



COMMUNITY EDUCATION COUNCIL DISTRICT 27

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(Community Education Council) CEC 27 Annual Meeting Minutes

July 15th, 2024

- Annual Meeting called into order by President Lisa Johnson-Cooper at 6:43pm.
- President Lisa Johnson-Cooper noted as highest ranking member. Preceded to do Roll call and confirm quorum reached.

Roll call of Members present:

Lisa Johnson-Cooper

Melissa McAllister

Anthony Persaud

Estherll Dorancy

Samone Stroman

Beatrice Reid

Samantha Mohondhis

Chivone Paulson

Rebecca Behle

- Quorum was reached with 9 members present.
- Reviewed script/rules of Chair Pro Tem.
- Also informed the Public that elections are held as per CEC 27 By-laws.
- CEC 27 By-Laws available to the public.
- Lisa Johnson-Cooper informed Public as current President she could not be Chair Pro Tem.
- One must be elected to chair the nomination and the vote for the Office of President.



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- Beatrice Reid nominated self as Chair Pro Tem during vote for President not for whole election process.
- Lisa Johnson-Cooper made a motion to vote for Beatrice Reid as Chair Pro Tem. Seconded by Samantha Mohondhis.
- No one else was nominated
- Vote cast for Chair Pro Tem.
- All 9 CEC 27 members present voted in favor of Beatrice Reid as Chair Pro Tem.

Tally of Votes Below:

Election for Beatrice Reid as Chair Pro Tem			
<i>CEC District 27 Council Member</i>	<i>Aye</i>	<i>Nay</i>	<i>Abstain</i>
Lisa Johnson-Cooper	X		
Melissa McAllister	X		
EstherII Dorancy	X		
Beatrice Reid	X		
Anthony Persaud	X		
Samone Stroman	X		
Chivone Paulson	X		
Samantha Mohondhis	X		
Rebecca Behle	X		

- Pro Tem Beatrice Reid reviewed for the public rules as Chair Pro Tem.
 - Informed the public that a vote will be cast for each office to give members an opportunity to run for other positions.
 - She will accept nominations



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- Gave a reminder that a council member can nominate themselves.
 - The Chair Pro Tem will confirm that council members accept the nomination.
 - Nominations do not need to be seconded.
 - Each nominee will be allowed to make a 2-minute statement/speech.
 - Following the presentation, roll call vote will be conducted.
 - Even if only 1 candidate for Office, all positions must be voted on via roll call vote.
 - Members may choose to abstain from voting.
 - Reminded the public a vote of 7 or more council members is required to be elected to office.
 - If 7 votes have not been reached, then by a show of a hands may have a second round of voting commence. If after the second round the council members may request to table the vote for a later time or for next meeting.
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- Melissa McAllister nominated Lisa Johnson-Cooper for office of President.
 - Lisa Johnson-Cooper accepted the nomination.
 - Chair Pro Tem Beatrice Reid asked if there were any other nominations. None were forthcoming
 - Proceeded to a roll-call vote.



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Tally of Votes Below:

Election for President (1 Candidate: Lisa Johnson-Cooper)			
<i>CEC District 27 Council Member</i>	<i>Aye</i>	<i>Nay</i>	<i>Abstain</i>
Lisa Johnson-Cooper	X		
Melissa McAllister	X		
Estherll Dorancy	X		
Beatrice Reid	X		
Anthony Persaud	X		
Samone Stroman	X		
Chivone Paulson	X		
Samantha Mohondhis	X		
Rebecca Behle	X		

- Lisa Johnson-Cooper elected to the office of President with 9 council members in Favor.
- President-Elect Lisa Johnson-Cooper thanked council members for their support.
- Chair Pro Tem Beatrice Reid advised she would run for other offices
- President-Elect Lisa Johnson as highest-ranking member appointed per by-laws as Pro Tem for the remainder of the election process.



- President-Elect Lisa Johnson-Cooper informed public the next office for election would be 1st Vice President.
- Anthony Persaud nominated Melissa McAllister for 1st Vice President. Melissa McAllister accepted the nomination.
- Chivone Paulson nominated Beatrice Reid for 1st Vice President. Beatrice Reid accepted the nomination.



