



# COMMUNITY EDUCATION COUNCIL DISTRICT 15

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## January Calendar Meeting

Via Teleconference

Tuesday, Jan 26, 2021 - 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

### AGENDA

1. Call to Order and Roll Call
2. Introduction to CEC15
3. Teleconference Protocol
4. Approval of Minutes - Bess Abrahams, CEC15 Secretary
  - a. December Minutes - Business and Calendar
    - i. [2020 12 15](#) December Calendar Meeting
    - ii. [2020 12 08](#) December Business Meeting
5. **CCEC Election Presentation** - Sheree Gibson, Consultant, 2021 CCEC Elections Outreach Team
  - a. CEC15 Member Questions and Comments
6. President's Report - Camille Casaretti, CEC15 President
7. District 15 Report - Superintendent Skop
  - a. Public Comment
  - b. CEC15 Member Questions and Comments
8. **RESOLUTION ON SUPPORT FOR MLL STUDENTS AND FAMILIES**
  - a. Reading of the Resolution
  - b. Public Comment
  - c. CEC15 Member Questions and Comments
  - d. Vote on Resolution on Support for MLL Students and Families
9. Old Business
10. New Business
11. Public Comment
12. Adjournment



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Call to Order at 6:35pm

## 1. Roll Call

### Present:

Camille Casaretti (President)  
Antonia Ferraro (Co-Vice President 1)  
Kimmerly Scott (Treasurer)  
Iván Banda (BP Appointee)  
Claudia Lechuga (Member)  
Bess Abrahams (Secretary)  
Mark Bisard (IEP Rep) Cateia Rembert (Parliamentarian)  
Krystal Cason (Member)

### Absent:

Krystal Cason (Member) - absent

## 2. Introduction to CEC15: read aloud

## 3. Teleconference Protocol: read aloud

## 4. Approval of Minutes - Bess Abrahams, CEC15 Secretary

### a. [2020 12 15](#) December Calendar Meeting

*Motion to approve the 2020 [12 15](#) December Calendar Meeting Minutes - Bess Abrahams*

*2nd motion to approve the 2020 [12 15](#) December Calendar Meeting Minutes - Kimmerly Scott*

*The 2020 [12 15](#) December Calendar Meeting Minutes unanimously approved by 9 members present.*

### b. [2020 12 08](#) December Business Meeting

*Motion to approve the 2020 [12 08](#) December Business Meeting Minutes - Bess Abrahams*

*2nd motion to approve the 2020 [12 08](#) December Business Meeting Minutes - Antonia Ferraro*

*The [2020 12 08](#) December Business Meeting Minutes unanimously by 9 members present.*

## 5. [CCEC Election Presentation](#) - Sheree Gibson, Consultant, 2021 CCEC Elections Outreach Team

### a. Summary of answers given to CEC15 Member Questions and Comments:

Regarding campaigning rules for CEC applicants (current and new): Since the way CEC members are elected has changed, additional guidance is being created, and will be posted. Nonetheless, the policy that candidates can't campaign in schools still holds.



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Regarding the frequency, type and scope of outreach done by FACE staff for ELL candidates: The Division of Multilingual Learners (MLL) is planning to expand their previous outreach efforts. For example, the 2021 CCEC Elections Team is distributing information through citywide councils, by ensuring all materials are translated into multiple languages and by reaching out to parent coordinators. Contact Sheree Gibson of the 2021 CCEC Elections Team if you have ideas on additional avenues that could be used to announce upcoming vacancies. Email: [sgibson11@schools.nyc.gov](mailto:sgibson11@schools.nyc.gov)

Regarding increasing participation in CEC's from historically under-represented geographic regions within the district: DOE acknowledges that outreach to leaders from underrepresented neighborhoods is important, and reported they are planning to engage PTAs in those neighborhoods.

Regarding the translation of the guide on how to apply for council positions into other languages: Spanish language translation is complete. The translation in additional languages are being processed and will be uploaded to the website as soon as they are available.

