

# Citywide Council on Special Education

Thursday, August 5, 2021

Tweed Courthouse, 52 Chambers Street 2Fl, New York, N.Y 10007

## Annual/Business/Calendar Meeting Minutes

### Annual Meeting

#### Call to Order

The Annual Meeting was called to order by Interim Co-President Ellen McHugh at 6:12 pm.

#### Roll Call

Ahmed Aboras	Absent
Iman Ahmed	Absent
Julie Barreto	Late
Sanyi Beckeles-Canton	Late
Wenming Chen	Present
Heather Dailey	Present
Artelia Flowers	Present
Paulette Healy	Present
Ellen McHugh	Present
Erika Newsome	Present
Joseph Xing	Present

Roll Call established that a quorum was present.

Heather Dailey was appointed Chair Pro Tem to facilitate the elections.

#### Election of Officers

##### **Office of Co-President**

Joseph Xing nominated Ellen McHugh as Co-President. Paulette nominated herself and Erika Newsome as Co-Presidents. Ellen McHugh informed the Council that you can't run as a team. There was a discussion that at the annual meeting of August 2020, Gloria Corsino and Ellen McHugh ran as a team for Co-Presents. There was a back and forth but the final decision was the nomination would stand. Ellen McHugh nominated Joseph Xing. Wenming Chen nominated Paulette Healy.

## Vote Results:

### First Round

Candidate	Votes Received
Ellen McHugh	1
Paullette Healy & Erika Newsome	4
Joseph Xing	1
Paullette Healy	1

### Second Round

Candidate	Votes Received
Ellen McHugh	1
Paullette Healy & Erika Newsome	5
Joseph Xing	1
Paullette Healy	0

CCSE Bylaws state in:

#### **Article II – Officers and Election, Section 2. Elections**

Officers shall be elected annually by roll call vote, and by the majority of the whole number of the members at its annual meeting, **but no less than six (6) members voting in favor** for a period of one year, and shall serve until their successors have been elected.

There were no winners after two rounds. According to FACE, if no winner is declared, the incumbent will continue in the position. Ellen McHugh will continue as Co-President.

#### **Office of Co-President**

Since CCSE has two Co-Presidents, voting commenced for the second position.

Ellen McHugh nominated Joseph Xing and Paullette Healy nominated Erika Newsome.

(\*there was a late arriving member)

### First Round

Candidate	Votes Received
Joseph Xing	3
Erika Newsome	5

A Roll Call Vote was taken. There no winners in the first round. A second round of votes were taken.

### **Second Round**

Candidate	Votes Received
Joseph Xing	2
Erika Newsome	6

A Roll Call Vote was taken. Erika Newsome received six votes (majority +) and was elected as the second CCSE Co- President.

### **Office of First Vice President**

Paullette Healy nominated herself and Ellen nominated Joseph Xing.

(\*there was a late arriving member)

Candidate	Votes Received
Paullette Healy	6
Joseph Xing	3

A Roll Call Vote was taken. Paullette Healy received six votes (majority +) and was elected as the CCSE First Vice President.

### **Office of Second Vice President**

Erika Newsome nominated Joseph Xing, Joseph Xing nominated Artelia Flowers and Sanayi Beckles-Canton nominated herself.

### **First Round**

Candidate	Votes Received
Joseph Xing	5
Artelia Flowers	2
Sanayi Beckles-Canton	2

A Roll Call Vote was taken. There no winners in the first round. A second round of votes were taken.

## Second Round

Candidate	Votes Received
Joseph Xing	7
Artelia Flowers	0
Sanayi Beckles-Canton	2

A Roll Call Vote was taken. Joseph Xing received seven votes (majority +) and was elected as the CCSE Second Vice President.

## Office of Recording Secretary

Ellen McHugh nominated Dr. Canton but she declined. Joseph Xing nominated Heather Daily as Recording Secretary.

Candidate	Votes Received
Heather Daily	8

A Roll Call Vote was taken. Heather Daily received eight votes (majority +) and was elected as the CCSE Recording Secretary. There was one abstention.

## Office of Treasurer

Ellen McHugh nominated Dr. Sanayi Beckles Canton as Treasurer.

Candidate	Votes Received
Dr. Sanayi Beckles Canton	9

A Roll Call Vote was taken. Dr. Sanayi Beckles Canton received nine votes (unanimous – majority +) and was elected as the CCSE Treasurer.

## The 2021-2022 CCSE Officers

Ellen McHugh	Co-President
Erika Newsome	Co-President
Paullette Healy	First Vice President
Joseph Xing	Second Vice President
Heather Daily	Recording Secretary
Dr. Sanayi Beckles Canton	Treasurer

**Annual Meeting Adjourned at 6:48 pm**

APPROVED

## Call to Order

The Business/Calendar Meeting was called to order by Co-President Ellen McHugh at 6:48 pm.