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- Each Candidate to give 2 minutes to speak on why they should be nominated.
 - Nominated Candidate Melissa McAllister informed the public as 1st Vice President she wished to continue her work on water safety within the district. She told the public that she organized and prioritized school tours while continuing to advance CEC 27's goals.
 - Nominated Candidate Beatrice Reid informed the public she was a former 1st Vice President of CEC. She was able to make all meetings including others throughout the city of NY, she has a combined 28 years of experience in marketing, management that she wishes to utilize to the benefit of CEC 27.

Roll Call Vote of 1st Vice President

Election for 1st Vice President			
<i>CEC District 27 Council Member</i>	<i>Candidate Melissa McAllister</i>	<i>Candidate Beatrice Reid</i>	<i>Abstain</i>
Lisa Johnson-Cooper	X		
Melissa McAllister	X		
Estherll Dorancy			X
Beatrice Reid		X	
Anthony Persaud	X		
Samone Stroman		X	
Chivone Paulson		X	
Samantha Mohondhis		X	
Rebecca Behle	X		

Melissa McAllister : 4 Votes

Beatrice Reid: 4 Votes

Abstention: 1 Vote

- A quorum of 7 votes as per by-laws **not** reached.



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- 9 Members agreed onto a second round of voting.

2nd Roll Call Vote of 1st Vice President

Election for 1st Vice President			
<i>CEC District 27 Council Member</i>	<i>Candidate Melissa McAllister</i>	<i>Candidate Beatrice Reid</i>	<i>Abstain</i>
Lisa Johnson-Cooper		X	
Melissa McAllister	X		
Estherll Dorancy		X	
Beatrice Reid		X	
Anthony Persaud	X		
Samone Stroman		X	
Chivone Paulson		X	
Samantha Mohondhis		X	
Rebecca Behle	X		

Tally of Member Votes:

Melissa McAllister: 3 Votes

Beatrice Reid: 6 votes

Abstention: 0 Votes

- A quorum of 7 votes as per by-laws **not** reached
- President Lisa Johnson-Cooper suggested to **table vote** for later in the meeting
- All 9 council members agreed to table for later in the meeting

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- President Lisa presented 2nd Vice President position open for nominations.
- Member Estherll Dorancy nominated Melissa McAllister.



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- Melissa McAllister refused the nomination
- Member Anthony Persaud nominated self for 2nd Vice President.
- Member asked, “What the difference between 1st Vice President and 2nd President was?”
- President Lisa Johnson-Cooper responded per the by-laws there is no difference.
- President Lisa Johnson-Cooper asked if there were any other nominations for 2nd Vice President.
- No other candidate was nominated. Nominations closed.
- President Lisa Johnson-Cooper opened the floor for a roll call vote.

Roll Call Vote of 2nd Vice President

Election for 2nd Vice President (1 Candidate: Anthony Persaud)			
<i>CEC District 27 Council Member</i>	<i>Aye</i>	<i>Nay</i>	<i>Abstain</i>
Lisa Johnson-Cooper	X		
Melissa McAllister	X		
Estherll Dorancy	X		
Beatrice Reid	X		
Anthony Persaud	X		
Samone Stroman	X		
Chivone Paulson	X		
Samantha Mohondhis	X		
Rebecca Behle	X		



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Tally of Member Votes:

Aye: 9 Votes

Nay: 0 Votes

Abstention: 0 Votes

- Quorum of 7 or more votes reached according to By-laws
- Anthony Persaud presented as 2nd Vice President.
- 2nd Vice President Elect Anthony Persaud thanked his fellow members for their votes



- President Lisa Johnson-Cooper opened nominations for Recording Secretary.
- Anthony Persaud nominated Estherll Dorancy.
- Estherll Dorancy accepted nomination.
- Lisa Johnson-Cooper nominated Rebecca Behle.
- Rebecca Behle accepted nomination.
- Members were asked if there was any other nominations.
- None further presented.
- President Lisa Johnson-Cooper closed nominations.
- Candidates given 2 minutes to speak.
- Nominated Candidate Rebecca Behle informed the public that she has performed recording secretary duties for the past year along with technical support, performed



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also AA duties while awaiting hire of administrative asst, also has data processing experience.

