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CEC 3 Joint Calendar & Business Meeting Minutes

Date: July 1, 2026

Time: 6:30 PM – 9:25PM

Location: P.S. 145 The Bloomingdale School 150 W 105th ST. New York, NY 10025

Hybrid (In-person and zoom)

Calendar Meeting

• Call to Order & Roll Call -6:37PM

Members present (in person or online)

Noah Odabashian, Jill Rackmill, Kristin Savov, Michelle Lee, Yael Denbo, Dr. Wendylyz Martinez, Sharon Meiri Fox,

Felicia Reese Amos –Zoom

Anna Quiñones Greenfield - Excused

Sequoia Bilal, - Unexcused

Jonathan Zacks- Excused –Zoom

Stella Kross (student member seat vacated upon graduation)

❖ Approval of Minutes

Council members reviewed the June 16, 2026, Calendar and Business Meeting minutes. **Corrections Requested**

- Resolution references corrected from A19 to A190.
- Correction of the spelling of Co-President Jill Rackmill surname.
- Addition of a summary of the Co-President Report.

- Inclusion of supporting documents previously referenced, including Harlem Renaissance research materials and air conditioning survey materials.

The Council agreed to approve the minutes with the noted corrections.

❖ **Superintendent Dr. Reggie Higgins** [Superintendent's Report](#)

Superintendent Appointment

The Council formally congratulated Dr. Reggie Higgins on his appointment as Community Superintendent of District 3.

District Highlights

Dr. Higgins reflected on his first six months serving as acting superintendent and outlined his commitment to transparency, collaboration, and student success. Highlights included: •

Recognition of the Class of 2026.

- International Baccalaureate authorizations at:
 - Manhattan School for Children
 - P.S. 84
- Special Music School's 100% graduation rate.
- West End Secondary School's 99% graduation rate and continued academic accomplishments.
- Opening of the 452 Pre-K Center Annex.
- Expansion of the M57 bus service along the West End corridor.
- West End Secondary School's designation as an Expeditionary Learning School and NYCoB Compass Rose School.

Center School Relocation Update

Dr. Higgins provided an update regarding the Center School Relocation Committee.

The committee visited:

- P.S. 75
- Martin Luther King Jr. Educational Campus
- P.S. 165

The district continues to work collaboratively with Center School stakeholders to identify a permanent location while considering issues such as outdoor space, gym facilities, and programmatic needs. A proposal is anticipated for consideration during the 2026-2027 school year.

District Priorities for 2026-2027

District priorities include:

- Foundational literacy implementation through NYC Reads.
- Illustrative Mathematics implementation under NYC Solves.
- Strengthening Tier 1 instructions.
- Strengthening MTSS structures.
- Supporting leadership development.
- Advancing equity and academic belongings for all students.

Academic Data Presentation

Anthony Johnson, Office of Policy and Evaluation Lead (OPAL), presented district data.

Key Highlights

Attendance

- Highest attendance rates since before the pandemic.
- Lowest chronic absenteeism rates since before the pandemic.

Literacy

- Increased reading proficiency compared to the prior year.
- Strong growth among students participating in NYC Reads initiatives.

Mathematics

- Stable math proficiency rates.
- Positive student growth trends despite slight Regents declines in Algebra.

Student Surveys

Students reported:

- High expectations from teachers.
- Positive classroom climate.
- Positive teacher-student relationships.

Regents Results

Improved performance in:

- Biology
- U.S. History
- Earth and Space Science

Discussion included proficiency in metrics, growth categories, student perception surveys, attendance interventions, and persistent disparities among student groups.

Contracts for Excellence (C4E) and Class Size Reduction Presentation Dr. Higgins presented the annual state-mandated Contracts for Excellence (C4E) and Class Size Reduction Plan.

