



Community Education Council for District 4
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 Tia Jackson

District 4 Superintendent:
 Dr. Kristy De La Cruz

High School Student Representatives:
 Brooke Howard

Kanyisia Crutez

Date: Wednesday, December 10th, 2025

Meeting Start Time: 6:14 pm

Attendees: 42

Calendar Meeting Minutes

December 10th, 2025

1. **Roll call and call to order by Farah Khan-** (6:14 pm – 6:15 pm)
Members Present: Dr. Kaliris Salas-Ramirez, Sophie Oulai, Lacey Jordan, Johanna Dominguez, Elizabeth Soto-Cardona, Lawanda Joyner, Vandana Bonilla and Tia Jackson.
Members Absent: Adriana Tlacomulco.
Introduction of Spanish interpreters: (6:15 pm - 6:17 pm)
2. **Expand Student OMNY- Transportation Alternatives Youth Activist Committee- Chole Ross, Chris Rosario, and Kaede Nardi:** (6:18 pm – 6:29 pm)
 Students introduced themselves as transportation Alternatives Youth Activist Committee. A nonprofit that fights for making streets and transit more accessible, sustainable, and equitable for all New York City public students. They talked about:
 - Expanding Student OMNY
 - Campaign Asks- Universal Access
 - Unlimited Rides for all NYC students
 - Communication on Deactivation
 - Faster Card Replacement
 - Steps Taken So Far
 - Clear Communication before Deactivation
 - A Faster and More Reliable Replacement Process
- **D4 CEC President:** (6:30 pm – 6:39 pm)
 She informed that CEC4 was one of the first CECs to pass a resolution that OMNI Cards should be given to all students. She said we all are aligning with in every possible way and in the stratosphere of politics, there has been a little bit of a concern because of an alignment with Open New York, which is a developing company, and some of us advocates to partner with them. And we can put the resolution, on our agenda for it. The Youth and Education Committee that was the chair of the Youth and Education Committee petition was circulated around some of the parent activist groups, and that was one of the concerns that was lifted.
- **D4 CEC Council Member:** (6:39 pm – 6:40 pm)
 She asked, can you outline the specific equity metrics your team is using to evaluate? Rather, the only expansion reduces transportation barriers for students in high-need districts, rather than unintentionally widening gaps.
- **Students:** (6:41 pm – 6:43 pm)
 She said she does not know what the metric is. They are looking to close gaps, because their main focus is

getting transportation for all New York City public school students to be free, which is something that will give these students access to traveling all over, and going to all sorts of different places, whether it be for internships, or for tutoring, or to libraries or museums, etc.

- **D4 CEC President:** (6:44 pm – 6:49 pm)
She said even though we are at a point where both middle schools and high schools, can now apply to schools out of district. It very much depends on the resources of the family to be able to get the student to that, there are correlations and relationships that you can make based on that data. If a student that can travel to get to a particular school, also after school, to transport kids not just to schools inside the five boroughs, but also kids that go to schools outside because they have needs. And providing students with Omni cards is just opening a whole door to equity and access.
- 2. **FY 2025-2029 Five-Year Capital Plan: November 2025 Amendment- Joshua Adams:** (6:50 pm – 7:06 pm)
He discussed the overview of November Amendment to the FY 2025-2029
 - Plan highlights
 - Capacity improvement program
 - What is the Resolution A
 - Reso-A Budget Timeline
 - District 4 Reso-A Highlights
 - What the MWLBE, or Minority-Owned, Women-Owned, and Locally Based Enterprise Program
 - CEC Priority Project Requests
- **D4 CEC President:** (7:07 pm – 7:09 pm)
She said we do have a strong relationship with our facilities team. SCA in general, it is about accountability, about length of projects, anything from a bathroom, lack of air conditioning in shared facilities, like cafeterias and auditoriums. The accessibility projects that we have a school in our district that has been taking years to get accessibility in a large school building that serves a large population of our students. We have kids that do not have playgrounds, because it takes years to get the flooring done, what the level of accountability is, what the choices for contractors are and how we can, uplift all these concerns.
- **Joshua Adams:** (7:10 pm – 7:14 pm)
He said the time that the school does contact an elected official, and maybe the resume program about an estimate, and the actual time that the funding gets released, it could be the funding is not released till maybe close to the end of year to early spring, and between that time, that is about 9 months or from the time that, schools are notified, once they get the release of funding from OMB. It might be, from the time that they talked about this project, it could be 14 months or so. And then once they get that funding, they must do due diligence to scope out that project and design that project, and between scope of the project and design and actual work start, it may take an additional year. Maybe 3 to 4 months with design, depending on the scope of the project, it changes, it varies.
- **D4 CEC President:** (7:15 pm – 7:18 pm)
She asked that can there be a more transparent process to help us, an accountability website or a log. How are we holding contractors accountable? Who is overseeing that space? Because the school is now in a position where two years later, even though the project was started it is not completed.
- **D4 CEC Treasurer:** (7:19 pm – 7:20 pm)
She mentioned a few years ago, we put up the resolution, the school that we are right now in, this building is the building 101, and it is located next to the Metro North, we were asking for petitions to block the noise.
- **D4 CEC Council Member:** (7:20 pm – 7:23 pm)
She asked why it is taking four to six months to do design, especially with nowadays where we are utilizing AI technology and things to help assist or even move these types of projects quicker.
- **Joshua Adams:** (7:23 pm – 7:27 pm)
He replied that the buildings do change over time on the interior, and they cannot go with an AI system to, yet they have to go into these actual buildings and physically see these spaces. They do use the existing plans to understand what the building current layout is, and they speak to the people in the building and see these spaces for themselves, and that is how they scope out and design these types of projects.

