



Community Education Council for District 4
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				High School Student Representatives Brooke Howard Kanyisia Crute

Date: Wednesday, March 11th, 2026

Meeting Start Time: 7:56 pm

Introduction of the interpreters: 7:56 pm

Attendees: 31

Calendar Meeting Minutes

March 11th, 2026

1. Roll call and call to order by Farah Khan- (8:01 pm – 8:02 pm)

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

2. Resolution in Support of Fully Funding the Foundation Aid Formula with Key Changes: (8:03 pm – 8:11 pm)

Motion to vote for Resolution in Support of Fully Funding the Foundation Aid Formula with Key Changes by Vandana Bonilla seconded by Lawanda Joyner.

Roll call for motion to vote for Resolution in Support of Fully Funding the Foundation Aid Formula with Key Changes: *Dr. Kaliris Salas-Ramire (Yes), Sophie Oulai (Yes), Lacey Jordan (Yes), Johanna Dominguez (Yes), Elizabeth Soto-Cardona (Yes), Adriana Tlacomulco (No vote), Lawanda Joyner (Yes), Vandana Bonilla (Yes), Tia Jackson (Yes) and Kiera Jerez Alston (Yes).*

Resolution approved by 9 votes.

3. Resolution Encouraging Parent Leaders to Condemn the Use of Ableist Slurs: (8:12 pm – 8:16 pm)

Motion to vote for the Resolution Encouraging Parent Leaders to Condemn the Use of Ableist Slurs by Lawanda Joyner seconded by Elizabeth Soto-Cardona.

Roll call for motion to vote for Resolution Encouraging Parent Leaders to Condemn the Use of Ableist Slurs: *Dr. Kaliris Salas-Ramire (Yes), Sophie Oulai (Yes), Lacey Jordan (Yes), Johanna Dominguez (Yes), Elizabeth Soto-Cardona (Yes), Adriana Tlacomulco (No vote), Lawanda Joyner (Yes), Vandana Bonilla (Yes), Tia Jackson (Yes) and Kiera Jerez Alston (Yes).*

Resolution approved by 9 votes.

4. **Resolution Condemning Anti-Black Racist Rhetoric and Advancing Accountability, Restoration, Anti-Racist Practices Through Curriculum and Training:** (8:17 pm – 8:20 pm)

Motion to roll call to vote for the Resolution Condemning Anti-Black Racist Rhetoric and Advancing Accountability, Restoration, Anti-Racist Practices Through Curriculum and Training by Sophie Oulai seconded by Vandana Bonilla.

Resolution Condemning Anti-Black Racist Rhetoric and Advancing Accountability, Restoration, Anti-Racist Practices Through Curriculum and Training was approved unanimously by the members present in- person.

Resolution approved by 9 votes.

5. **Report of District 4 Superintendent- Dr. Kristy De La Cruz:** (8:21 pm – 8:28 pm)

She informed that district 4's attendance has decreased from last month 2 tenths.

They are doing a financial literacy series via zoom through the month of March.

Summer Rising application will close on March 27th, this month they have parent-teacher conferences, leveraging parent coordinators and school leadership.

New York school surveys are going through April 1st. She encouraged the parents to take that survey, there are 44 questions about the CEC, the principals, the superintendent, and her team. Students in grades 6 through 12 should be taking it during their school day.

Summer youth was extended to March 13th.

District 4 is partnering with District 5, to do a parent conference and resource fair on April 25th Harlem Strong at the FDA High School, Frederick Douglass.

The Science Fair High School offer letters went out this week. If someone is not satisfied with their school selection, leverage your school counselor, your parent coordinator, to see what can be done. Middle school offer letters should be coming out in April. Kindergarten is supposed to come out at the end of the month. And the other ones will be in May and June.

All over New York One and a lot of the news outlets for the Citywide Civics for All conference. She thanked the CEC for their pivotal role in helping with the planning process.

She said the anti-racist hatred have no place in our district and our community. There is New York City Public Schools Stands Against Hate hotline. It is an anti-hate hotline, anyone can call students, staff, or families.

She thanked everyone for being in the meeting and she encouraged all to feel free to reach out to their school and continue to ask questions, and if they cannot get ahold of their school or school leadership, then they can reach out to the district office.

• **D4 CEC Council Member & President of the President's Council:** (8:28 pm – 8:29 pm)

She asked the Presidents, PTA Presidents, PCs, that they must join the meeting.

