





## Community Education Council District 32 Meeting

<b>CALENDAR AND BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES</b>	<b>February 16, 2023</b>	<b>6:00 PM</b>	CEC D32 Office 1160 Decatur Street Brooklyn, NY 11207
<b>Type of Meeting</b>	<b>Calendar and Business Virtual Meetings</b>		
<b>Note Taker</b>	<b>Tatiana Beato, Administrative Assistant</b>		
<b>Attendees</b>		<b>Calendar Meeting</b>	<b>Business Meeting</b>
	<b>Desines Rodriguez</b>	<b>Present</b>	<b>Present</b>
	<b>Jessica Mackey-Jean</b>	<b>Present</b>	<b>Present</b>
	<b>Marlene Rossi</b>	<b>Present</b>	<b>Present</b>
	<b>Defina Scott</b>	<b>Present</b>	<b>Present</b>
	<b>Nahshon K. Brown</b>	<b>Present</b>	<b>Present</b>
	<b>Zebulon Miletsky</b>	<b>Absent</b>	<b>Absent</b>
	<b>Dr. Rebecca Lozada, Superintendent</b>	<b>Present</b>	<b>Present</b>
	<b>Amanda Hicks, Face Liaison</b>	<b>Absent</b>	<b>Absent</b>
<b>Quorum</b>	<b>Met</b>		

## Monthly Calendar Meeting: 6:00 PM

1. Call to order and roll call: Desines Rodriguez, Jessica Mackey-Jean, Marlene Rossi, Defina Scott, Nahshon K. Brown.
2. CEC32 President Report
  - a. Introduction and Welcome from the President of CEC32
3. Brief message from Principal Lauren Reiss from IS.562 Evergreen Middle School for Urban Exploration Followed by Student Video Clip   of IS.562 Evergreen Middle School for Urban Exploration
4. Brief message from Principal Jayne Hunt from PS.151 Lyndon B. Johnson Followed by Student Video Clip   of PS.151 Lyndon B. Johnson
5. Report from Superintendent Dr. Rebecca Lozada
  - District 32 Students Celebrating Black History Month.
  - PS.151 Open House for Parent/Families
  - District 32 Monthly Chat with the Superintendent
  - District 32 Parent Workshop at the Family Leadership
  - Principal & Assistant Principals Leadership Learning Conference
  - District 32 Instructional Leadership Learning Walks
  - PS.123 UFT Teacher Center Ribbon Cutting
  - Congratulations to Noah Seymour, Student from IS.383 for Winning First Place at the BN District Spelling Bee
6. Report from High Schools Superintendent Janice Ross by Rushell White
  - Celebrating Black History Month
7. Adjournment 7:29 PM

## **Business Meeting: 7:40 PM**

1. Call to order and roll call: Desines Rodriguez, Jessica Mackey-Jean, Marlene Rossi, Defina Scott, Nahshon K. Brown.
2. Approval of minutes: January minutes were not available for the time of the meeting. Will be approved at March meeting.
3. Treasurer's Report:
  - So, we had a special meeting two weeks ago. and we discussed some areas that we wanted to assign some refunds that have been claimed. And that brings us to 7,875 remaining there in full refund, you see. we had some office supply expenses. \$1,999.77 so currently in office supplies. We have used all of that from that line, and we have got 23 cents left. Hybrid Technology: We have \$1,264 and we have \$912.62 left. We had to pay for the photocopier for last year in this year's budget, because last year it was not paid for the absence of an AA. So, we use the \$1,400, and there are no funds left in there. There is still \$100 left on the Metro cards. The remaining \$500 in the Family and Community Outreach. P-CARD has spent \$223.38 we still have 5,000 left. Total spending \$7,227.30
4. New Business:
  - **CEC List Priorities & CEC List Special Interest Chancellor Town Hall Meeting.**

