



COMMUNITY EDUCATION COUNCIL DISTRICT 15

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September Business Meeting

APPROVED 09/29/2020

Via Teleconference

Tuesday, Sept 8, 2020 - 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

Via Teleconference

AGENDA

1. Call to Order and Roll Call (2 min)
2. Introduction to CEC15 (3 min)
3. Teleconference Protocol (2 min)
4. President's Report - Camille Casaretti, CEC15 President (15 min)
5. **Guest Speaker: Senator Elect Jabari Brisport** (15 min)
6. **CEC15 Council Conversation: Back to School** (30 min)
 - a. School Liaison List
7. CEC15 Budget Review - Kimmerly Scott, CEC15 Treasurer (10 min)
8. Bylaws Working Group Update - Tia Schellstede, CEC15 Co-VP (10 min)
9. Old Business (10 min)
 - a. Approval of Minutes - Bess Abrahams, CEC15 Secretary
 - i. Minutes from 2020 08 10 Special Session - Bylaws Committee
 - b. Follow up on CEC15 ELL Candidate and CEC15 Student Rep
10. New Business (10 min)
 - a. Discussion of 2020-21 agendas and committee assignments
 - b. Chancellor Town Hall - public comment logistics
 - c. Weekly mtg assignment dates and times.
11. Adjournment

Call to Order at 6:30 p.m.

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Present:

Camille Casaretti (President)
Antonia Ferraro (Co-Vice President 1)
Tia Schellstede (Co-Vice President 2 & BP Appointee)
Bess Abrahams (Secretary)
Kimmerly Scott (Treasurer)
Mark Bisard (IEP Rep)
Iván Banda (BP Appointee)



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Cateia Rembert, Member

Claudia Lechuga, Member

Late:

Mark Bisard (IEP Rep)

Krystal Cason, Member

2. **Introduction to CEC 15** was read aloud
3. **Teleconference protocol** was reviewed
4. **[President's Report](#) - Camille Casaretti, CEC15 President**
3. **Guest Speaker: Senator Elect Jabari Brisport**
 - Senator Montgomery is retiring, and Senator Jabari Brisport will be taking the seat. He has a strong background in education since he is an educator himself in the public school system until September 21st.
 - First priority on his agenda is education along with the New York Care Act, housing and environmental initiatives.
 - When it comes to education fighting for full funding of public schools, in addition to more funding for community schools and a moratorium on charter schools are at the top of the list in his priorities.
 - The Senator is in the process of choosing staff members. In the meantime he is available, and very responsive via email at contact@jabariforstatesenate.com.
 - In regards to taxing the rich, Senate democrats may have a veto proof majority in the state depending on how elections go in November (there are around 40 Democrats in the State Senate). Senator Brisport's campaign will be partnering and fundraising for a couple more Democrats in Swing District's upstate. Regardless, there should be a push for that type of legislation.
 - Supporting a collaboration between the both CEC and Senator Brisport to advocate for an anti racist enhanced curriculum.

CEC15 Council Conversation: Back to School

- a. School Liaison List: Reassignment of schools given that there are new Members in the Council.

Assignments per CEC15 Member:

Camille Casaretti: MS136, PS261, MS821

Antonia Ferraro: PS32, MS88, PS124, PS676

Mark Bisard: MS51, PS146, PS154

Bess Abrahams: PS118, PS169, PS295 + MS443, MS839

Krystal Cason: PS38, PS39, MS447 + HS656



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Kimmerly Scott: PS29, PS58, MS442

Ivan Banda: PS1, PS94, PS230, MS497

Tia Schellstede: PS107, PS131, PS321, PS516,

Cateia Rembert: PS10+K280, PS15, PS130

Claudia Lechuga: PS24, PS172, PS896

5. **CEC15 Budget Review - Kimmerly Scott, CEC15 Treasurer**

- The final budget sent to us, has a mistake on it and it's being corrected.
- The P-Card application will take a while to process, but purchasing can be made via Member reimbursement.
- The DEI Monday series are coming up, and have to be supported.

6. **Bylaws Working Group Update - Tia Schellstede, CEC15 Co-VP**

-The Bylaws were uploaded to a spreadsheet with three columns: DOE-FACE's Template, Current bylaws, and proposed amendment to the section. The bylaws were divided into 3 equal parts for easier targeted flow of the work group.

- The Council will meet in a Special Session on September 17th, 2020, 6:30 p.m. to discuss the following Bylaw Sections: Order of business, The Actions of the Council, and Public comments.

- Gender specific language was removed.

Council Comments:

- FACE's bylaws template is not optimal
- The VP2 position could be eliminated from the bylaws after the current VP finalizes her term.
- The section about Actions should be discussed with FACE about its definition.
- In regards to Action, the CECs only power is in rezoning. When the Council should manage its own expectations, and the public's. The fact that a Resolution, a letter is written does not mean it is law, or will make anything happen, other than influencing. The Council has soft power.

7. **Old Business**

a. Approval of Minutes - Bess Abrahams, CEC15 Secretary

i. Minutes from [2020 08 10](#) Special Session - Bylaws Committee

Motion to approve the minutes from August 10, 2020 - Antonia Ferraro, 2nd motion; Kimmerly Scott

Roll call vote:

Camille Casaretti, President, yes

Antonia Ferraro, Co-Vice President 1, yes

Mark Bisard, IEP Rep, yes

Bess Abrahams, Secretary, yes

Kimmerly Scott, Treasurer, yes



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Tia Schellstede, Co-Vice President 2 & BPA, yes

Ivan Banda, BPA, yes

Cateia Rembert, Member, yes

Claudia Lechuga, Member, yes

- b. Follow up on CEC15 ELL Candidate and CEC15 Student Rep
 - FACE hasn't received any applications for ELL.
 - FACE will remind the District about the student Member's appointment.
 - Another notice will be sent to the President's Council.

8. New Business

- a. Discussion of 2020-21 agendas and committee assignments
 - ODP will join the meetings, as well as SCA. The different agencies will be contacted to have a better outlook on how to move forward with the agendas.
 - PAR is not updating their website, nor reflecting the meetings they hold.
- a. Committees/Working Groups:
 - Antonia Ferraro, VP1, would like to continue to chair the Legislative Committee.
 - Mark Bisard, IEP Representative, would continue to chair the Communications Committee, and will discuss tech tools as well: mailchimp, website, etc.
 - Camille Casaretti, President, would continue to chair the Bylaws Working Group.
- b. Chancellor Town Hall - public comment logistics
 - Learning Times will be facilitating the meeting in zoom.
 - The Council will have a walk-through on Thursday, Sept 10th, at 5 p.m. instead of the check-in with FACE.
 - The questions to be asked are submitted in advance digitally.
- c. Weekly meeting assignment dates and times.
 - The Council filled out a doodle form to find a day in the week to meet to discuss logistics.

Adjournment at **8:34 p.m.**

Motion to adjourn the meeting - Antonia Ferraro, 2nd motion, Kimmerly Scott

Meeting adjourned by unanimous consent at 8:34 p.m.