- Nominated Candidate Estherll Dorancy informed the public that she has experience as a secretary, was also secretary for PTA/PA

Roll Call Vote of Recording Secretary

Election for Recording Secretary			
<i>CEC District 27 Council Member</i>	<i>Candidate Estherll Dorancy</i>	<i>Candidate Rebecca Behle</i>	<i>Abstain</i>
Lisa Johnson-Cooper		X	
Melissa McAllister		X	
Estherll Dorancy	X		
Beatrice Reid		X	
Anthony Persaud	X		
Samone Stroman		X	
Chivone Paulson		X	
Samantha Mohondhis		X	
Rebecca Behle		X	

Tally of Member Votes:

Estherll Dorancy : 2 Votes

Rebecca Behle : 7 Votes

Abstention : 0 Vote

- Quorum of 7 or more votes reached according to By-laws
- Rebecca Behle presented as Recording Secretary
- Recording Secretary Elect Rebecca Behle thanked her fellow members for their votes



- President Lisa Johnson-Cooper opened nominations for Treasurer



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- Estherll Dorancy nominated self for Treasurer
- Members asked if any more nominations
- No further nominations forthcoming
- President Lisa Johnson-Cooper closed nominations for Treasurer and opened the floor to a roll call vote

Roll Call Vote of Treasurer

Election for Treasurer (1 Candidate: Estherll Dorancy)			
<i>CEC District 27 Council Member</i>	<i>Aye</i>	<i>Nay</i>	<i>Abstain</i>
Lisa Johnson-Cooper	X		
Melissa McAllister	X		
Estherll Dorancy	X		
Beatrice Reid	X		
Anthony Persaud	X		
Samone Stroman	X		
Chivone Paulson			X
Samantha Mohondhis	X		
Rebecca Behle	X		

Tally of Member Votes:

Aye : 8 Votes

Nay : 0 Votes

Abstention : 1 Vote

- Quorum of 7 or more votes reached according to By-laws
- Estherll Dorancy presented as Treasurer



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- Treasurer Elect Estherll Dorancy thanked her fellow members for their votes



- President Lisa Johnson-Cooper opened nominations for Parliamentarian
- Lisa Johnson-Cooper nominated Chivone Paulson
- Chivone Paulson accepted nomination
- Anthony Persaud nominated Beatrice Reid for Parliamentarian
- Beatrice Reid declined nomination
- Estherll Dorancy nominated Samantha Mohondhis
- Samantha Mohondhis accepted then declined nomination
- President Lisa Johnson-Cooper asked if there were any further nominations
- No further nominations forthcoming.
- Position of Parliamentarian closed for nominations.
- President Lisa Johnson-Cooper opened roll call vote for Parliamentarian



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Roll Call Vote of Parliamentarian

Election for Parliamentarian (1 Candidate: Chivone Paulson)			
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Lisa Johnson-Cooper	X		
Melissa McAllister	X		
Estherll Dorancy	X		
Beatrice Reid	X		
Anthony Persaud	X		
Samone Stroman	X		
Chivone Paulson	X		
Samantha Mohondhis	X		
Rebecca Behle	X		

Tally of Member Votes:

Aye : 9 Votes Nay : 0 Votes Abstention : 0 Votes

- Quorum of 7 or more votes reached according to By-laws
- Chivone Paulson presented as Parliamentarian
- Parliamentarian Elect Chivone Paulson thanked her fellow members for their votes



- President Lisa Johnson-Cooper reopened the floor nominations for the office of 1st Vice President



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- Melissa McAllister withdrew nomination for 1st Vice President
- Beatrice Reid nominated self for position of 1st Vice President
- President Lisa Johnson-Cooper asked if there were any more nominations forthcoming
- No further nominations were announced.
- President Lisa Johnson-Cooper closed for nominations. Opened the floor for a roll call vote

3rd Roll Call Vote of 1st Vice President

Election for 1st Vice President (1 Candidate: Beatrice Reid)			
<i>CEC District 27 Council Member</i>	<i>Aye</i>	<i>Nay</i>	<i>Abstain</i>
Lisa Johnson-Cooper	X		
Melissa McAllister	X		
Estherll Dorancy	X		
Beatrice Reid	X		
Anthony Persaud	X		
Samone Stroman	X		
Chivone Paulson	X		
Samantha Mohondhis	X		
Rebecca Behle	X		

Tally of Member Votes:

Aye : 9 Votes

Nay : 0 Votes

Abstention : 0 Votes

- Quorum of 7 or more votes reached according to By-laws
- Beatrice Reid presented as 1st Vice President



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- 1st Vice President Elect Beatrice Reid thanked her fellow members for their votes



- President Lisa Johnson-Cooper advised public end of Annual elections.

