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District 4 Superintendent:
 Dr. Kristy De La Cruz

High School Student Representatives
 Brooke Howard
 Kanyasia Crute

Date: Wednesday, June 10th, 2026

Meeting Start Time: 6:06 pm

Introduction of Spanish interpreters: 6:06 pm

Attendees: 56

Calendar Meeting Minutes

June 10th, 2026

1. Roll call and call to order by Farah Khan- (6:12 pm – 6:13 pm)

Members Present: Dr. Kaliris Salas-Ramirez, Sophie Oulai, Lacey Jordan (Zoom), Lawanda Joyner, Johanna Dominguez, Elizabeth Soto-Cardona, Adriana Tlacomulco (Zoom), Vandana Bonilla, Tia Jackson and Kiera Jerez Alston (Zoom).

2. After school programs and the relationships between CBO's and schools- DYCD- Daniel Guillen- (6:13 pm – 7:13 pm)

He introduced himself as the Associate Commissioner for Youth Services at the Department of Youth and Community Development for the New York City, and is representing the Compass Comprehensive After School System of New York City.

He thanked the entire CEC4, D4 team and Superintendent Dr. De La Cruz for her amazing partnership through all these years.

Then he talked about COMPASS after school awards for families, Compass is the New York City after-school system for elementary, middle school, and high school students, and that provides safe, enriching programs that help children learn, grow, and build confidence. The system is designed to be fair and stable across neighborhoods, so every child, no matter where they live, has access to high-quality programs and after-school opportunities.

He talked about:

DYCD NYC- COMPASS Overview:

There are 22 school rules in District 4. That currently have this New York City-funded comprehensive after school, 12 middle schools and 10 elementary schools. Now, the city has made a major investment, including 20,000 new K-5 seats also includes 3 new elementary programs at PS146, the James Weldon Johnson, and the Bilingual Cultural School. And the update ensures that the compass is stronger, more consistent, and better for all children.

- Why the COMPASS REF was needed
- What the New COMPASS model includes
- Community based organizations across the city
- District 4 Outcomes
- How decisions were made
- Why a BBO might change
- What families can expect during transitions
- District 4 transitions
- Our shared commitment

3. Superintendent Evaluation Community Feedback for FY 2025 to 2026– (7:13 pm – 7:21 pm)

D4 CEC President said that she will be drafting the evaluation feedback and she asked if anybody wants to include their feedback for our superintendent and then the council will deliberate and submit an evaluation. She asked everyone to feel free to submit any comments or feedback to our email, at cec4@schools.nyc.gov.

She said that we are supposed to do as council members, to open it for community feedback, but we will engage in a formal written process that will be submitted to the Department of Education.

Members, parents and school leaders all praised superintendent Dr. Kristy. They mentioned that she is a superintendent who is actively engaged, accessible, and responsive via texts and messages that creates a strong, supportive community. This level of dedication ensures that parents, members, and educators always feel heard and supported in their goals. Implementing transparent feedback loops and creating open lines of communication.

Her strong leadership bridges the gap between academics and community by actively listening, engaging with local families, and participating in city happenings.

4. Resolution about iReady: (7:22 pm – 7:45 pm)

Motion to vote for the Resolution about iReady by Vandana Bonilla seconded by Tia Jackson.

Resolution was approved unanimously by the council members.

5. Resolution on Gender Pronouns: (7:46 pm – 7:49 pm)

Motion to vote for the Resolution on Gender Pronouns by Tia Jackson seconded by Vandana Bonilla.

Roll call for motion to vote for Resolution on Gender Pronouns: *Dr. Kaliris Salas-Ramirez (Yes), Sophie Oulai (Abstain), Lacey Jordan (Absent), Johanna Dominguez (Yes), Elizabeth Soto-Cardona (Yes), Adriana Tlacomulco (Yes), Lawanda Joyner (Yes), Vandana Bonilla (Yes), Tia Jackson (Yes) and Kiera Jerez Alston (Yes).*

Resolution approved by 8 votes.

6. Report of District 4 Superintendent- Dr. Kristy De La Cruz: (7:50 pm – 8:01 pm)

She thanked the principals and all the participants for joining the meeting.

She talked about: Save for College New York City Rise, she said this is free money. It will accrue over time. By the time our young people graduate from High school, they will have at least \$1,000, and all families have to do is to just sign up. And it does not have to be for college; it can be for trade or skill. No need to provide any information about your income or social security numbers.