## Roll Call

Ahmed Aboras	Absent
Iman Ahmed	Absent
Julie Barreto	Present
Sanyi Beckeles-Canton	Present
Wenming Chen	Present
Heather Dailey	Present
Artelia Flowers	Present
Paulette Healy	Present
Ellen McHugh	Present
Erika Newsome	Present
Joseph Zing	Present

Roll Call established that a quorum was present.

**Timekeeper** - Paulette Healy was appointed Timekeeper.

As per the CCSE Bylaws, **Section 6. Absences**

*Any member of the Council who fails to attend three public meetings of the Council of which she/he is duly notified, without rendering in writing a good and valid excuse thereof to the Co-Presidents, vacates his/her office by refusal to serve (Education Law § 2590-c).* Iman Ahmed has not been heard from nor has attended any meetings. Therefore, according to the bylaws, the position has been vacated.

There was a discussion on Council Member Ahmed Aboras, who was excused for the July 22 meeting but is not in attendance at today's meetings, which are the Annual Meeting, Business Meeting and Calendar Meeting. Since the meetings are treated as separate meetings, Mr. Aboras runs the risk of missing three meetings without an excuse.

Joseph Xing moved to table the discussion on Ahmed Aboras to the next meeting. Erika Newsome seconded. Members voted unanimously.

**Minutes** - The minutes of July 22, 2021 were approved.

**CCSE Rep to CCHS** – three applications were received and FACE will vet the applicants before forwarding to the CCSE.

## Co-Presidents' Reports

Ellen McHugh

- Attended a meeting on July 23 with Adrienne Austin. Topic was on Family & Community Wellness. 900 schools will have Family Healing Ambassadors and each will receive a \$500 stipend for the year.
- Attended a Zoom meeting with DOE reps on reopening. Most of the discussion took place in the chat and was so disruptive that the chat was taken down.
- Had a discussion with Camille Casaretti of CEC15 and Craig Spence and Mr. Shamel of D75 who are interested in having a town hall meeting on Summer Rising. Each member will take the suggestion back to their respective Councils.
- Attended a District Planning Meeting (need more info. Not able to understand the recording).

Erika Newsome

- The CCSE website is up and running. Minutes and meetings are uploaded. Various resources are listed. If you have any questions or want something uploaded, please send email to the CCSE email address.

## Members' Reports

Heather Daily

- Summer Rising students in temporary housing were granted the opportunity to take curb to curb service that was not offered to students with IEPs but that has changed. Parents of IEP students are now able schedule transportation for their child in their Nextel? account.

Paulette Healy

**Paulette Healy**

- Attended D75's DLT meeting. The superintendent updated that D75 was allotted 24 social workers. Seventeen positions have been filled but there is still a staff shortage among related services and paras.
- Jody Salmon was in attendance and updated on the August 3 deadline to enter a request for transportation. The deadline was set to guarantee the student will have transportation on the first day of school.
- The VIA GPS platform is being rolled out in a small pilot program on September 20. As of now, 10,000 buses are outfitted with GPS devices. Waiting for drivers to implement actual program.

**Bylaws** – There was a change to the bylaws. A paragraph was deleted and since this is an amendment, the vote will take place at the next calendar meeting.

### **2021-2022 CCSE Budget**

The Council reviewed the 2021-2022 budget prepared by AA Rose Morgan. The Council has an annual budget of \$25,000. The Council voted on the budget allocation. Six members approved and three abstained.

Supplies	\$500
Procurement Card (P-card)	\$5,000
Member Reimbursements	\$15,000
Meeting expenses\Travel Reimbursement	\$500
Non-contracted Services	\$3,000
Training	\$1000

### **Presentation**

Matt Berlin, CEO New York City School Bus Umbrella Service (NYCSBUS)

- Berlin talked about the creation of the non-profit New York City School Bus Umbrella Service (NYCSBUS) to purchase the Reliant Bus Company to improve school bussing.
- Goals include:
  - providing insight on why busing cost so much
  - provide great service to both users and staff
  - become more innovative
- Brief discussion on retaining current staff – drivers, matrons and dispatch. Conversation with Union on training and safety, COVID protocols. Making sure the maintenance of the buses are up to code.
- Discussion on who establishes the bus routes – the DOE does and sends a list to the bus company.
- There were a lot of concerns and issues raised but because the purchase hasn't been finalized, they could not be addressed. A follow up meeting was suggested.

**Meeting Adjourned** – 9:17 pm