6
- ◆ Abstain: 0
- ◆ No: 0

- ◆ Tally of Votes for VP: Amy Ming Tsai: 1 vote and Craig E. Spencer 6 votes
Craig E. Spencer elected vice President of CCD75

Agenda Items: Election for Treasurer

Presenter: Shamel Lawrence, President

- ◆ Tiesha Groover nominated Debra Altman Second By: Craig E. Spencer, Debra Altman, Accepted

✚ Vote for Treasurer

- ◆ Tally of Votes 7-Yes, 0-No, 0-Abstain Debra Altman elected Treasurer of CCD75

Agenda Item: Report of the Superintendent

Presenter: Ketler Louissaint

- ◆ The represented for Superintendent Louissaint had to leave, but Ray Velez, Family Leadership Coordinator; District 75 provided the report on the behalf of the Superintendent. The Superintendent support the council and will help out with the council's retreat, council agreed to have a conference call to come up with a date.

Agenda Item: Presidents Council Report

Presenter: Andrea, President of Presidents Council

- ◆ Andrea reported the issues of grievance for CPAC, and she joined the grievance committee in CPAC. The committee was made 11/14/19. Council member Groover, had a discussion understanding grievance and the process in President Council.

Agenda Item: FACE Report

Presenter: Jesse Mojica, FACE

- ◆ ECC is changing the way of election for 2022 and moving forward.

Agenda Item: Report of the Committee

Presenter: Committee Members

- ◆ **BROOKLYN: Tiesha Groover:** spent these months learning and understanding what is transitioning. She is looking for spacing to hold her meeting, which is currently pending with another school site. She attended UFT, and she went to Include NYC workshop. She is trying to get the acronyms correct. Her transition committee she will have someone to help out with the transition.
- ◆ **BRONX: Constance Asiedu:** she hasn't set up any meetings, it is physically hard to do, with bylaws will work well with emails, and phone conferences. Council should look at the bylaws and provide recommendations. The bylaws need to go back to template structure. As a council we need to have a specific week, date and time. Empowerment groups in the Bronx, they are looking into the parent association. Each borrow is doing it different.
- ◆ **BRONX: Grisel Cardona:** committee on outreach, spoke with CEJ (gave an explanation who they were), trying to change curriculum to be culturally responsive curriculum. I voice D75 in these spaces because we are never apart of the conversation. There is an equity guideline that doesn't show parent involvement. Social media accounts I have been speaking to parents, and dealt with parent personal issues but not allowed to disclose that information.
- ◆ **BROOKLYN/QUEENS: Craig E. Spencer:** Equity is a topic on the ECC, D20, goal is to have a joint resolution to assure that D75 parents are promised a space in the new school. Apart of the district planning group. 1,10,24 are pilot programs to get parents involved.
- ◆ **STATEN ISLAND: Debra Altman:** She attended a parent group meeting, she also attended a local community outreach fair for world mental health day at venture house, she attended an IEP work shop, she attended the PEP and represented the council at the ground breaking ceremony at PS70.
- ◆ **MANHATTAN: Amy Ming Tsai:** She's been attending the bussing meetings, parents are telling her that the bust matrons are saying that the children will have a new person every week, parents lost their jobs due to bussing, and parents are thinking about home schooling. She will be attending the upcoming bus rally at the governor's office in regards to the bill the elevate the bus wages to company managers.
- ◆ **QUEENS: Shamel Lawrence:** he was out the whole month, in queens there is a lot of work going on he's been in contact with d29 on somethings, and will provide council with an update soon. The council's office has moved and will be there before Dec. He also requesting a potluck with ccd75 and president's council, bringing families together, cook a dish.

See Actions Below:

- ◆ **Note:** It was suggested during the business meeting the council should take into consideration when it comes to heavy inclement of the weather the council should not hold their meetings at 400 First Avenue due to the traveling distance from the train to the office.
- ◆ **Note:** Mr. Lawrence requested the council revisit the bylaws to add a second vice president to the executive membership.
- ◆ **Note:** Must Revisit during the next meeting:
- ◆ Voting and approving minutes
- ◆ SCA

ACTIONS:

VOTES	Motion made	Voice –Vote Tally
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Business Meeting:		
Motion to put the business meeting before the calendar meeting due to change of agenda to ratify the name change	Mr. Spencer made a motion and second by Debra Altman	7 Yes Votes 0 No 0 Abstain Passed
Motion to close calendar meeting to open business meeting to proceed	Constance Asiedu made a motion and second by Shamel Lawrence	7 Yes Votes 0 No 0 Abstain Passed
Motion to approve the name change of school P369K: Ramona Contanses to Rosetta Gaston Academy	Grisel Cardona made a motion and second by Constance Asiedu	7 Yes Votes 0 No 0 Abstain Passed
Motion to remove item #16 off the Business Meeting agenda: Presentation provided by Jessie Mojica, FACE Note: the presentation is not meant for the public.	Constance Asiedu made a motion and second by Craig E. Spencer	7 Yes Votes 0 No 0 Abstain Passed
Motion for the council members to approve the date change of the Calendar and Business Meeting Scheduled at Tweed Courthouse from November 13 to November 14. Note: There was a discussion concerning the council meeting dates and the changes due to the moving of the office to 400 First Avenue and the confusion with the scheduling at Tweed.	Craig E. Spencer made a motion and second by Tiesha Groover	7 Yes Votes 0 No 0 Abstain Passed
Motion to invite CEJ to our one of scheduled Calendar Meeting to discuss CRSE	Grisel Cardona made a motion and second by Craig E. Spencer	7 Yes Votes 0 No 0 Abstain Passed
Motion to adjourn Business Meeting to open Calendar Meeting	Debra Altman made a motion and second by Constance Asiedu	7 Yes Votes 0 No 0 Abstain Passed
Motion to approve the CCD75 SY 2019-2020 Budget	Craig E. Spencer made a motion and second by Constance Asiedu	7 Yes Votes 0 No 0 Abstain Passed
Calendar Meeting:		
Motion to Officially rename P396K Ramona Contanses to Rosetta Gaston Academy	Craig E. Spencer made a motion and second by Debra Altman	7 Yes Votes 0 No 0 Abstain Passed
Motion to send out the application Note: Amy left the meeting	Debra Altman made a motion and seconded by Craig E. Spencer	6 Yes Votes 0 No 0 Abstain Passed
Motion to adjourn meeting	Debra Altman made a motion and seconded by Amy Ming Tsai	7 Yes Votes 0 No 0 Abstain Passed

