

Community Education Council District 8

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Meeting Type: Special Working Meeting Minutes

Date: July 15, 2026

Time: 6 to 9 PM / Hybrid

Location/Platform: District 8 Office, 1230 Zerega Avenue / Via Zoom

Presiding Officer: Crystal Rodriguez, CEC8 President

Recording Secretary: Jasmine Davila-Rivera (*Absent*)

CALL TO ORDER

The Special Meeting of Community Education Council District 8 was called to order at **12:23 p.m.** by CEC8 President Crystal Rodriguez. A quorum was established, with seven Councilmembers present in person, one participating virtually and one late arrival for a total of nine Councilmembers in attendance.

ROLL CALL / ATTENDANCE

Roll call was conducted by CM Jasmine Ruiz in the absence of the CEC8 Recording Secretary.

Councilmembers Attendance Record

CEC8 Councilmembers	Present	Absent	Virtual Attendance	Late Arrival
Wanda Ivette Balines (D75 Rep.)	x			
Jasmine Davila-Rivera (CEC8 – Rec. Sec.)		x		
Latoya Coleman (IEP Rep.)		x		
Aileen Fadgen (CEC8 – member)	x			
Tamara Farrell (CEC8 – VP1/BPA)		x		
Lourdes Jibodh (CEC8 – VP2/BPA)	x			
Deirdre Riveccio (CEC8 – Treasurer)	x			
Lourdes Rodriguez (CEC8 – member)			x	
Jasmine Ruiz (CEC8 – member)	x			
Mohammed Uddin (ELL Rep)	x			
LaTicia Thompson (CEC8 – member)				x
Crystal Rodriguez (CEC8 – President)	x			

Attendance Total: 9 Members in attendance

Present: 7 | **Absent:** 3 | **Virtual Attendance:** 1 | **Late Arrival:** 1 (in person)

Excused Absence: | **Unexcused Absence:** Council will be revisiting this item later in the meeting

DYCD UPDATES AND PRESENTATION by: Tracy Caldron Assistant Commissioner COMPASS Initiative

Key Points:

Presented an overview of the COMPASS Elementary and Middle School RFP and awards, highlighting program expansion, increased funding, additional sites and program slots, and the award-selection process. The RFP resulted in 71 new elementary school programs, with a focus on high-need communities.

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Council Action:

Council members raised questions regarding the award and CBO selection process, principal and parent involvement, and program accessibility. DYCD agreed to provide informational materials and resources for CEC8 to share with District 8 families.

RESOLUTION CALLING FOR ACCESSIBLE, SECURE, TRANSPARENT, AND MOBILE-FRIENDLY VOTING OPTIONS FOR CITYWIDE EDUCATION COUNCIL ELECTIONS (PRESENTATION) by: Bryce Bennett, Grassroots Director of the Mobile Voting Project.

Key Points:

The presentation provided an overview of a mobile voting as an additional option to increase participation and accessibility in future CCEC elections.

Council Action:

- Councilmembers raised concerns regarding NYC Schools Account access, voter eligibility, paper and in-person voting options, family support, cybersecurity, privacy, and data protection. Mr. Bennett agreed to provide additional technical information.
- The Council later agreed not to adopt the proposed resolution as written, but instead to revise it to reflect CEC8-specific needs and recommendations and return it for consideration at the August Business Meeting.

Motion #1 made by: CM Thompson to adopt CEC1 Resolution to adopt as written. **Not Second**

Vote Total:

Yes: 0 | No: 0 | Abstentions: 0 | Absent/Not Voting: 0

Result: ☐ Motion Carried ☐ Motion Failed ☒ **Motion Rescinded** ☐ Motion Tabled

Motion #2 made by: President Rodriguez to modify CEC1 Resolution to incorporate CEC8-specific concerns and recommendations, including issues discussed during the Mobile Voting Project presentation. **Second By:** VP2/BPA Jibodh

Vote Total:

