

# Citywide Council for District 75

## MINUTES

### SPECIAL MEETING

**Date:** May 13, 2020 **Time:** 6:00 PM – 8:00PM

**Location:** Virtual Special Meeting via Zoom Call

<b>MEETING CALLED BY</b>	Shamel Lawrence, President
<b>TYPE OF MEETING</b>	Special Meeting
<b>FACILITATOR</b>	Shamel Lawrence, President
<b>ROLL CALL &amp; NOTE TAKER</b>	Grisel Cardona, Recording Secretary and Administrative Assistant, CCD75
<b>TIMEKEEPER</b>	Shamel Lawrence, President
<b>ATTENDEES</b>	Shamel Lawrence, President- Present, <b>Craig E. Spencer</b> , Vice President- Present, <b>Debra Altman</b> , Treasurer- Present, <b>Grisel Cardona</b> , Recording Secretary- Present, <b>Amy Ming Tsai</b> , Parliamentarian – Excuse, <b>Constance Asiedu</b> , Public Advocate Appointee – Present and <b>Tiesha Groover</b> , Council Member - Present
<b>MEETING: START &amp; ADJOURNED</b>	Start: 6:00 pm Adjourn: 8:00 pm

#### On the Agenda:

- 1. Call to Order and Roll Call:** Shamel Lawrence, President and Grisel Cardona, Recording Secretary
- 2. Appointment of timekeeper:** Craig Spencer, VP
- 3. Reallocation of the CCD75 Budget:** G. Cardona, Recording Sect. read the remaining balance of the D75 Council Report dated 5/12/2020 to the members. C. Spencer, VP inquired will the funds be directed to our students in D75. C. Asiedu, mentioned you have to be careful how you allocate funds and that thee council will have to follow specific guidelines. She also mentioned funds are being donated to students in temporary housing. The council will need receive a response from FACE. D. Altman inquired if the council can make a donation to different advocacy groups.

#### *Mr. Mojica joined in the Special Meeting:*

Mr. Jesse Mojica, NYCDOE-FACE informed the council they can be as flexible with the moving of funds and had to decide where they would like to move the remaining allocated funds into which Activity code. The members of the council inquired if they can transfer funds specifically to students with disabilities. Mr. Mojica mention in respect to general contributions are the things the ECC and other councils were trying to make a joint contribution to students in temporary Housing (STH). He mentioned, "There isn't a way right now where we are able to make a direct donation to different organizations. But I do know they made a provision for students in temporary housing and the way that would work is that you would put whatever funds in what we call the supply box (object code) that would indicate it's for STH. Unfortunately, the councils are not allowed to donate to organizations the current rules do not allow that.

Mr. Lawrence, President asked again the council can only donate their funds for STH? Mr. Mojica replied yes because there was a request for assisting students in temporary housing an providing them with supplies. The agreement with Central (DOE) that CEC's can allocate funds to that and all of the CEC's would put funds aside for that and working with ECC and Central we would secure those funds in one central pot mentioned the council decided the funds should go directly to District 75 students. C. Spencer asked can

the funds be earmarked specifically for kids with special needs? Mr. Mojica informed the members to add the detail in the program field what supplies will be designated to STH you can make that addition. The members decided they are willing to table their remaining monthly reimbursements for the 2020 SY to next year budget 2020-2021 SY.

After reviewing the D75 Council Report dated 5/12/2020 the members of the council agreed the remaining balance of \$15,169 dollars will be donated to the students of disability (District 75) in Student Temporary Housing (STH) attending a District 75 School/Program.

C. Asiedu, PAA reminded the members they have not received a written response confirming on the changes of voting during a virtual meeting (voting online) thus the council agreeing to the moving of the remaining funds to STH/D75.

**4. Agenda for the CCD75 Virtual Calendar Meeting, May 20, 2020:**

**5. Discuss the Committee on Outreach Survey & Reports:** C. Spencer, VP mentioned parents' information cannot be disclosed publicly.

**6. Review the CCD75 Proposed Resolution:** The resolution was discussed during the special meeting and parents were able to weigh in their thoughts about the resolution.

7. Adjournment