

COMMUNITY EDUCATION COUNCIL DISTRICT 3

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CEC3 Joint Calendar & Business Meeting Minutes

Date: September 16, 2025

Time: 6:30 PM – 9:30 PM

Location: Joan of Arc Building 154 W 93rd Street New York, NY 10025

Hybrid (In-person and zoom)

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Calendar Meeting

◆ Call to Order & Attendance

- Call to order 6:38PM- Wendyliz Martinez, Noah Odabashian, Sequoia Bilal, Ana Quiñones Greenfield, Michelle Lee, Sharon Meiri Fox, Jonathan Zacks, Kristin Savov, Jill Rackmill
- Quorum confirmed.
- Absent members: Yael Dembo, Felicia, Reece Amos.

◆ Approval of August Meeting Minutes

- Corrections noted: spacing, typos, SLT liaison role clarification, language revisions, quorum clarification.
- August Minutes were approved with changes..

◆ Co-President Report (Jill Rackmill)

- CEC3 represents parents in District 3 from (59th–122nd St.), covering 11,000 students across 28 schools.
- Highlights: Expansion of Mott Hall II school, Hispanic Heritage Month, National Voter Registration Day, upcoming mayoral election.
- Council updates: Two Manhattan Borough President appointees (Sequoia Bilal, Sharon Meiri Fox), awaiting D75 representative.
- CEC3 meets on the third Tuesday monthly in accessible buildings.
- Roles include hosting parent meetings, school visits, SLT attendance, capital planning, zoning approvals, public hearings, superintendent evaluations.

◆ Superintendent's Report (Kamar Samuels) [Superintendent Report](#)

- Focus on math engagement; monthly math questions introduced.
- Math proficiency: 41% of D3 3rd graders answered a key question correctly.
- Test scores: Overall increase 5%, Math slightly decrease 1%, Science increase 8%.
- School performance highlights: Locke School (ELA +21%), Journal Truth (Math +21%), Manhattan School for Children (ELA -2.75%), Sepia 76 (Math -20%).
- District rankings: ELA 67% (3rd citywide), Math 64% (tied 5th/6th).
- Concerns: Economically disadvantaged students underperforming (ELA 42%, Math 39%).
- Federal grant (\$7.5M) discontinued; district seeking replacement funding.
- Staffing updates: New principals and assistant principals appointed.
- Working groups launched (Mid-District, Southern, Harlem).
- DCEP goals follow-up: 88% of 8th graders took Algebra 1, family survey response rates shared.

◆ Committee Reports

- Five committees were created.
- The Middle School Committee needs a chairperson.
- New rules require at least one in-person attendee for committee meetings.

◆ Resolutions

- Resolution 1: Strengthening Protections Against Exploitation of Children – Passed unanimously (9 Yes votes).

YES - Wendyliz Martinez, Noah Odabashian, Michelle Lee, Ana Quiñones Greenfield, Jill Rackmill, Sequoia Bilal, Sharon Meiri Fox, Johnathan Zacks, Kristin Savov

- Resolution 2: Prioritizing Space for Public School Students – Passed (8 Yes, 2 Abstain).

YES - Wendylyz Martinez, Noah Odabashian, Michelle Lee, Ana Quiñones Greenfield, Jill Rackmill, Sequoia Bilal, Sharon Meiri Fox

Abstain- Johnathan Zacks, Kristin Savov

Public Comments

- Parents raised concerns about middle school waitlist transparency and oversubscription.
- The FDA2 principal presented school offerings and invited the council to visit.
- UFT Rep Elizabeth Espert promoted October 19th Strides Walk.

Adjournment- 9:00 PM

Business Meeting

❖ Call to Order & Attendance

- Call to order 9:10PM- Wendylyz Martinez, Noah Odabashian, Sequoia Bilal, Michelle Lee, Sharon Meiri Fox, Jonathan Zacks, Kristin Savov, Jill Rackmill
 - Quorum confirmed.
 - Absent members: Yael Dembo, Felicia, Reece Amos, Ana Quiñones Greenfield

❖ Old Business

Liaison Assignments

- Reviewed and reassigned to ensure equitable workload.
- Special attention to co-located schools and class size law challenges.
- Superintendent's office to facilitate introductions to principals.

Secretary Vacancy- Vacant

❖ New Business

Bylaws & Attendance Policy

- Motion passed by Co-president Jill to excuse August absences for newly elected members.
- Discussion on hybrid attendance and future bylaw changes.
- Emphasis on in-person participation unless excused.

◆ **Infrastructure Advocacy**

- NYC Schools Chancellor and Deputy Chancellor to meet with CEC3 in February 2025.
- Focus on unresponsive infrastructure reports and recommendations.

Adjournment- 9:36 PM