**a) Desines Rodriguez (President):**

*Good evening, Chancellors Bank and welcome to CEC32. My name is Desines Rodríguez, your CEC President Elect. I have been in District 32 long enough and I am well informed that District 32 has the highest IEP enrollment. I would like to know how you can support our district in bringing more programs in addition to the programs that are already available in our district. I am passionate about these students and believe that they should not have to travel to another district. my priority and special interest would be that all our schools are properly repaired and properly funded and that no more charter schools take up space in our schools.*

**b) Defina Scott (Vice-President):**

*I know this may only be for this school year because those funds were not taken away due to enrollment. So, I would just say this year, specifically and candidly, what they know for the rest of our term. it is just making sure that those principles are strategic in how they spend those funds. Budgets are always the first thing cut when it comes to public schools. but of course, more money can always give students more than they need. I would just say for a fact that Doe is more funded now than ever with fewer students than ever. and still the numbers are still the numbers in terms of performance. District 32 has an overwhelming percentage of our families that are in temporary housing. Take for example. That means that life at home is very unstable. Of course, there are many different factors that make it difficult for us students to arrive at school and be fully present at school, healthy, happy, and ready to learn. at the same time. There are schools within District 32 that have taken note. I discovered some things Achieving that performance is not just the best within the district. But some of our schools have been able to exceed even*

citywide averages. So, I asked him to listen a lot. How much time do we have, you know? That person who is performance driven.

**c) Marlene Rossi (Treasurer):**

*in terms of priorities as a council. Our priorities are getting information to engage parents, to make sure parent voices are heard. That is where I am to make sure that those who that they don't have that voice, or they're afraid to speak up, or about anything that's really concerning, or even bringing up things that they don't know might be a concern or might be fixed when they feel like, okay, that's just the way it is, and I have to deal with that they need to know they have a voice, and they could express it And we're there to advocate and raise those concerns for them. That is my priority.*

*My special interest, it is about getting everything we can for our parents, for our children, for our schools, so that we can be. I hate to say, okay, you know, I represent District 32. The worst borough in New York, like we are not the worst borough, and I have seen it firsthand. In fact, we are much better than most. Why do we have that label? Why do people view the 32nd district that way? My priority would be to change that panorama, I say, and we do it. We do it within the community within our district. Everyone else needs to know.*

**d) Nah'shon Brown (Member):**

*make sure our schools get the funding that is necessary and required. Because they know budgets are constantly being cut and money taken from public schools, and they are always quick to say, oh, well, we want to add more charters and all they are doing is putting charters in public school buildings, where, while those charters get all this funding, none of it goes to the public-school builders that they are taking over, and you know it is like yes that has always been one of the things I have been trying to find more information about. how are these charter schools can take over the public-school buildings and do not have to contribute? So, the maintenance of the accounts and everything continues to fall to the public school, which at the same time is losing funds. That has always been something I have wondered about, and I've yet to get a clear answer on it. I do not know if there is someone here who can give me an answer or give me an address where he can go to find the answer, but I think it is probably something I will do. You know I would be interested in asking him or whether he can give a straight answer on that.*

5. Building of the Agenda:

- Fair Student Funding.
- Capital Planning: We did not go through capital planning because we missed the deadline, we tried to get an extension, and they did not give us an extension. Try doing it with Amanda, and then the extension. But they did not give us that extension because unfortunately the deadline was the week before the Zoom meeting.

6. Adjournment 8:28 PM

<b>APPROVAL OF CALENDAR, AND BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES</b>	March 15, 2023 - <b>Approved</b> [Met Quorum]
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NOTE: A draft of all meeting minutes are available within two weeks after the meeting and will be posted on the Council's website at CEC32.org.	
<b>ADJOURNMENT</b>	Meeting adjourned 8:28 PM
<b>SUBMITTED BY:</b>	Tatiana Beato, Administrative Assistant

**Approved on:** Wednesday, March 15, 2023

*Tatiana Beato*

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