



**Community Education Council for District 4**  
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**Acting President**  
Rosa G. Diaz

**1<sup>st</sup> Vice President**  
Jessenia Pena

**2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President**  
Lacey Jordan

**Recording Sec**  
Vacant

**Treasurer**  
Johanna Dominguez

**Council Members:**

Niasia Nathaniel  
Evelis Galarza  
Elizabeth Soto-Cardona  
Jasmin Benitez  
Jessica Baker  
Rafael Lima  
Khaliyah Prosper Martin

**District 4 Superintendent**

Dr. Kristy De La Cruz

**Student Members**

Eliezer Talavera  
Myah Restituyo

## **Calendar Meeting**

**September 13<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

### **Minutes**

**Date:** Wednesday, September 13<sup>th</sup>, 2023

**Meeting Start Time:** 6:15 pm

**Roll call and call to order by Farah Khan**

**Members Present:** Rosa G. Diaz, Jessenia Pena, Lacey Jordan, Johanna Dominguez, Niasia Nathaniel, Evelis Galarza, Elizabeth Soto-Cardona, Jasmin Benitez, Jessica Baker, Rafael Lima

**Member absent:** Khaliyah Prosper Martin (Unexcused Absent)

**Attendance done:** 6:16pm

**Attendees:** 45

#### **1. Election of Council Officers:**

**Member Elizabet Soto-Cardona made a motion seconded by Jasmin Benitez to Chair Pro Tem**

**Roll call for Jasmin Benitez to Chair the meeting by Farah Khan**

**Roll call and call to order:** Rosa G. Diaz, Jessenia Pena, Lacey Jordan, Johanna Dominguez, Niasia Nathaniel, Evelis Galarza, Elizabeth Soto-Cardona, Jasmin Benitez, Jessica Baker, Rafael Lima (10 voted)

**Roll call for the motion to elect President carried by Jasmin Benitez:** Niasia Nathaniel, Evelis Galarza, and Rafael Lima nominated themselves, seconded by Johanna Dominguez

Members voted, however no candidate received 7 votes.

**Rosa G. Diaz** will be the Acting President.

Election for the President will be the first item on the agenda for the October 11th, 2023, meeting.

**Roll call for motion to elect First Vice President:** Jessenia Pena nominated herself seconded by Rosa G. Diaz

**Roll call and call to order to vote for First Vice President:** Rosa G. Diaz, Jessenia Pena, Lacey Jordan, Johanna Dominguez, Evelis Galarza, Elizabeth Soto-Cardona, Jasmin Benitez, Rafael Lima **(08 voted)**

**Jessenia Pena elected as First Vice President – Congratulations**

**Roll call for motion to elect Second Vice President:** Lacey Jordan nominated herself seconded by Jessenia Pena

**Roll call and call to order to vote for Second Vice President:** Rosa G. Diaz, Jessenia Pena, Lacey Jordan, Johanna Dominguez, Niasia Nathaniel, Evelis Galarza, Elizabeth Soto-Cardona, Jasmin Benitez, Jessica Baker, Rafael Lima **(10 voted)**

**Lacey Jordan elected as Second Vice President- Congratulations**

**Roll Call for motion to elect Recording Secretary:** Elizabeth Soto-Cardona and Rafael Lima were nominated by other members, but they respectfully declined for the position. Election for the Recording Secretary will be held in the October 11th, 2023, meeting.

**Roll call for motion to elect Treasurer:** Johanna Dominguez was nominated by Rosa G. Diaz seconded by Elizabeth Soto-Cardona

**Roll call and call to order to vote for Treasurer:** Rosa G. Diaz, Jessenia Pena, Lacey Jordan, Johanna Dominguez, Niasia Nathaniel, Evelis Galarza, Elizabeth Soto-Cardona, Jasmin Benitez, Jessica Baker, Rafael Lima (10 voted)

**Johanna Dominguez elected as Treasurer- Congratulations**

### **Elected members for School Year 2023-2024:**

**Acting President:** Rosa G. Diaz

**1st Vice President:** Jessenia Pena

**2nd Vice President:** Lacey Jordan

**Recording Secretary:** Vacant

**Treasurer:** Johanna Dominguez

- **Acting President Rosa G. Diaz:** (6:58 pm- 6:59 pm)  
She congratulated to the appointed members. She thanked Principal Morales and Principal Dascal for their hospitality in hosting the meeting.

- **District 4 Superintendent- Dr. Kristy De La Cruz:** (6:58 pm – 7:00 pm)  
She introduced 2 CEC4 student representatives. Eliezer Talavera and Myah Restituyo. Eliezer Talavera is also my brother's keeper fellow for the entire New York State. This summer he spent time with former President Barack Obama.
- **CEC4 Student Representative- Eliezer Talavera:** (7:00 pm - 7:02 pm)  
It was an amazing experience; the whole point of the program was as well separate program partners that became was to expose young people to what their future could be if they really focus and learn and want good education. He said, having the opportunity to meet former President Barack Obama was amazing.
- **CEC4 Student Representative- Myah Restituyo:** (7:03 pm - 7:04 pm)  
She said she is excited to represent the community and immigrant people. Demonstrate that we can work together and be enough voice for others and demonstrate that they could do it.