She discussed:

- ❖ District 4 Community Norms
- ❖ New York City Public Schools (NYCPS) Mission
- ❖ Chancellor Kamar Samuels- * Safety * Academically Rigorous * Truly Integrated
- ❖ District 4 East Harlem Mission
- ❖ District Priorities
- ❖ May Highlights

- ❖ Upcoming Events & Announcements
- ❖ Enrollment Updates
- ❖ Summer Rising Sites
- ❖ Summer meals & Community Feeders
- ❖ Summer Rising Reminders
- ❖ Meeting the Moment- NYCPS Stands Against Hate

7. Report of D4 CEC President –Kaliris Salas: (8:02 pm – 8:10 pm)

She said as this is our last meeting for this academic year. She presented, Year in Review of the work that the council has done. She said hopefully our council members feel acknowledged at this moment.

This is a year in review for the Community Education Council in District 4. She said we started our term on July 1st of 2025, and we end this first year this month. Next month, we will have our annual meeting, and we will be serving our second year. This is the year when our CEC elections happen again, if anyone is interested, there are two empty seats. We do have 10 members, 8 of which were elected in the last term. We have two borough president appointees, and we also have representation from the President's Council by one of our council members, Vandana Bonilla. To acknowledge these women that have put in an immense amount of work for our community this last year.

She mentioned that some of the work that our council members have done this last year is that each member has liaised with a District 4 school. Members of the Council have testified in City Council hearings on mayoral control, on the executive budget, as well as buffer zone bills. Members of the Council have attended monthly PEP meetings, the Panel for Educational Policy, as well as community board meetings. Our Council is represented in all sorts of different systems and structures of the city. As well as members of the council have gone to Albany to lobby for foundation aid, to talk about mayor talk against the mayoral control election, and extension. Members of our Council have also attended Citywide Community Education Council for Special Education meetings, Citywide High School meetings, Citywide Council for English Language Learner meetings, Citywide Council for District 75 meetings, and we have also attended other CEC meetings where they have supported their conversations as well as their advocacy. In addition, they have actively, both in person, like, with our time, as well as with our money, have supported events in the district, like the Back-to-School event, the Legislative Breakfast, and the City for All conference. The Science Fair and council members have consistently attended and participated in these events. The Council has also drafted and passed over a dozen resolutions.

We want our schools to be fully funded, to be integrated, to be safe, to provide restorative justice, and to be developmentally appropriate. We also want children and families in District 4 to not have just performative or symbolic engagement. We need to ensure that there is community voice. Equitable resources, privacy protections, and school policies that are deeply rooted in racial justice, dignity, and care.

- **CEC4 Recording Secretary: (8:11 pm – 8:11 pm)**

She thanked all the council members and said that this is a group of amazing women. Each one brings something to the table to help the school community and the community at large.

- **Chair of the Education Committee of Community Board 11- Ashar Rodriguez: (8:12 pm – 8:18 pm)**

First he introduced himself then informed that they had their meeting last night. Then he spoke about the MTA subways work near district 4 schools.

He also talked about their budget. Over the summer, they will be meeting with DYCD, DOE, and School Construction Authority and School Facilities to talk about their responses to their budget requests.

He thanked CEC4, specifically, Dr. Kristy for always being there and all CEC4 members for being collaborative partners.

- **Motion to adjourn the Calendar meeting by Lawanda Joyner seconded by Johanna Dominguez (8:19 pm)**

8. Calendar meeting adjourned: 8:19 pm

Business Meeting Minutes

June 10th, 2026

Date: Wednesday, June 10th, 2026

Meeting Start Time: 8:24 pm

1. Roll call and call to order by Farah Khan 8:24 pm

Members Present: ~~Members Present:~~ Dr. Kaliris Salas-Ramirez, Sophie Oulai, Lawanda Joyner, Johanna Dominguez, Elizabeth Soto-Cardona, Adriana Tlacomulco (Zoom), Vandana Bonilla, Tia Jackson and Kiera Jerez Alston (Zoom).

Members Absent: Lacey Jordan (Excused)

Attendees: 30

2. Treasury Report by D4 CEC Treasurer- Johanna Dominguez: (8:25 pm – 8:33 pm)

She talked about the D4 CEC expenditure report for the month of June.

3. Approval of D4 CEC- Calendar & Business Meeting Minutes, for May 13, 2026: (8:33 pm – 8:35 pm)

Motion to approve CEC4 meeting minutes by Lawanda Joyner *seconded* by Tia Jackson.

CEC4 meeting minutes were approved unanimously by the members.

- **Motion to adjourn the business meeting by Tia Jackson seconded by Vandana Bonilla.** (8:36 pm)

4. Business meeting adjourned: 8:36 pm

Prepared & submitted by:

Farah Khan

Administrative Assistant

Next D4 CEC Calendar and Business Meeting will be on July 08th, 2026.