Yes: 9 | No: 0 | Abstentions: 0 | Absent/Not Voting: 3

Result: ☒ **Motion Carried** ☐ Motion Failed ☐ Motion Withdrawn ☐ Motion Tabled

Motion #3 made by: CM Thompson to add the resolution to the August 12, 2026, meeting Agenda for voting. **Second By:** VP2/BPA Jibodh

Vote Total:

Yes: 9 | No: 0 | Abstentions: 0 | Absent/Not Voting: 3

Result: ☒ **Motion Carried** ☐ Motion Failed ☐ Motion Withdrawn ☐ Motion Tabled

SUPERINTENDENT EVALUATION (VOTE) by: Crystal Rodriguez, CEC8 President.

Council Action:

Motion made by: CM Thompson to table the Superintendent's Evaluation Discussion until all individual evaluation are submitted. **Second By:** CM D75 Rep Wanda Ivette Balines

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Vote Total:

Yes: **9** | No: **0** | Abstentions: **0** | Absent/Not Voting: **3**

Result: ☒ **Motion Carried** ☐ Motion Failed ☐ Motion Withdrawn ☐ Motion Tabled

The Council later returned to this item for further discussion toward the end of the meeting. A breakout room was created for CM Lourdes Rodriguez, who was participating virtually, and the Council entered into Executive Session to discuss the Superintendent Evaluation results.

BYLAWS AMENDMENTS by: Lourdes Jibodh, CEC8 VP2/BPA and Co-Chair of the Bylaws Committee

Key Points:

The Co-Chair presented new and outstanding bylaw amendments for approval, including items carried over from January 15, 2026. Updates included incorporating the newly approved CEC8 logo; revisions and additions throughout Articles II–VI related to membership provisions, public meetings, meeting schedules, business and calendar meeting procedures, committee leadership and Co-Chair language, and other procedural requirements. Several subsections and paragraphs were either newly added or revised, including updates to the order of business and committee provisions.

Council Action at 2:13pm:

Motion made by: CM D75 Rep Wanda Ivette Balines, to completely adopt the bylaws with new and outstanding suggestions as written. **Second By:** CM VP2/BPA Jibodh

Vote Total:

Yes: **9** | No: **0** | Abstentions: **0** | Absent/Not Voting: **3**

Result: ☒ **Motion Carried** ☐ Motion Failed ☐ Motion Withdrawn ☐ Motion Tabled

2026-2027 CALENDAR by: Crystal Rodriguez, CEC8 President

The Council reviewed the proposed 2026–2027 meeting calendar. Meetings are scheduled from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. on August 12 at 1230 Zerega, September 16 at PS72, October 14 at PS140, November 4 PS583, and December 9, 2026, at MS467; and January 13 at PS333, February 10 at MS562, March 10 at MS101. Locations were identified through March 2027, with the locations for the April, May, and June meetings to be determined.

Council Action:

Motion made by: CM Thompson to table the remainder of the calendar until the August meeting and add it as an item for discussion and voting on the August meeting agenda. **Second By:** CM D75 Rep Wanda Ivette Balines

Vote Total:

Yes: **9** | No: **0** | Abstentions: **0** | Absent/Not Voting: **3**

Result: ☒ **Motion Carried** ☐ Motion Failed ☐ Motion Withdrawn ☐ Motion Tabled

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LIASION LIST UPDATES by: Crystal Rodriguez, CEC8 President

Key Points:

The Council reviewed school liaison assignments and discussed updates to the liaison list. Changes included assignments involving **PS 301** and clarification regarding primary and secondary liaison responsibilities.

Councilmembers emphasized that primary and secondary liaisons should coordinate school visits and meetings and that both liaisons should be included in school-related correspondence to ensure communication and collaboration.

Council Action:

Additional liaison matters remained outstanding and were tabled for further consideration in August.

Council Action at 2:58pm:

As additional business remained, the Council agreed to extend the meeting in order to complete attendance matters and outstanding resolutions while quorum remained available.

Motion made by: CM Thompson to extend the meeting for an additional 30 minutes to be able to accommodate attendance and resolutions. **Second by:** CM Ruiz.