Below is the List of Newly Elected Officers:

President	Lisa Johnson-Cooper
1st VP	Beatrice Reid
2nd VP	Anthony Persaud
Recording Secretary	Rebecca Behle
Treasurer	Estherll Dorancy
Parliamentarian	Chivone Paulson

- 1st VP Beatrice Reid made a motion to adjourn the meeting
- Melissa McAllister seconded the motion.
- Annual Meeting adjourned at 7:05pm



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(Community Education Council) CEC 27 Calendar Meeting Minutes

July 15th, 2024

- Calendar Meeting called into order by President Lisa Johnson-Cooper at 7:06pm.

Roll call of Members present:

Lisa Johnson-Cooper

Melissa McAllister

Anthony Persaud

Estherll Dorancy

Samone Stroman

Beatrice Reid

Samantha Mohondhis

Chivone Paulson

Rebecca Behle

- Quorum of 7 or more reached with 9 members present
- Informed public Spanish interpreters present to assist any one in-person or via zoom.
- President Lisa Johnson-Cooper directed members to review the June 10th Calendar/Business Meeting Minutes and please advise of any corrections.
- Advised members and public at large that administrative assistant Josephine Rochebrun will present minutes to Board members before Calendar/Business meetings moving forward.
- No corrections were presented. June 10th Calendar/Business Minutes accepted.



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- President Lisa Johnson-Cooper expressed concern regarding website and the turnaround time of updates.
- Members expressed a more vibrant and attractive website, and to further utilize the website as a resource for parents of District 27, newsletter suggested.
- President Lisa Johnson-Cooper advised no President's Report this meeting.

The floor was given to Superintendent David Norment to present Superintendent's Report at 7:15pm

- Superintendent Norment presented a PowerPoint presentation regarding overall goal for upcoming year 2024-2025 school year.
- Introduction of more programs such as DCEP: Financial Literacy, fulfilling Chancellor's goal that graduates receive better access to grants, loans, information where & how they can apply.
- One council member suggested mentoring programs for Financial Literacy
- Superintendent Norment also informed the public of revisiting District 27's Core Values: Instruction/ Innovation/ Integrity
- Implement strategies to build trust with Families & Students: Have more workshops with Principals, Teachers Families & Students
- Acknowledged his team worked hard to build upon the progress started from the previous school year 2022-2023
- Thanked Chief of Staff T. Fox and Deputies about working with elected officials such as Council woman Ariola to secure funding for such projects as Scholar Academy, MS 137 new school, \$1.5 million for tech upgrades, cafeteria upgrades, new iPads.



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- Informed public of Learning Tech Grant. \$300k over 3 years for tech upgrades throughout District 27.
- Beginning process of implementing Black studies: has partnered with DOE (Department of Education) and 13 participating schools in the district.
- Beginning work on Civics 4 All program, Math Ambassadors partnering with NYCSOL for the Math Initiative
- Superintendent Norment also gave a thank you to Elected official Selvena Brooks-Powers for funding of Reading program initiative.
- Also informed the public that District 27 will be putting out a commercial on NY1 and on various MTA (Metropolitan Transit Authority) Trains to promote the work and initiative within District 27.
- Informed the public every school within the district has increased enrollment
- The Summer Rising Initiative is showing immense success.
- Work/Progress still be made regarding shortening waiting lists
- Acknowledge difficulties in getting teachers as they are short 10k-12k teachers but still working towards the goal of hiring more teachers for the 2024-2025 school year
- Excited for the progress shown regarding improved reading skills through NYC Reads
- Further data to be presented at the next meeting and on District 27 website.
- Made announcement regarding upcoming workshops for CEC council members on HMH Curriculum, strengthening communication via more one on one meetings with the CEC 27 council members



