



# COMMUNITY EDUCATION COUNCIL DISTRICT 3

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## CEC3 & CSD3 Presidents' Council Joint Calendar Meeting Wednesday, Mar. 24, 2021 6:30 PM

Register in advance for Zoom this meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/join/zoom/register/tZMtdeutqzwiGdfWS-Qi9TfCG8T9Cd2nRSzM>

*(The Joint Calendar Meeting minutes were approved at the April 21, 2021 Calendar Meeting by all Council (11) when the motion for all to approve was called)*

### Minutes

- ❖ **Call to Order 6:35 PM**
- ❖ **CEC3 Roll Call of Members** Kristen Berger, Lisa Byrd, Naveed Hasan, Lucas Liu, Kim Watkins, Eric Wright  
**Late** Mike McCarthy 6:43p, Dennis Morgan 7:43p, Deirdre Garrett Scott, 6:40, Assietou Sow 6:39p  
**Absent:** Sharmilee Ramudit  
**DOE STAFF:** Christine Loughlin, D3 Superintendent, Tracy McClaire, D3 Family Liaison Coordinator
- ❖ **Presidents' Council Roll Call of Members** Monique Lewis Co-President, Paula Moss, Co-President
- ❖ **CSD3 PC Business:** Presidents' Council invited attendees to attend the April 7 D3 Candidates Forum
- ❖ **Approval of Minutes**
  1. February 24, 2021 Special Elections Town Hall & Calendar Meeting Minutes were approved by all Council members present (6) when the motion for all to approve was called.
- ❖ **President's Report**
  - Acknowledged the diversity of D3 and seek a place of unity and fellowship for what will hopefully be a more normal transition from the DOE as the new chancellor takes the helm. We have created a divisive engagement with respect to operating our schools. Opened it up for comments from Council.
    - ✓ LL: Hopes that with new Chancellor we work more collaborative and inclusive environment and that the new Council in July comes with new enthusiasm.
  - Pres. Watkins expressed excitement for the new voting process wherein parents will be able to cast votes.
- ❖ **Old Business**
  1. Chancellor Welcome & To Do Letter – Member McCarthy apologized for not having written the letter to the new Chancellor. Council discussed it being both a welcome and focus on 3 outstanding issues of concern:
    - a) Enrollment, particularly dwindling in Harlem + Charter Schools.
    - b) School reopening – Need for improved communication from DOE/Chancellor and a concrete plan in place for September and announced early enough.
    - c) Special Needs students in our district.

- Pres. Watkins brought up the issue of the citywide nurse shortage in schools, that there will be 400 or 500 nurse vacancies across the city at the end of school year as temporary nurses who were brought in, leave. Requested for it to be added as a subset to reopening section of Chancellor letter.
  - Add to Fall reopening section of Chancellor Letter, the need for more transparency and clear communication, i.e. what does Fall school reopening look like? Is it every day, 4 days a week? Make it clear NOW before end of school year.
2. Budget - Councilmember Liu requested that Council consider school items for purchase and donation to D3 schools and that they submit so that budget monies (\$14,379) from FY'21 budget transferred to the Superintendent's budget line can be used.
- ❖ **Superintendent's Report** (Supt. Loughlin's report was delayed until after Old Business)
- Acknowledged all the Asian and Pacific Island people and those people in Georgia, suffering this week.
  - D3 Update: The Superintendent's D3 Update Presentation deck link [www.cec3.org](http://www.cec3.org) showing updates concerning schools in District 3: Health & Safety, Opt-In Period, Admissions, Budget, NYS Testing, One Manhattan Visioning, etc.
  - The Superintendent said that D3 is moving ahead with in-person learning even though the UFT does not agree.
    - Councilmember noted that though preK & 3K process is in motion perhaps we should consider rezoning because there are schools that do not have room now.
- ❖ **Public Comment:**
1. Dr. Dariusz CCELL: Before and After School programs need extra reading & math classes.
  2. EC: Thank you for beefing up security for students.
  3. M. Diller, CB7: Maintenance of Effort, have we heard anything? CB7 will continue to advocate if not before, then applied in reverse.
  4. E. Rose Collins, Sen. Jackson's Ofc: Executive Budget was proposed. One House refused everything Governor proposed. They are negotiating. Revenue is the biggest issue. They are standing their ground when it comes to funding.
- ❖ **New Business**
1. End of Year Event – Consider places for safe-distanced CEC3 End of Year Event: Central Park, D3 school with outdoor space, etc. A Friday evening in, 5PM had a general consensus.
  2. Middle School Student Symposium on Zoom to highlight conversations middle school students have been having.
  3. You can request your middle school student lottery number online.
- ✚ **Motion to change next CEC3 meeting date:**
- Councilmember brought up the fact that the next CEC3 Business meeting is the same date as the D3 Candidates Forum. Motion was called to move the date to Wed., April 14. The motion carried.
- ❖ **Committee Reports**
1. Multilingual Chair Liu reported that the Dual Language Showcase is moving forward to highlight dual language programs. It will be held in May. They will reach out to schools. Multilingual Committee meeting is tomorrow.
  2. Equity & Excellence Chair Morgan reported that he's been meeting with the District Equity Leadership Team. The SEL Social Emotional Learning Protocol started today. He suggested doing it collaboratively with D3 Family Liaison Coordinator McClaire, in her office and having a recap session for more parents since attendance at the protocol is limited to a small group. An Equity & Excellence Committee Meeting would
  3. High School Admissions Committee Chair Wright reported they met last week and discussed what they could do to improve the quality of information about schools during the admissions process. They are considering drafting a resolution on that and hopefully setting up feedback from it to give to the DOE on the communications process.

- President suggested clarifying issues of this year's Council for End of Term report and . include effect of new KIPP Charter on the district as it will pull from students in the district particularly that already have low registration. Member feels the DOE isn't doing much to fix to the issues with the schools in Harlem which gives parents a reason to go to charters. Another Councilmember said it is important to be specific about what the issue is rather than referring to it as a 'problem.'

❖ **Liaison Reports - none**

❖ **Public Comment – none**

❖ **Adjournment of Meeting 9:50 PM**