Vote Total:

Yes: **9** | No: **0** | Abstentions: **0** | **Absent/Not Voting:** **3**

Result: ☒ **Motion Carried** ☐ Motion Failed ☐ Motion Withdrawn ☐ Motion Tabled

COUNCILMEMBERS ATTENDANCE by: Crystal Rodriguez, CEC8 President

Key Points:

The Council reviewed prior Councilmember attendance and supporting documentation to determine excused and unexcused absences. Councilmembers unanimously agreed to the following attendance determinations: VP1/BPA Farrell's April 14 absence was deemed unexcused and June 10 excused; Councilmember Uddin's March 9, April 14, and May 13 absences were excused, while July 8 was unexcused; and Councilmember Coleman's April 14 and July 8 absences were deemed unexcused due to lack of supporting documentation.

The Council also requested that the complete Councilmember attendance record for the prior service year be read into the record at the August meeting so members would have a consolidated attendance record.

Councilmembers Absences (Excused/Not Excused) Record:

CEC8 Councilmembers	Month	Absent	Remote	Excused	Unexcused
Tamara Farrell (CEC8 – BPA/VP1)	April	x			x
	June	x		x	
Latoya Coleman (CEC8 – IEP Rep.)	April	x			x
	July	x			x
Lourdes Rodriguez (CEC8 – Member)	April	x		x	
Mohammed Uddin (CEC8 – ELL Rep.)	March	x		x	
	April	x		x	
	May	x		x	
	July	x			x

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RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF A TWO-YEAR MORATORIUM ON THE USE OF ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE TECHNOLOGY IN SCHOOLS (VOTE)

Council Action:

Motion made by: CM Thompson to adopt the resolution supporting a two-year moratorium on the use of artificial intelligence technology in schools as written. **Second By:** CM D75 Rep Wanda Ivette Balines

Vote Total:

Yes: **9** | No: **0** | Abstentions: **0** | Absent/Not Voting: **3**

Result: ☒ **Motion Carried** ☐ Motion Failed ☐ Motion Withdrawn ☐ Motion Tabled

RESOLUTION CALLING FOR THE REINSTATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE QUALITY REVIEWS IN NEW YORK CITY PUBLIC SCHOOLS (VOTE TO ADD TO AUGUST AGENDA)

Council Action:

Motion #1 made by: CM Thompson to adopt the resolution calling for reinstatement of Comprehensive QR in NYCPS. **Second by:** VP2/BPA Jibodh.

Vote Total:

Yes: **0** | No: **0** | Abstentions: **0** | Absent/Not Voting: **0**

Result: ☐ Motion Carried ☐ Motion Failed ☒ **Motion Rescinded** ☐ Motion Tabled

Motion #2 made by: CM Thompson to add resolution to the August 12, 2026, meeting. **Second by:** VP2/BPA Jibodh

Vote Total:

Yes: **9** | No: **0** | Abstentions: **0** | Absent/Not Voting: **3**

Result: ☒ **Motion Carried** ☐ Motion Failed ☐ Motion Withdrawn ☐ Motion Tabled

HOW TO FILL OUT REIMBURSEMENT FORMS

A brief clarification was provided on how to complete the reimbursement forms and the types of expenses that may be claimed on a monthly basis, including childcare, taxi fares, gas, mileage, parking, and public transportation. In addition, CM Thompson specifically explained that Councilmembers may claim monthly subscription expenses for services such as Zoom, ChatGPT, PosterMyWall, Canva, and similar platforms, provided they are used for Council business.

HOW TO FILL OUT IPR

The Council also discussed the importance of completing monthly IPRs. Members were advised to document Council activities, meetings, committee participation, school visits and voting records. It was noted that consistent completion of IPRs provides documentation of the actual work performed by Councilmembers and may support future discussions regarding reimbursement allocations.

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting closed at **3:56 pm**.

Motion made by: CM Thompson to adjourn the meeting. **Second by:** CM D75 Rep Wanda Ivette Balines.