Regarding the difference between the mandate and scope of work between the Citywide Council on Special Education Council (CCSE) and a Community Education Council D75 (D75CEC): D75CEC members represent and focus on supporting children with learning differences in D75 schools exclusively. CCSE members represent and focus on the needs of any special education child in any District. Furthermore, the CCSE writes policy papers and advocates directly to the chancellor and other policy makers and creates an annual report.

Regarding who is considered a "parent" by the DOE: The word "parent" denotes any legal guardian.

### **6. President's Report - Camille Casaretti, CEC15 President**

#### **7. District 15 Report - Superintendent Skop**

- a. **Public Comments:** Comments from the public were taken.
- b. **Summary of answers to CEC15 Member Questions and Comments**

Regarding the safety protocols during SHSAT exams: Schools will be used for this purpose only and CDC guidelines will be reinforced in full effect.

Regarding when MS and HS students will go back to live instruction: There are no directives towards said date.

Regarding academic and emotional assessments: As a starting place for emotional assessments, teachers are an important "first level of observation". Guidance Counselor's, and BCO personnel can also alert and highlight issues



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as well as provide support to children when emotional tools are needed. In the academic arena: Traditional tests (FNP) are being applied right now, but math is trickier to deliver during remote, and there is still a discrepancy between remote and blended assessments. This is still being worked out.

Regarding when families will be able to opt to swap from remote to blended, and which sub-group of children will be prioritized (ex. children with IEPs: It is a balancing act between how many families opted for blended learning that can physically be hosted in a school, in relation to the CDC guidelines based on the metrics for schools.

### 8. RESOLUTION ON SUPPORT FOR MLL STUDENTS AND FAMILIES

- a. Reading of the Resolution: The Resolution was read.
- b. Public Comment: none
- c. CEC15 Member Questions and Comments: none
- d. Vote on Resolution on Support for MLL Students and Families

*Motion to approve of the Resolution on Support for MLL Students and Families- Antonia Ferraro*

*2nd motion to approve the Resolution on Support for MLL Students and Families- Ivan Banda*

*The Resolution on Support for MLL Students and Families was unanimously approved by 8 members present.*

### 9. Old Business - no topics

### 10. New Business:

- Governor Cuomo released his proposed 2022 executive budget. It appears that unless New York receives \$15 billion in federal stimulus aid, our students and families will suffer greatly. In the absence of federal aid, schools could face more than \$2 billion in cuts. Council member and CEC15 VP, 1 plans to testify on this before the Joint Legislative Budget Hearing, this Thursday.
- The President's Council is writing a letter regarding the SHSAT that they would like CEC15 members to sign onto.

*Motion to sign onto the Presidents' Council letter regarding the SHSAT- Tia Schellstede*

*2nd motion to sign onto the Presidents' Council letter regarding the SHSAT- Antonia Ferraro*

*Adding the CEC's signature to the Presidents' Council letter regarding the SHSAT was unanimously approved by 8 members present.*

- The Council would like to express concern regarding the administration of the New York State Tests. CEC15 Co-VP 2 and BP Appointee, Tia Schellstede, wrote a resolution that she would like to present to the NYSED.

*Motion to empower CEC 15 Co-VP 2 and BP Appointee Tia Schellstede to represent a resolution on eliminating the state ELA and Math tests to NYSED, Antonia Ferraro*

*Motion to empower CEC 15 Co-VP 2 and BP Appointee Tia Schellstede to represent a resolution on eliminating the state ELA and Math tests to NYSED, 2nd motion Mark Bisard*



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*The CEC 15 Co-VP 2 and BP Appointee Tia Schellstede representation was unanimously approved by 8 members present.*

**11. Public Comment.** No further public comments

**12. Adjournment 9:35 p.m.**

***Motion to adjourn the meeting - Antonia. Second motion, Camille Casaretti***

***Meeting adjourned by unanimous consent of the 8 members present.***

Minutes respectfully submitted by Saida Barker, CEC15 Administrative Assistant