**1. Field Language Access Coordinator | Office of Language Access (OLA)- Williams Robert:** (7:05 pm- 7:17 pm)

He introduced himself as a point for all parent engagements at the office of language access. He talked about your rights and what you should be receiving at schools for labor to access. They have over a hundred 5 million students over 1,600 plus schools, over 180 languages spoken approximately, 40% of NYC. The household speak a language other than English at home and the 9 most common languages, other than English, represented by parents are Arabic, Bangladesh, Chinese, French, Asia Creole, Korean, Russian, Spanish, and Urdu. Some examples of the student critical communications include IEPs, which is individualized education programs. And section 504 plans, which is a medical recommendation. The website can also be translated. Selecting your language on the top part of any page using Google, translate, the automated translation is not intended to replace human translators and are not provided as a service to users of the NYC public schools' website. Some content, such as images, videos, etc, may not equally translate due to the limitations of the translation's software.

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**2. District 4 Superintendent Report- Dr. Kristy De La Cruz:** (7:18 pm – 8:20 pm)

- She introduced Deputy Superintendent Dr. Lisa Reiter. She said Asher has taking on a transformative role in our district and being such a role model and David Giordano, Community Board 11 former CEC, and a part of our community-based organization. Children's aid has been a long-standing partner, Lennys Patino, D4 family support coordinator. She spoke about every school building should have a multilingual poster to remind us that we need to make sure that we're providing this access to our families. She said Cynthia also played many roles as a parent not only a parent from the community, but also helps off the East Harlem community partnership, and so much more. She introduced Juliana D4 liaison from the office of FACE, family, and community engagement. She did the breathing activity.

- Moment of Gratitude.
- District 4 Community Norms
- Chancellor Bank's Bold Vision
- Chancellor's Five Priorities
- Mission and Vision
- Attendance:

**Year-to-Date**

85%

**Chronic Absenteeism**

27%

- NYC Reads & Literacy Shifts
- Our D4 Journey 2020-2024
- District 4 Upcoming Events- Welcome back to school event on September 30<sup>th</sup>
- In partnership with the office of early childhood and their team, they visited all our 3 K. And PreK. classrooms and all 19 sites.

**3. Report of Council President: (8:21 pm- 8:25 pm)**

She said that tomorrow Chancellor's Parent Advisory council will be at 9:30 via YouTube live. The Manhattan High School President's council, she will meet on September 19<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm. She said that we provide all the high schools, 121 high schools. PAs and PTAs, with support guidance involves in their responsibilities from district 1 to District 6. She did presentation on college readiness FASA programs in the schools and support parent coordinators. Yesterday, she attended the Community Board 11 education meeting. She attended PS 155 at Welcome Back. She provided book bags to the children to the families in attendance. She thanked to the school construction authority for their generosity. She also gave out totes with the swags with goodies. She also attended the East Harlem Community Partnership. She provided around 400 families with book bags school supplies, raffles, and gift cards. Attended the Upper West Side Community engagement with the mayor's district 4. She wanted to give a special shout out to Gail Brewer, who always speak, raising her voice for our community and our most vulnerable students and families.

**4. Public Speaking: (8:25 pm- 8:29 pm)**

- **Rasheeda Harris Brown- Co- President's Council:**  
District 4 President's council meeting will be on Friday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>, at 12 noon, and the next month October 20<sup>th</sup>, that will be their elections. The President's council is made up of the Presidents. Of all the PAs and PTAs in the schools in District 4 East Harlem. She said if you are not able to make it, you should designate someone from your PA or PTA executive board to attend to represent your school. To be the voice for your school, and to take back whatever we discuss and what you learn at these President's Council meetings back to your school community.

**Motion to adjourn meeting by:** Johanna Dominguez seconded by Jessenia Pena

**5. Calendar meeting adjourned: (8:29 pm)**

# **Business Meeting**

**September 13<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

## **Minutes**

**Date:** Wednesday, September 13<sup>th</sup>, 2023

**Meeting Start Time:** 8:30 pm

**Meeting to order & Roll Call by:** Farah Khan

**Present:** Rosa Diaz, Jessenia Pena, Lacey Jordan, Johanna Dominguez, Niasia Nathaniel, Evelis Galarza, Elizabeth Soto-Cardona, Jasmin Benitez, Jessica Baker, Rafael Lima

**Member Absent:** Khaliyah Prosper Martin (Unexcused Absent)

**Attendance done:** 8:32 pm

**Attendees:** 35

### **1. Discussion on Budget:** (8:33 pm – 9:00 pm)

Johanna Dominguez proposed the CEC4 Budget for 2023-2024.

CEC4 has \$25,000 for this school year 2023-2024. Members voted to allocate \$13,250 for members reimbursement and childcare, \$6,750 for general supplies and \$5000 for P-Card.