Contracts for Excellence

Topics included:

- Requirements under Foundation Aid legislation.
- Allocation of C4E funding.
- District 3's FY 2027 C4E allocation totaling approximately \$19.6 million. •

Funding designated for:

- Class size reduction
- Fair Student Funding
- Integrated Co-Teaching programs
- Summer programming
- Full-day pre-kindergarten

Class Size Reduction Plan

The district reviewed:

- State class size mandates.
- Compliance benchmarks.
- Funding opportunities for teacher hiring.
- Space planning and capital investments necessary to meet compliance targets.

Public comments may be submitted to the designated DOE email addresses through July 29,

❖ **Co-President Report** – Jill Rackmill

❖ **Report of Committees**—Council members attended:

- Chancellor's Working Group/Fireside Chat
- SCA Capital Request Working Group
- DYCD After-School Contract discussions
- City Council AI in Education Roundtable and Hearing
- CEC 3 Council Members discussed concerns regarding, After-school provider contract awards.
- Artificial intelligence implementation and guidance in schools.
- School facilities and capital investments.

❖ **Liaison Reports**

CEC 3 Council members shared school updates, including:

- Manhattan Borough Arts Festival performances by students from:
 - West End Secondary School
 - P.S. 75
 - Lafayette Academy
- P.S. 242 Grade 5 IB Exhibition.
- Recognition of student participation in New York Scores and athletic events.

District Safety Update

CEC 3 Council discussed:

- Safety concerns involving P.S. 75 following media coverage and subsequent threats directed toward a teacher.
- The district's response and implementation of safety protocols.

Dr. Higgins reported that the school remained safe, and district personnel worked closely with school leadership and NYPD.

The Council also discussed the evacuation of the O'Shea Campus following a threat and commended school leadership for following emergency protocols and communicating effectively with families.

❖ **Public Comment**

Members of the public addressed:

- After-school contract concerns.
- School infrastructure and capital improvements.
- Music education and arts programming.
- Public school marketing and enrollment.
- Charter school growth and school space issues.

- The P.S. 75 media situation.
- Community partnerships and volunteer opportunities

Adjournment- 8:50PM

Business Meeting

- **Call to Order & Roll Call –8:50PM**

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- ❖ Old Business- None Currently
- ❖ New Business-**Member Reimbursement Procedures**

- Monthly submission requirements.
- Reimbursement forms.
- Approval procedures.
- Budget deadlines and compliance requirements.

❖ FY 2027 CEC 3 Budget

- Council members reviewed the proposed FY 2027 operating budget, including: •
Member reimbursements
- Website and communications costs
- Refreshments
- Office supplies
- Outreach activities
- Parent engagement events

Member	Vote
Kristin Savov	Yes

Jill Rackmill	Yes
Noah Odabashian	Yes
Michelle Lee	Yes
Sharon Meiri Fox	Yes
Dr. Wendy Liz Martinez	Yes
Yael Denbo	Yes
Jonathan Zacks (Zoom)	Yes
Felicia Reese-Amos (Zoom)	Yes
Sequoia Bilal (Zoom)	Yes

The FY 2027 CEC 3 Budget was approved by roll call vote and was passed by 9-0

❖ **Meeting Schedule and Locations**

The Council reviewed and discussed:

❖ **Calendar Meeting Dates (Tentative Dates)**

- September 15, 2026
- October 20, 2026
- November 17, 2026
- December 15, 2026
- January 19, 2027
- February 23, 2027 (Midwinter Break)
- March 16, 2027
- April 20, 2027
- May 18, 2027
- June 15, 2027

❖ **Business Meeting Dates (Tentative Dates)**

- October 6, 2027
- December 1, 2027
- February 2, 2027
- April 6, 2027

❖ **Tentative Meeting Locations**

- P.S. 145
- Joan of Arc School

- P.S. 191
- P.S. 241
- Final locations will be confirmed.

❖ **Attendance and Bylaw Review**

- Attendance requirements.
- Excused and unexcused absences.
- Procedures outlined in Chancellor's Regulations and CEC bylaws.

Adjournment-9:25 PM.