

DRAFT
COMMUNITY EDUCATION COUNCIL 23
COMBINED CALENDAR, AND BUSINESS MEETING
MONDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2025
6:00PM-9:00PM
In-PERSON/HYBRID MEETING
LOCATION-
DISTRICT OFFICE

Special Meeting Called to order at 5:15 for the Interview of CEC23 Candidate Akela Farrell.

Members Present: Brockington, Elcock, Garcia, Pitts, Romero, Shaw, Stewart
Reading of Resolution to Appoint Akela Farrell.

Calendar Meeting Called To Order at 6:06pm

Introduction of Spanish and Arabic interpretations

Roll Call:

Present:

1. Osariemen Elcock, President, Brooklyn Borough President Appointee
2. Presil Garcia, Vice President, IEP Representative
3. Amanda Pitts, Recording Secretary
4. Pamelita Romero, Treasurer, D75 Representative
5. Melinda French, Parliamentarian
6. Katherine Brockington, Member
7. Akela Farrell, Member
8. Latisha Shaw, Member
9. Joan Stewart, Member
10. Jorshea Tucker, Member
11. Open Seat, ELL Representative
12. Open Seat, Brooklyn Borough President Appointee

Resolution to Appoint Akela Farrell to CEC23 for the remainder of the 2025-2027 Term.

Voting Yes: Brockington, Elcock, Garcia, Romero, Stewart, Shaw, Tucker, Pitts

Voting No: French

Abstaining: Tucker

Resolution Passes 7-1-1

Superintendent's Report

- Tameka Mingo presented Acadience Data and discussed impacts and initiatives
 - Kindergarten: 34% At or Above Benchmark, 66% Below
 - 1st Grade: 19% At or Above Benchmark, 81% Below

- 2nd Grade: 46% At or Above Benchmark, 54% Below
- Drew Goodman discussed Attendance Data
 - Current district attendance 89.4%
 - 21 of 23 schools are currently above 89%
 - Current students missing more than 10% of school days: 32.4
 - (CEC member request to report this as “10% of current school days (at Risk)”, or “already missed 10% of total days (Chronically Absent)”
- William Rochford Presented Family Engagement
 - Dads take kids to school day Oct 8
 - Dad’s read to students Prek to 1st grade
 - Safe Schools Safe Streets Initiative
 - Anti-Bullying Workshops for Students, Parents, and Staff
 - Village Volunteers, All grades (3K to 8)
 - Transportation is starting, parents should contact school for information
 - To volunteer for anything: contact the parent coordinator
- Parent Concerns:
 - Teacher Attendance, and students being split up from their classes
 - Blue Card concerns

President’s Report

President Elcock discussed School Application Dates, the UFT Parent Conference on October 25th, Brooklyn North Superintendent Janice Ross retired, the District 75 Superintendent is retiring

Presentation: Introduction to Parliamentary Procedure for Parent-led Groups, Diana Duncan

Presentation: Parent and Community Engagement, Ian Stewart, United Federation of Teachers (UFT) Community Liaison

Brooklyn North High Schools, Interim Acting Superintendent Dr. Rushell White

Public Comments:

Karen Davis from Senator Persaud’s office, gave an update on district events
 Adrienne Williams, Assemblymember Latrice Walker, discussed new Maternal Mental Health initiative and location, along with housing lottery for Marcus Garvey Village

Member Pitts asked political liaisons to assist in helping local businesses become DOE vendors, since CEC funds have to be spent specifically with vendors approved by the DOE

Calendar Meeting Adjourned at 8:06pm, first by French, second by Brockington.

Business Meeting

Business Meeting called to order at 8:15

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September Minutes Approved unanimously.

Treasurer's Report:

- Member Reimbursement Balance \$9,850
- General Supplies Balance \$3,550
- Food Balance 4031.89
- Website Balance zero

Total Spent: \$7818.11, Total Remaining \$17,181.89

Discussion/Debriefing on Town Hall

New Business:

- Bylaw Amendment proposed for discussion:
 - Remove Parliamentarian from the list of Officers of the Council in Article II Section 1.
 - Remove Article II, Section 3.5 Parliamentarian

Pitts: Motion to move to Executive Session, first by Brockington, second by Garcia.
Executive Session entered at 8:34

Executive Session ended at 8:58

Business Meeting Adjourned at 8:59, First by Romero, second by Garcia