**Roll call for motion to approve the budget proposed by Johanna Dominguez,** Rosa G. Diaz, seconded by Lacey Jordan.

**Roll call and call to order, to vote to approve the budget:** Rosa G. Diaz, Jessenia Pena, Lacey Jordan, Johanna Dominguez, Niasia Nathaniel, Evelis Galarza, Elizabeth Soto-Cardona, Jasmin Benitez, Jessica Baker, Rafael Lima (10 voted)

**CEC4 members** discussed the distribution of the CEC4 swags in the events that will happen in each month for 5 events, with 20 items each. They must choose a member who can go to the event and that person needs to be responsible for going to the CEC4 office to pick up the goodies and go to the event.

- Niasia Nathaniel proposed to have a mediation and ethics section by FACE.(9:00-9:01)

**Roll call for motion to vote for mediation and ethics,** by Niasia Nathaniel seconded by Lacey Jordan.

**Roll call and call to order, to vote to for mediation and ethics:** Rosa G. Diaz, Jessenia Pena, Lacey Jordan, Johanna Dominguez, Niasia Nathaniel, Evelis Galarza, Elizabeth Soto-Cardona, Jasmin Benitez, Jessica Baker, Rafael Lima (10 voted)

## **2. Liaison Assignments:** (9:02 pm- 9:03 pm)

**Rosa G. Diaz** – P.S 964 Central Part East II- 433 E 100th St, New York, NY 10029  
P.S 146 Ann M. Short School- 421 E 106th St, New York, NY 10029

**Jessenia Pena**- P.S 72 The Lexington Academy- 131 E 104th St, New York, NY 10029  
P.S 171 Patrick Henry School- 19 E 103rd St, New York, NY 10029  
P.S 224 Manhattan East School of Arts & Academics- 410 E 100th St, New York, NY 10029

**Lacey Jordan**- P.S 372 Esperanza Preparatory Academy- 240 East 109th, New York, NY 10029  
P.S 12 Talented & Gifted School for Young Scholars- 240 East 109 Street, Manhattan, NY 10029  
P.S 83 Luis Munoz Rivera School- 219 E 109th St, New York, NY 10029

**Johanna Dominguez**- P.S 155 William Paca School- 319 E 117th St, New York, NY 10035  
P.S 375 Mosaic Preparatory Academy-141 E 111th St, New York, NY 10029  
P.S 96 Joseph C. Lanzetta School- 216 East 120 Street, Manhattan, NY 10035

**Niasia Nathaniel**- P.S 007 Samuel Stern-160 E 120th St, New York, NY 10035  
P.S 57 James Weldon Johnson School- 176 E 115th St, New York, NY 10029  
P.S 108 Assemblyman Angel Del Toro School- 1615 Madison Ave #3513, New York, NY

**Evelis Galarza**- P.S 38 Roberto Clemente School- 232 E 103rd St, New York, NY 10029  
P.S 825 Isaac Newton School- 260 Pleasant Ave, New York, NY 10029  
P.S 497 Central Park East I- 1573 Madison Ave, New York, NY 10029

**Elizabeth Soto-Cardona** – P.S 102 Jacques Cartier School- 315 E 113th St, New York, NY 10029  
PS112 – Jose Celso Barbosa School, IS224 – Manhattan East School Arts & Academy

**Jasmin Benitez** – PS182 - The Bilingual Bicultural School, PS206 – Jose Celso Barbosa School

**Jessica Baker** – P.S 377 Renaissance School of the Arts- 319 E 117th St, New York, NY 10035  
P.S 37 River East School- 2351 1st Ave, New York, NY 10035

**Rafael Lima**- P.S 206 Jose Celso Barbosa School-508 E 120th St, New York, NY 10035

**Roll call for motion to approve the liaison assignments:** Niasia Nathaniel, seconded by Johanna Dominguez

**Roll call and call to order to vote to approve the liaison assignments:** Rosa G. Diaz, Jessenia Pena, Lacey Jordan, Johanna Dominguez, Niasia Nathaniel, Evelis Galarza, Elizabeth Soto-Cardona, Jasmin Benitez, Jessica Baker, Rafael Lima (10 voted)

**3. CEC4 Monthly Meeting Dates:** (9:03 pm- 9:04 pm)

July 12th, August 09th, September 13th, October 11th, November 8th, December 13th, January 10th, February 14th, March 13th, April 10th, May 8th, June 12th

**Roll call for motion to approve the dates for the CEC4 monthly meetings:** Rosa G. Diaz  
seconded by Evelis Galarza

**Roll call and call to order to vote for the dates for the CEC4 monthly meetings:** Rosa G. Diaz, Jessenia Pena, Lacey Jordan, Johanna Dominguez, Niasia Nathaniel, Evelis Galarza, Elizabeth Soto-Cardona, Jasmin Benitez, Jessica Baker, Rafael Lima (10 voted)

**Motion to adjourn business meeting by** Johanna Dominguez, seconded by Niasia Nathaniel

**4. Business meeting adjourned:** (9:05 pm)

**Prepared & submitted by:**

**Farah Khan**

**Administrative Assistant**

*Next Calendar and Business Meeting will be on October 11<sup>th</sup>, 2023.*