- **D4 CEC Council Member:** (7:27 pm – 7:28 pm)
She asked, how is the capital plan for incorporating lifecycle cost analysis to ensure that we are not repeatedly investing in short-term repairs for buildings that require structural modernization?
 - **Joshua Adams:** (7:29 pm – 7:32 pm)
He replied that all their repairs are capital improvements. They are not involved in not doing work for the short term, they are doing work that is to ensure the buildings in good condition for at least 10 to 20 years. They ensure that the building is safe.
 - **D4 CEC Council Member:** (7:32 pm – 7:33 pm)
She asked to identify projects in District 4 that have appeared in multiple prior capital plans, but remain unexecuted, and explain the systemic barrier completion.
 - **D4 CEC President:** (7:33 pm – 7:39 pm)
She said she also asked for that, 2 months ago for an update on all the capital improvement projects. She did not get the answer for some other projects, even D4 superintendent was included in that email.
She asked for when they have their monthly meetings, to send it to our CEC4 email, so that one of us can be present to stay informed.
 - **District Leader:** (7:39 pm – 7: 40 pm)
He said in fiscal year 2025 only awarded subcontracts for one MWLBE, if the CEC provided a list of good faith efforts that your agency would have made to make sure that you are fully reaching the subcontracting goals, in the local law, it says that they should be subcontracting where possible 30% of the contract to certify minority firms.
 - **Joshua Adams:** (7:40 pm – 7:48 pm)
He replied that they have to be certified with the SCA, not just the city and they have to go through their mentor program, but they have to be affiliated. They have to go through the program at the SCA before they can bid on these contracts. They can't just be, affiliated with just the city on their own.
 - **Dr. Kristy:** (7:48 pm – 8:04 pm)
She mentioned that we had different people come to the SCA meetings, since she has been in the district, July of 2020, in every CEC meeting, they asked and prioritized for AC in the public spaces for at least our summer rising sites, ACs in the public spaces, bathrooms and elevators.
3. **Resolution on Establishing a Fair, Transparent, and Democratic Process for the Selection of the NYC Public Schools Chancellor:** (8:04 pm – 8:07 pm)

Roll call for motion to vote for Resolution on Establishing a Fair, Transparent, and Democratic Process for the Selection of the NYC Public Schools Chancellor - by Vandana Bonilla seconded by Tia Jackson.

Roll call for motion to vote Resolution on Establishing a Fair, Transparent, and Democratic Process for the Selection of the NYC Public Schools Chancellor: *Dr. Kaliris Salas-Ramirez (Yes), Sophie Oulai (Yes), Lacey Jordan (Yes), Johanna Dominguez (Yes), Elizabeth Soto-Cardona (Yes), Adriana Tlacomulco (Absent), Lawanda Joyner (Yes), Vandana Bonilla (Yes) and Tia Jackson (Yes)*

Resolution approved by 8 votes.

4. **Resolution demanding a moratorium on AI platforms being used by the NYC Department of Education and Protections be put in place for student privacy:** (8:08 pm – 8:13 pm)

Roll call for motion to vote for Resolution demanding a moratorium on AI platforms being used by the NYC Department of Education and Protections be put in place for student privacy - Lawanda Joyner by seconded by Tia Jackson.