She informed that they will have a committee for the elections for the upcoming term in September. She said it is mandatory for the PA and PTA presidents to attend the meetings. Their next meeting is on March 27th at 4pm via Zoom.

• **D4 CEC 2nd Vice President:** (8:29 pm – 8:30)

She informed that there will be an event at the Museum of Natural History at MET, a D75 Film Festival on March 24th, at the MoMA from 10:30 am and it is at the DC75 website.

- **Chair of the Youth and Education Committee of Community Board 11- Ashar Rodriguez:** (8:30 pm – 8:32 pm)

He informed that they had their meeting yesterday, they spoke a lot about their responses to the mayor's preliminary budget, which he and David are working on, finalizing those responses.

He thanked all the CEC4 members and Dr. Kristy who were there at the table.

Today they got a lot of answers to the questions they had. They were very disappointed by some of the responses they got for the budget. Their meetings are uploaded to the website, check at CB11M.org.

- 6. **Report of D4 CEC President –Kaliris Salas:** (8:32 pm – 8:36 pm)

She informed that we had a town hall today, she said she want to reinforce Dr. De La Cruz's request for folks to engage in these conversations with the Chancellor, We have one on Saturday at the Martin Luther King Jr. campus in Midtown, and then we will have one on March 23rd at 6:30 here in our District 4.

She said she wants to encourage folks to look at the website for the Panel for Educational Policy. April 29th, there will be a meeting that has 7 utilization proposals for Manhattan, one of which is ours. We have a school that is going to be vacated by a charter school, and a District 75 school co-located with PS38. There is a proposal just for a District 1 school. There are 3 proposals for District 3 schools. These are the ones that we are asking for a delay. There is also a proposal for the closing of an urban assembly school in the Richard R. Green building, and the opening of a new high school called Next. One of the concerns that have been raised is that there has been a lack of engagement with the opening of this new school, and that the district 2 community would prefer for the lower Manhattan Community School to be expanded to be a 6-12 and take that space, rather than having a new high school, let's wait for the vote to happen, at the end of April. We do ask community to come and show up and support the district 75 school that will be coming into our district, as we firmly believe in that proposal, and encourage folks to support that proposal in front of the panel for educational policy. You can also write an email to panel@schools.nyc.gov and express your support for that proposal.

She said she is proud of the women on the stage, not just for their commitment to the district, as we all worked hard to make tonight a success, and not just with hard-hitting questions, but also to build some community. We had an opportunity to engage with the new cabinet, principals, and we hope that as we continue to grow and build, that we embody the spirit of the women and men.

She expressed gratitude for this community that continues to just set an example for hard work and accountability to move this work with integrity.

- **Parent:** (8:37 pm – 8: pm)
She said that she has spent \$300 so far for transport and she cannot afford to send her child to New Jersey anymore. Her son is technically a district 4 student, he needs tutoring. She informed that she is informed that they are not going to provide her the MetroCard.
 - **Dr. Kristy:** (8:39 pm – 8:44 pm)
She said based on last month, she thought it was resolved, but she will follow up.
 - **Motion to adjourn the Calendar meeting by Kiera Jerez Alston seconded by Lacey Jordan (8:44 pm)**
7. **Calendar meeting adjourned:** 8:44 pm

Business Meeting Minutes

March 11th, 2026

Date: Wednesday, March 11th, 2026

Meeting Start Time: 8:44 pm

1. Roll call and call to order by Farah Khan 8:45 pm

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

Attendees: 29

2. Treasury Report by D4 CEC Treasurer- Johanna Dominguez: (8:45 pm – 8:48 pm)

She read and talked about the D4 CEC expenditure report for the month of March.

3. Approval of D4 CEC- Calendar & Business Meeting Minutes for February 11th 2026: (8:47 pm – 8:48 pm)

Motion to approve CEC4 February 11th, 2026, meeting minutes by Johanna Dominguez seconded by Lacey Jordan.

CEC4 February 11th, 2026, meeting minutes were approved unanimously by all the members in-person.

- **Motion to adjourn the business meeting by Johanna Dominguez seconded by Vandana Bonilla.** (8:49 pm)

4. Business meeting adjourned: 8:49 pm

Prepared & submitted by:
Farah Khan
Administrative Assistant

Next D4 CEC Calendar and Business Meeting will be on April 15th, 2026.