



## COMMUNITY EDUCATION COUNCIL DISTRICT 15

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November 15, 2022

Business Meeting

### President's Report - Camille Casaretti

PEP Parent Member Application closes tonight.

The Panel for Educational Policy (PEP) currently consists of 15 members, including a parent elected by the 32 CEC presidents. The State Legislature amended the Education Law, expanding the PEP to 23 members: 13 mayoral appointees, 5 Borough President appointees, and 5 parents (one per borough) elected by the CEC presidents. Changes were also made to the terms of office: all current PEP members' terms will end on January 14, 2023, and the 23 members of the expanded PEP, including the 5 elected by the CEC presidents, will take office on January 15, 2023 and serve until June 30, 2023. Thereafter, all PEP members will serve 1-year terms beginning on July 1.

The DOE is running an election for the 5 parent members who will take office on January 15, 2023, and then another election for the 5 parent members who will take office on July 1, 2023. The process and timelines for these elections are set forth in the amended Chancellor's Regulation D-200 that is now [posted](#) for public comment and will be voted on at the November 30, 2022 PEP meeting. To allow more time for the election of the first group of PEP parent members, the Chancellor has issued an [emergency declaration](#) that will allow the DOE to launch the elections in advance of the PEP vote.

The 5 PEP parent members will be elected by the CEC presidents, as required by the Education Law. Candidates must have at least one child currently attending a public, non-charter school in NYC; in addition, they must reside in the borough they seek to represent. Applications are available on the DOE website; the application period will remain open until tonight, November 15, 2022. This is a new opportunity for parents to serve in an impactful leadership position.

As in previous elections, CEC presidents will be electing a Nominating Committee that will review applications, interview candidates and recommend finalists to be voted on by all 32 CEC presidents. The Nominating Committee has been formed and will complete its work by December 6; the election of the 5 PEP parent members will take place on December 20, 2022.

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The CCEC Election Application Period will open in January. This is different from the PEP parent member role. You can not serve on both bodies at the same time. Please make every effort to share information about the upcoming CEC elections with your liaison schools, PAs and PTAS, and with any parents you know who qualify for a district or citywide seat. These roles are all very important in that we



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serve to support and advocate for every one of our school communities to ensure that all children are able to share in the many opportunities that our schools can offer.

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Everyone should be meeting with their liaison schools, Principals and PAs and PTAs and entering the building information in the

Draft Spreadsheet for the Capital Plan Priority List:

[https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1daH8QJBBshi4\\_uDD1sjHiKqPaRt8U9fOrbpDBjYEEYeg/edit?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1daH8QJBBshi4_uDD1sjHiKqPaRt8U9fOrbpDBjYEEYeg/edit?usp=sharing)

Please review the list and make sure that your schools are listed with your name labeled.

We will be reviewing this list in the next meeting and voting in December on the top 5 priorities.

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Apply to Join Gowanus Oversight Task Force

A few weeks ago, Council Member Lincoln Restler and CM Hanif, [announced the creation of a dedicated community task force](#) to be led by a paid expert facilitator that will hold City agencies and private developers accountable to enact the expansive community benefits agreement made as part of the Gowanus Rezoning. The facilitator will guide the Gowanus Oversight Task Force, members of which will participate in public meetings, serve on planning committees and work directly with City agencies and policy experts to make sure the promises made to the Gowanus community are realized. [Applications to join the Gowanus Oversight Taskforce are due November 30](#). Reach out to Arvind with questions ([asindhvani@council.nyc.gov](mailto:asindhvani@council.nyc.gov)).

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Wednesday: Antonia testifying at City Council Hearing

[Oversight Hearing: NYC Department of Education's Spending of Federal Covid-19 Relief Funds](#)

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PEP Meeting-November 30, 2022

Proposed Amendments to Procurement Policy and Procedures Manual:

[https://drive.google.com/file/d/18Y9iv5UFo7gPfr8XcTBEGBpX7v4ZdFZv/view?usp=share\\_link](https://drive.google.com/file/d/18Y9iv5UFo7gPfr8XcTBEGBpX7v4ZdFZv/view?usp=share_link)



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- Changed the title of Executive Director to Chief Procurement Officer of the New York City Department of Education also referred to as the Executive Director of the Division of Contracts and Purchasing.
  - Page 33: Can approve competitive bids up to \$5Million
  - There needs to be more transparency here. No real checks and balances.
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- Page 78: Expanding opportunities for Minority -and-or Women Owned Business Enterprises - “No formal competition is required for the procurement of goods, services, and construction from City Certified MWBEs pursuant to this paragraph”
- Page 23: DOE is changing the definition of a Contract. Any agreement between the DOE and a contractor, or any agreement between such a contractor and a subcontractor which is for the provision of goods, services, or construction, or is a franchise or concession and has a value of \$250100,000 or more when aggregated with the values of all other such agreements with the same contractor or subcontractor awarded to such contractor or subcontractor during the immediately preceding twelve-month period.
  - Applies to contractors and subcontractors
- Page 59: Modified the requirement selection for construction-related consulting services to a merit based, not monetarily based, methodology