Roll call for motion to vote Resolution demanding a moratorium on AI platforms being used by the NYC Department of Education and Protections be put in place for student privacy: *Dr. Kaliris Salas-Ramirez (Yes), Sophie Oulai (Yes), Lacey Jordan (Yes), Johanna Dominguez (Yes), Elizabeth Soto-Cardona (Yes), Adriana Tlacomulco (Absent), Lawanda Joyner (Yes), Vandana Bonilla (Yes) and Tia Jackson (Yes)*

Resolution approved by 8 votes.

5. **Report of District 4 Superintendent- Dr. Kristy De La Cruz:** (8:14 pm – 8:30 pm)

She thanked everyone for joining the meeting, CEC and everyone who was in the audience, Principal Delise

Vasquez and to the Mosaic community for opening up their space to us.
She discussed:

- 007's, PTA Reminder: Quick Anxiety Calming Methods
- District 4 Community Norms
- New York City Public Schools (NYCPS) Mission
- District 4 East Harlem Mission
- District Priorities
- Important Updates & Celebrations
- Enrollment Updates
- Upcoming District Four Event
- Meeting the moment: NYCPS Stands Against Hate

6. Report of D4 CEC President –Kaliris Salas: (8:30 pm – 8:39 pm)

She updated that the CEC4 has passed a resolution, on protecting our immigrant students. She said we have also supported and engaged a hands-off NYC, playdate for families to learn how to best support our immigrant communities. There is a whole initiative across New York City. Also built coalition and relationships with our teachers in District 4 to help support our immigrant communities. We have had several New York City public school students return to their homes because of the support of NYCLU and, from City Hall. We do know that, particularly with younger children, because of HIPAA and because of FERPA laws, their identity is protected, so we might not know how many of these young children are actually being taken. She emphasized on staying vigilant and to continue to engage in these different trainings to support our communities, particularly our immigrant community.

She informed that CEC4 just passed a resolution having a transparent process, for the chancellor's selection and in January, we will have a new speaker, of City Council.

The panel for Educational Policy will have a meeting, on December 17th at 6 p.m, they will be reintroducing four contracts for additional AI platforms.

• **D4 CEC Council Member & President of the President's Council: (8:39 pm – 8:39 pm)**

She informed about the updates, for SLT Title 1 refresher that will be on Wednesday, December 11th at 4.30 via zoom. Winter Wonderland, will be on Tuesday, December 16 at 4:00 pm, President Council's meeting will be on Thursday, December 19th, at 12 noon via zoom.

• **D4 CEC Treasurer: (8:40 pm – 8:41 pm)**

She informed that the calendar meeting of the Citywide Council on English Language Learners, was on the presentation for a Career and Technical Education, CTE by Florence Dennis, Director of College Readiness, Office of Multilingual Learners. The presentation was to know the education that is available for multilingual students. They have 3 vacancies available.

• **D4 CEC 2nd Vice President: (8:41 pm – 8:43 pm)**

She said that the main update is that they are still trying to get the busing in order. There has been lots of busing complaints, and they are focusing on the busing right now.

• **Motion to adjourn the Calendar meeting by Tia Jackson seconded by Elizabeth Soto-Cardona. (8:43 pm)**

7. Calendar meeting adjourned: 8:43 pm

Business Meeting Minutes

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1. Roll call and call to order by Farah Khan 8:44 pm

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Members Absent: Adriana Tlacomulco

Attendees: 25

2. Treasury Report by D4 CEC Treasurer- Johanna Dominguez: (8:45 pm – 8:52 pm)

She talked about the D4 CEC expenditure report for the month of November. She informed that we spend money on the educational games, trophies and medals for district 4.

She said social media is the best way of communication, where we can put the flyers, the resolutions, and agendas.

- **D4 CEC President –Kaliris Salas:** (8:52 pm – 8:54 pm)

She discussed with the council members for the date and time for check in with FACE. The members decided for the first Friday of the month at 12 noon.

3. Approval of D4 CEC- Calendar & Business Meeting Minutes, from November 12th, 2025: (8:55 pm)

Motion to approve CEC4 meeting minutes by Lawanda Joyner seconded by Johanna Dominguez.

CEC4 meeting minutes were approved unanimously by the members.

- **Motion to adjourn the business meeting by Elizabeth Soto-Cardona seconded by Johanna Dominguez.** (8:57 pm)

5. Business meeting adjourned: 8:57 pm

**Prepared & submitted by:
Farah Khan
Administrative Assistant**

Next D4 CEC Calendar and Business Meeting will be on January 14th, 2026.