

COMMUNITY EDUCATION COUNCIL DISTRICT 15

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Approved

July Annual/Calendar/Business Meeting

July 31, 2025, 6:30pm Virtual due to severe weather

ANNUAL MEETING AGENDA

Call to order at [6:30]

- 1. Call to Order, Introduction of Interpreters, and Roll Call (5 min)
- 2. Public Comment Protocol (2 min)
- 3. CEC15 Officer Elections

Adjournment

Annual Meeting Call to Order: 6:30 p.m. **Meeting Attendance Via Zoom:** 23

1. Call to Order

Present:

Angelica Cesario

Jonathan Davis

Elton Dodson

Ken Ebie

Angelica Jadunandan

Katina Rogers

Kim Wanliss

Qingxia Zhu

Cara Zwerling-Moeller

2. Introduction of Interpreters, Introduction to CEC 15 and Public Comment Protocol -

Welcome and remarks from Katina Rogers and Jonathan Davis.

3. CEC15 Officer Elections

ELECTION OF CHAIR PRO TEM

Katina Rogers nominated Jonathan Davis as Chair Pro Tem.

Nomination: Jonathan Davis (accepted)

Roll call vote:

- Councilmember Angelica Cesario [yes]
- Councilmember Jonathan Davis [yes]
- Councilmember Elton Dodson [yes]
- Councilmember Ken Ebie [yes]

- Councilmember Angelica Jadunandan [yes]
- Councilmember Katina Rogers [yes]
- Councilmember Kim Wanliss [yes]
- Councilmember Qingxia Zhu [yes]
- Councilmember Cara Zwerling-Moeller [yes]

Jonathan Davis has been elected to serve as Chair Pro Tem and will conduct the election of officers for the 2025-2026 term.

ELECTION OF PRESIDENT

Jonathan Davis nominates Katina Rogers as President Nomination: Katina Rogers (accepted)

Roll call vote:

- Councilmember Angelica Cesario [yes]
- Councilmember Jonathan Davis [yes]
- Councilmember Elton Dodson [yes]
- Councilmember Ken Ebie [yes]
- Councilmember Angelica Jadunandan [yes]
- Councilmember Katina Rogers [yes]
- Councilmember Kim Wanliss [yes]
- Councilmember Qingxia Zhu [yes]
- Councilmember Cara Zwerling-Moeller [yes]

Katina Rogers has been elected to serve as President for the CEC 15 2025-2026 term.

ELECTION OF FIRST VICE PRESIDENT

Katina Rogers nominated Jonathan Davis as First Vice President Nomination: Jonathan Davis (accepted)

Roll call vote:

- Councilmember Angelica Cesario [yes]
- Councilmember Jonathan Davis [yes]
- Councilmember Elton Dodson [yes]
- Councilmember Ken Ebie [yes]
- Councilmember Angelica Jadunandan [yes]
- Councilmember Katina Rogers [yes]
- Councilmember Kim Wanliss [yes]
- Councilmember Qingxia Zhu [yes]
- Councilmember Cara Zwerling-Moeller [yes]

Jonathan Davis has been elected to serve as First Vice President for the CEC 15 2025-2026 term.

ELECTION OF SECOND VICE PRESIDENT

Katina Rogers nominated Elton Dodson as Second Vice President Nomination: Elton Dodson (accepted)

Roll call vote:

- Councilmember Angelica Cesario [yes]
- Councilmember Jonathan Davis [yes]
- Councilmember Elton Dodson [yes]
- Councilmember Ken Ebie [yes]
- Councilmember Angelica Jadunandan [yes]
- Councilmember Katina Rogers [yes]
- Councilmember Kim Wanliss [yes]
- Councilmember Qingxia Zhu [yes]
- Councilmember Cara Zwerling-Moeller [yes]

Elton Dodson has been elected to serve as Second Vice President for the CEC 15 2025-2026 term.

ELECTION OF RECORDING SECRETARY

Jonathan Davis nominated Cara Zwerling-Moeller as Recording Secretary Nomination: Cara Zwerling-Moeller (accepted)

Roll call vote:

- Councilmember Angelica Cesario [yes]
- Councilmember Jonathan Davis [yes]
- Councilmember Elton Dodson [yes]
- Councilmember Ken Ebie [yes]
- Councilmember Angelica Jadunandan [yes]
- Councilmember Katina Rogers [yes]
- Councilmember Kim Wanliss [yes]
- Councilmember Qingxia Zhu [yes]
- Councilmember Cara Zwerling-Moeller [yes]

Cara Zwerling-Moeller has been elected to serve as Recording Secretary for the CEC 15 2025-2026 term.