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- Informed public he and the District 27 team on currently working on filling in 2 Principal vacancies in the coming weeks.
- Announced the District Discovery Day will be on October 17th, 2024 for the Fall and April 10th, 2025 for the Spring. Links to be found on the District 27 website in the coming weeks
- CEC Council member asked if NYC Public School system was doing away with the Regents program. Superintendent replied that he has not heard of any action regarding doing away with the Regents program
- Superintendent advised he and his team were onsite if there were any further questions or concerns. Yielded the floor back to CEC Council.
- President Lisa Johnson-Cooper opened the floor for Public Comment via in-person or Zoom
 - No one presented themselves for public comment via in-person or via Zoom
- President Lisa Johnson-Cooper opened the floor to guest speakers. First Guest speaker: Council woman Selvena Brooks-Powers.
- Council woman Selvena Brooks-Powers thanked council members for opportunity to speak.
 - Informed the attending public she voted for \$59 million to be awarded to 31st council district for projects such as infrastructure i.e. elevators for subways, Ocean Safety program, reading programs such as NYC Reads.
 - Thanked Superintendent Norment for reminding parents of the importance reading as a priority. Advised all except 3 schools received funding as many did not have after school programs.
 - Emphasized the importance of Fiscal Budget
 - Advised on July 23rd, 2024 in Laurelton and July 25th, 2024 at the YMCA in the Rockaways will be the 31st Council District Fiscal Year 2025 Community Budget



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Briefings. Start time for Briefings was 6:30pm. A flyer was distributed and she advised it would be posted on the website.

- Informed the public that her office was presenting Movie Night on July 20th, 2024 at 8pm in Springfield Park. A flyer of the event was distributed and Council woman Selvena Brooks-Powers advised information would also be posted on her website.

- Also advised public of the 31st District's Annual Family Day to be held on August 10th, 2024 from 11am to 3pm at Brookville Park. A flyer was distributed and information to be posted on the council woman's website

- Answered questions from the public regarding the Ocean safety program. Informed public a package of bills has passed, awarding \$150K towards swimming programs such as Swim Strong, free swimming classes

- Reminded the Public of the upcoming Sandy Anniversary and is continuing work on the Trauma Center.
 - As of July 15th, has secured 25million and in talks with Governor Herculano about securing another 25 million for funding the trauma.

 - Encouraged public to show up at rallies, meetings as the next steps are to go to the state to certify trauma facility.

 - More work to be done on both Trauma Center and Water Safety.

 - Informed the public that the backing/support of people present is needed. It shows physically what and who these bills are fighting for.



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- Directed public to sign up for council woman Selvena Brooks-Powers newsletter for weekly updates.

Next speaker presented by President Lisa Johnson-Cooper: American Debate League
Richard Connelly at 8:26pm

- Informed public American Debate League is a non-profit organization looking to incorporate debate programs & tournaments throughout New York.
 - Expressed desire to work with parent advocates such as CEC 27 to start debate leagues.
 - Currently have a league established in P.S. 62 and Academy of Medical Technology.
 - Students learn not only to debate but to improve speech and comprehension skills.
 - Students participating in tournaments throughout NYC, Westchester, Long Island, and national tournaments including Harvard and Princeton.
 - Left flyer for parents and to display on CEC 27 website
 - A promise to reach out & meet with Superintendent Norment's office was made
- 1st VP Beatrice Reid made a motion to conclude Calendar Meeting.
 - Parliamentarian Chivone Paulson seconded the motion.
 - Calendar meeting adjourned at 8:34pm



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- Business Meeting called into order by President Lisa Johnson-Cooper at 8:35pm.

Roll call of Members present:

Lisa Johnson-Cooper

Melissa McAllister

Anthony Persaud

Estherll Dorancy

Samone Stroman

Beatrice Reid

Samantha Mohondhis

Chivone Paulson

Rebecca Behle

- Quorum of 7 or more reached with 9 members present
- Business Meeting Minutes reviewed for June 10th, 2024 by council members.
 - Asked council members if there were any corrects. None presented
 - Business Meeting Minutes accepted for June 10th, 2024
- President Lisa Johnson-Cooper informed Board members that she received an email that day for 2024-2025 CEC Fiscal Budget Allotment of \$25,000. She informed council members because of late notification could not present for a vote on a Fiscal Budget for 2024-2025 school year. Will address in August CEC 27 Business Meeting.



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- Informed council members working with the District Planning office regarding meeting dates and also Kappa IV school in great need of new school space.
- Informed council members still awaiting the appointment of Borough President Appointee to CEC 27 council as well as District 75 Appointee. Emails have been sent to both offices.

- Motion made by President Lisa Johnson-Cooper to adjourn Business Meeting

- Motion seconded by 1st VP Beatrice Reid

- CEC 27 Business Meeting adjourned at 8:45pm