



# Community Education Council District 23 (CEC23)

## Meeting Minutes – Regular Calendar Meeting / Business Meeting

**Date:** March 2, 2026

**Time:** 6:00 PM – 9:00 PM

**Location:** In Person and Zoom

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## Regular Calendar Meeting

### Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at **6:20 PM**.

### Roll Call

**Present:** Brockington, Farrel, Garcia, Pitts, Romero, Ruiz, Stewart, Tucker

**Absent:** Elcock, French, Shaw

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## Superintendent's Report

Dr. Kirkland acknowledged **Women's History Month** and noted that the district's mission, vision, and goals remain unchanged.

### Academic Assessments

Students take assessments three times per year: **BOY, MOY, and EOY**. The district recently completed the **MOY assessments**.

- **ELA:** Tier 1 students increased by 11–12% over the past three years, while Tier 3 students decreased by about 10%.
- **Math:** Tier 1 students increased between 9–11%, with Tier 3 students decreasing by about 15%.

Weekly **iReady mastery checks** assess two ELA and two math standards to monitor progress and guide reteaching.

## **Student Discipline**

Level 5 incidents have decreased overall, though concerns remain. A small number of students account for the majority of suspensions.

## **Attendance**

Brownsville has the **highest chronic absenteeism rate in NYC community school districts**. Schools are using incentives such as **No Uniform Fridays, hot cocoa mornings, and classroom celebrations** to improve attendance.

## **Special Education**

Some special education reporting data is incomplete and is currently being reviewed.

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# **Presentations**

## **Brooklyn North High Schools – March Update**

Presented by **Yuet Chu and Sandra Kidd**

- Brooklyn North High Schools serves **47 schools across several districts**, including District 23.
- **Enrollment:** Over 25,000 students
- **Attendance Rate:** 88%
- **Chronic Absenteeism:** 33%

District priorities include:

- College and career readiness
- Academic excellence
- Safety

- Community engagement

Recent highlights included the **NYC Schools Chancellor's visit to the Thomas Jefferson Campus** and student international trips during winter recess.

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## Community Announcements

Dominique Alexander (Office of Council Member Sandy Nurse)

shared several community resources and upcoming events, including:

- **Free compost container giveaway** – March 26
  - **Community Iftar** at Lobono Hall
  - **Senior Service Clinic** – March 24
  - **Virtual Sanitation and DOT Town Hall** – March 16
  - **Housing legal clinic** – March 19
  - **Free tax preparation** for individuals earning \$97,000 or less
  - **Weekly immigration legal clinic**
  - **Veterans assistance clinic** – March 20
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## Public Comments

Adrienne Williams from the office of Assemblymember Latrice Walker acknowledged **Women's History Month**, discussed concerns about **chronic absenteeism**, and shared updates about community services and programs, including free tax preparation and medically tailored meal programs.

Camille Casaretti from the **NYC Panel for Educational Policy** announced the next **PEP meeting on March 25 at Telecommunications High School in Brooklyn**.

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## Adjournment

The calendar meeting adjourned at **7:23 PM**.

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## Business Session

## Call to Order

The Business Session began at **7:35 PM**.

## Roll Call

**Present:** Brockington, Farrel, Garcia, Pitts, Romero, Ruiz, Stewart, Tucker

**Absent:** Elcock, French, Shaw

## Minutes Approval

Member Garcia moved to **table approval of the previous meeting's minutes until the April meeting.**

## Budget Review

- **Member reimbursements:** \$8,425
- **Refreshments:** \$2,186

All purchase orders for the **remainder of the fiscal year must be submitted by mid-April.**

## New Business

Members discussed **food purchases for the remainder of the fiscal year and the upcoming town hall**, as well as potential council merchandise.

## Announcements

- **Special Meeting:** March 18, 2026 at 4:00 PM
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## Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at **7:54 PM**.