ELECTION OF PARLIAMENTARIAN

Kim Wanliss self nominated

Nomination: Kim Walniss (accepted)

Roll call vote:

- Councilmember Angelica Cesario [yes]
- Councilmember Jonathan Davis [yes]
- Councilmember Elton Dodson [yes]
- Councilmember Ken Ebie [yes]
- Councilmember Angelica Jadunandan [yes]
- Councilmember Katina Rogers [yes]
- Councilmember Kim Wanliss [yes]
- Councilmember Qingxia Zhu [yes]
- Councilmember Cara Zwerling-Moeller [yes]

Kim Walniss has been elected to serve as Parliamentarian for the CEC 15 2025-2026 term.

ELECTION OF TREASURER

Angelica Jadunandan self nominated

Nomination: Angelica Jadunandan (accepted)

Roll call vote:

- Councilmember Angelica Cesario [yes]
- Councilmember Jonathan Davis [yes]
- Councilmember Elton Dodson [yes]
- Councilmember Ken Ebie [yes]
- Councilmember Angelica Jadunandan [yes]
- Councilmember Katina Rogers [yes]
- Councilmember Kim Wanliss [yes]
- Councilmember Qingxia Zhu [yes]
- Councilmember Cara Zwerling-Moeller [yes]

Angelica Jadunandan has been elected to serve as Treasurer for the CEC 15 2025-2026 term.

Annual Meeting Adjournment: 7:08 p.m.

Calendar Meeting Agenda

- 1. Call to Order and Roll Call (2 min)
- 2. CEC15 Report (5 min)
- 3. D15 Superintendent's Report (10 min)
 - a. Public Comment (15 min)
 - b. CEC member Comments (15 min)

Adjournment

Calendar Meeting Call to Order: 7:08 p.m.

Meeting Attendance Via Zoom: 24

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Present:

Angelica Cesario

Jonathan Davis

Elton Dodson

Ken Ebie

Angelica Jadunandan

Katina Rogers

Kim Wanliss

Qingxia Zhu

Cara Zwerling-Moeller

2. **CEC15 Report - CEC 15 President Katina Rogers**

I think I speak for Jonathan and I both when I say what an honor it is to be starting this new year with so many fantastic new councilmembers. Welcome! We're looking forward to working together in the year ahead.

I'll keep this very short. I want to start the year with gratitude.

- Thank you to Chenise Powell for seamlessly orchestrating our meetings and the Council's administrative work;
- Thank you to outgoing president Antonia Ferraro Martinelli for your tremendous legacy of fighting for the District 15 community;
- Thank you to Anthony Aguilar and the team at FACE for liaising with and supporting our Council;
- Thank you to Superintendent Alvarez, Deputy Superintendent Lanzillotto, and the entire district team for your unflagging efforts;
- Thank you to the interpreters for your work, which opens up our meetings to more members of the community;

- Thank you to the many hands that make this work possible, including security officers, custodians, school administrators, caterers, and tech support;
- Thank you to councilmembers for volunteering your time, energy, and commitment to our community's kids.

CEC15 has a strong history of supporting high-quality, equitable public education for all children in the district. We know this work is ongoing, especially in light of the attacks on education currently happening at the federal level. I'm eager to undertake this work with you all, and look forward to collaboratively setting priorities in the coming months.

I hope we can all show one another grace and patience as we find our footing as a relatively new group of councilmembers. We all have different stories of what brought us into this work, but having gotten to know everyone here, it's clear to me that we share a commitment to doing right by all kids and families in the district. Public schooling in this country—and in this city, and this district—has a long history as a vehicle of systemic racism and inequity. But I believe it is also our best hope for collective liberation, justice, and community. I look forward to working towards that vision with you all.

3. **D15 Superintendent's Report** - District 15 Superintendent Rafael Alvarez

Normally there would be a powerpoint presentation however, because it is the summer a powerpoint is not necessary and notes are provided. Superintendent Alvarez congratulates all the new officers on the CEC 15 board.

