

Citywide Council for District 75

MINUTES CALENDAR MEETING

Date: February 6, 2019 **Time:** 6:30 PM – 9:00PM

Location: Tweed Courthouse, 52 Chambers Street,
2nd floor Conf. Rm., New York, NY

MEETING CALLED BY	John Camacho, President
FACILITATOR	John Camacho, President
TIME KEEPER	Craig E. Spencer, Council Member
ROLL CALL & NOTE TAKER	John Camacho, President
ATTENDEES	Nosheen Kanwal, Council Member, Absent, John Camacho, President, Present, Hasan Sonny Dibra, Council Member, Excused, Diane McNeil, PAA/Recording Secretary, Present, Armando Perez, Council Member, Present, Craig E. Spencer, Council Member, Present, Amy Ming Tsai, Council Member, Present, Latisha Corbett, Treasurer, Present, Tiffany Lawson, Council Member, Present
MEETING START	Start: 6: 49 pm Adjourn: 9:02 pm

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Agenda Item: Report of the President

Presenter: John Camacho, President

- ☐ Surveys were sent to the schools for the parents to fill out and 639 were returned to the council.
- ☐ Only one member of the council received the survey and the council was concerned about the dissemination of the survey.
- ☐ The council has scheduled meetings to hear from officials regarding their visions for the children of District 75.
- ☐ The council invited the Governor of NY to attend one of its meeting and he was unable to attend. The council will continue to reach out to him to schedule his participation.
- ◆ The council also invite the Commissioner of OPWDD to attend the council's calendar meeting and he too is unable to attend. The council will try to schedule him at a later date.

Agenda Item: Report of the Superintendent

Presenter: Shelly Kleinberg, Deputy Superintendent of D75

The Deputy Superintendent spoke about the following at District 75:

- ◆ Barbra Joseph will be retiring this year and she devoted over forty year to the education system.
- ◆ District 75 is focusing on a curriculum initiative.
- ◆ The Chancellor included District 75 in his remarks during the showcase in Staten Island. He also spoke highly about 721Q.

Agenda Item: Self-Direction- Self-Determination

Presenter: Stuart Flaum, Special Needs Family Planner

- ☐ Stuart has spent the past 20 years advocating, planning and designing strategies for successful outcomes.
- ☐ Stuart was appointed by Governor Cuomo in 2013 to serve on the NY State Developmental Disabilities Planning Council, a government agency that addresses the needs of people with developmental disabilities.
- ☐ Stuart has served as treasurer of Parent to Parent of New York State, secretary National Autism Association Metro NY, Vice president Strokes of Genius and on the Planning and Advisory Committee Devereux Glenholme School. Stuart is a New York State Housing Navigator. In addition, Stuart is a member of the Academy of Special Needs

Planners.

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Agenda Item: Report from the Treasurer:

Presenter: Latisha Corbett, Treasurer

Note: On behalf of the Treasurer, Diane McNeil read the information provided by the Budget Director for District 75.

- ◆ Read the District 75 Community Education Council (CEC) Budget FY 18 -19

Agenda Item: Privacy Lawsuit at the NYS Supreme Court

Presenter: John Camacho, President

- ◆ John Camacho informed the attendees that he received information regarding a Notice of Potential of Student Records from the US District Court. In the lawsuit, the notice applies to current and former students, parent or guardian of a student who had an IEP prepared by the NYC Department of Education from August 1, 2016 and February 22, 2019.

Agenda Item: Adjournment: **Called by John Camacho 8:02pm**

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