- Former Executive Director of Student Services and Operations, Deirdre Keyes has retired as of July 1, 2025. The
 process of filling the position is underway. The position will be titled as a 'Second Deputy Superintendent' this way
 more flexibility is afforded to Superintendent Alvarez to utilize the employee more efficiently for the district such as
 school observations and troubleshooting at the school/district level when there are concerns with parents or
 community members.
- P.S. 131 is receiving an YMCA afterschool program in this current year 2025 that was originally slated for the FY 2027.
- Administrator of Special Education, Jeanette Nadeau has been hired. Nadeau has D75 experience in special education to support the parents in the community when there are concerns surrounding IEPs
- P.S. 39 (15K039) will undergo a leadership change. On August 25, 2025 Principal Panag will be stepping down. A new Principal will come into position but cannot be announced yet because hiring is still in process.
- P.S. 896 in Sunset Park and P.S. 124 in Park Slope will be sharing an additional Asst. Principal part time to provide support for the growing schools.
- Project Open Arms, Tamara Mayer has been in conversation with Katina Rogers and Jonathan Davis to schedule a
 meeting in September to share information on how support is provided to the families and community with the
 conditions that we are facing from our Federal Government and beyond.
- Cell Phone Policies in alignment to the new law will be in place on the first day of school.
- School Preparation for the beginning of the school year
 – Superintendent Alvarez has scheduled a 'Touch base'
 meeting with every teacher and staff member in the district to hear what the expectations are for the district as a
 whole.
- The NYC Reads and NYC Solves initiatives with IM will be continued in the middle schools. MTSS (Multi Tiered Systems of Support), the work around equity with the Equity Youth Congress and the regular Equity Congress will continue. In September, a detailed 5 year plan from Superintendent Alvarez will be available.
- A K-2 foundational skills academic guidebook that supports teachers with the literacy and math curricula are being provided to help with professional development. The previous Strategic Literacy Plan that was put in place for the past 2 years has developed a new layer; Phonological awareness, which are the sounds that scholars hear and make into words, Phonics, which is how they put the sounds together to make words and the Fluencey aspect, which is how they use that to read to be able to comprehend. Initially focusing on the 3 of the 5 Pillars of Literacy that will be provided to parents in order to help them gauge the range of the level their child is currently at in each category and help them with tools to understand and improve.
- a. Public Comment
- b. CEC member Comments

Business Meeting Agenda

- 1. Call to Order and Roll Call (2 min)
- 2. Approval of Minutes (3 min)
 - a. 2024 11 19 Calendar/Business Meeting Minutes -DRAFT
 - b. 2024 12 10 Calendar/Business Meeting Minutes DRAFT
 - c. 2025 01 07 Business Meeting Minutes DRAFT
 - d. 2025 01 28 Calendar Meeting Minutes -DRAFT
 - e. 2025 02 11 Business Meeting Minutes -DRAFT
- 3. Vote on 2025-26 Budget (10 min)
 - a. CEC Member Comments (5 min)
 - b. Vote
- 4. Discussion and Vote on CEC15 2025- 26 Calendar (20 min)
 - a. CEC member Comments (15 min)
 - b. Vote
- 5. Discussion and selection of liaison schools (10 min)
- 6. Old Business (5 min)
- 7. New Business (5 min)

Adjournment

Business Meeting Call to Order: 8:15 p.m. **Meeting Attendance Via Zoom:** 20

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Present:

Angelica Cesario

Jonathan Davis

Elton Dodson

Ken Ebie

Angelica Jadunandan

Katina Rogers

Kim Wanliss

Qingxia Zhu

Cara Zwerling-Moeller

2. Approval of Minutes

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There being no corrections to the minutes, they are accepted as distributed. Approved unanimously by the council.

3. Vote on 2025-26 Budget

Motion to vote on expenses from 24-25 FY to come out of the 25-26 FY budget

Motion: Katina Rogers **Second:** Jonathan Davis

• Councilmember Angelica Cesario [YES]

- Councilmember Jonathan Davis [Yes]
- Councilmember Elton Dodson [Yes]
- Councilmember Ken Ebie [Yes]
- Councilmember Angelica Jadunandan [Yes]
- Councilmember Katina Rogers [Yes]
- Councilmember Kim Wanliss [Yes]
- Councilmember Qingxia Zhu [Yes]
- Councilmember Cara Zwerling-Moeller [Yes]

Motion to vote on [2025-26 Budget]

Motion to approve the budget as is with the idea to revisit in the future

Motion: Katina Rogers **Second:** Jonathan Davis

- Councilmember Angelica Cesario [Yes]
- Councilmember Jonathan Davis [Yes]
- Councilmember Elton Dodson [Yes]
- Councilmember Ken Ebie [Yes]
- Councilmember Angelica Jadunandan [Yes]
- Councilmember Katina Rogers [Yes]
- Councilmember Kim Wanliss [Yes]
- Councilmember Qingxia Zhu [Yes]
- Councilmember Cara Zwerling-Moeller [Yes]

Before time exceeds a vote to hold the upcoming CEC 15 meeting is taken.

Motion to vote on [August meeting to be held August 19th, Calendar and Business]

Motion: Katina Rodgers **Second:** Kim Wanliss

- Councilmember Angelica Cesario [Yes]
- Councilmember Jonathan Davis [Yes]
- Councilmember Elton Dodson [Yes]
- Councilmember Ken Ebie [Yes]
- Councilmember Angelica Jadunandan [Yes]
- Councilmember Katina Rogers [Yes]
- Councilmember Kim Wanliss [Yes]
- Councilmember Qingxia Zhu [Yes]
- Councilmember Cara Zwerling-Moeller [Yes]

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The remainder of the scheduled items will be voted on in the upcoming CEC 15 meeting.

Motion to table the remainder of the agenda and continue on August 19th.

Motion: Katina Rogers Second: Ken Ebie

Unanimous approval from the council.

Business Meeting Adjournment: 9:16 p.m.