



**Community Education Council for District 4**  
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**A President & IEP**  
Rosa G. Diaz

**1<sup>st</sup> Vice President**  
Evelis Galarza

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

**Recording Sec**  
Rafael Lima – District 75 Rep

**Treasurer**  
Johanna Dominguez

**Council Members:**

Jessica Baker  
Jasmin Benitez  
Elizabeth Soto-Cardona - MBPA  
Niasia Nathaniel

**District 4 Superintendent**  
Dr. Kristy De La Cruz

**High School Student Representatives**  
Eliezer Talavera  
Myah Restituyo

## **Calendar Meeting**

**December 13th, 2023**

### **Minutes**

**Date:** Wednesday, December 13th, 2023

**Meeting Start Time:** 6:02 pm

**1. Roll call and call to order by Farah Khan 6:03 pm**

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

**Members absent:** Eliezer Talavera (Unexcused Absent) and Myah Restituyo (Unexcused Absent)

**Attendance done:** 6:04 pm

**Attendees:** 35

**2. Election of Council Officers: (6:07 pm- 6:23 pm)**

**D4 CEC member Johanna Dominguez volunteered to Chair the elections:**

Ms. Rosa G. Diaz was nominated by Ms. Evelis Galarza and Ms. Elizabeth Soto-Cardona nominated herself for the President's position.

**Roll call for the motion to elect President carried by Elizabeth Soto-Cardona:**

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 January 10th, 2023, meeting.

- **Mr. Jesse Mojica talked about the elections and voting.** (6:13 pm – 6:19 pm)  
He explained the voting process that 7 votes are required for elections.
- Rosa G.Diaz nominated Rafael Lima for the Recording Secretary position.

**Roll call for motion to elect Recording Secretary:** Johanna Dominguez seconded by Rosa G. Diaz

**Roll call and call to order to vote for Recording Secretary:** Rosa G. Diaz, Evelis Galarza, Rafael Lima, Johanna Dominguez, Elizabeth Soto-Cardona, Niasia Nathaniel, Jessica Baker, **(07 voted)**

**Abstain:** Lacey Jordan and Jasmin Benitez

**Rafael Lima elected as Recording Secretary – Congratulations.**

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

**Acting President:** Rosa G. Diaz

**1st Vice President:** Evelis Galarza

**2nd Vice President:** Lacey Jordan

**Recording Secretary:** Rafael Lima

**Treasurer:** Johanna Dominguez

### **3. School Construction Authority- Community Relations Manager- Joshua**

**Adams:** (6:24 pm – 6:45 pm)

He spoke about the Capital plan, D4 CIP highlights, Reso A, MWLBE, proposed five years, proposed 2025-2029 Citywide, Total amount \$17 Billion, Capacity Program \$4.98 Billion, Healthy Schools: \$2.25 Billion, Capital Improvement: \$6.37 Billion, Mandated: \$3.40 Billion, cost and timeframe estimates, project types.

### **4. Class Size Matters- Executive Director- Leonie Haimson:** (6:46 pm – 6:53 pm)

She spoke about the DOE to implement class size reduction. The New York court of appeals in the campaign for fiscal equity case determined that NYC public school class sizes were too large to provide students with their constitutional right to a sound basic education. She said many studies show that class size reduction leads to better student outcomes in every way that can be measured, including better grades and test scores, fewer behavior problems, greater likelihood to graduate from high school on time and enroll in college.

- **Rasheeda Harris-Brown** asked that how many people were on the working group? (6:51 pm – 6:53 pm)
- **Leonie Haimson** answered 50 people. (6:53 pm)

### **5. Division of School Facilities- John Rodriguez:** (6:53 pm – 6:55 pm)

He introduced himself and spoke about the school facilities.

### **6. D4 Superintendent Report- Dr. Kristy De La Cruz:** (7:05 pm- 7:26 pm)

She thanked everyone for joining.

She started with:

- D4 Gratitude
- District 4 Community Norms
- Our Mission & Vision
- D4 DCEP Priorities
- D4 Students Advisory Priorities 2022-2023
- District 4 Priorities
- D4 Attendance
  - Our District 4 ELA data
  - Our District 4 Math Data
  - Our District 4 Data
  - The NYC Reads
  - Literacy Shifts
  - Our District 4 Curriculum Announcement
  - Upcoming events: District 4

**7. Report of Council Acting President Rosa G. Diaz: (7:27 pm – 7:33 pm)**

She informed that she presented at the CB11 – Youth and Education Committee on 12-5-23 In person and provided updates, shared the Air Quality Monitoring Reso passed on 11-8-23 which was also adopted by CB11 members too and Chancellor's Parent Advisory Council 12-14-23 at 9:30 AM via CPAC Youtube Live. Updates from Chancellor Banks, FACE updates by Dr. Melendez, Safety Updates by Chief Officer Mark Rampersant, Special Education Updates by Deputy Chancellor Quintana, Fundraising ideas for PA/PTAs and a lot more. She informed about the next meeting on January 11<sup>th</sup>, 2024, at 9:30 AM. Youth led Townhall at P.S.72 on December 15<sup>th</sup>, from 5 pm to 7 pm in-person. She welcomed everyone. She attended the D4 DLT on 12-7-23. She thanked to CECD4 members who were able to attend and engage in the conversation.

She invited everyone to join Manhattan High Schools President's Council on 12-19-2023 at 7 pm. She said all PA/PTA executive boards are welcome. A chance to hear directly from High School Superintendents from Districts 1 to 6 and to hear the HS updates. D1-6 HS Parent Leader representatives, HS Students voices and more. She provided the contact details for D4.

- **D4 CEC- Second Vice President- Lacey Jordan** asked (7:34 pm – 7:36 pm)  
She asked to move the school visitation report to the business meeting from now onwards.

**8. District 4 Presidents Council Report- Co-President- Rasheeda Harris-Brown: (7:37 pm – 7:43 pm)**

She introduced herself and talked about D4 boutique. She said that they work volunteer and help and support the schools, parents, and families in need in D4.

**9. Resolution Opposing 60-Day Limitation on Shelter Stays for Families of Public-School Students- Read by Jessica Baker: (7:44 pm – 7:56 pm)**

**Roll call for motion to vote for the Resolution Opposing 60-Day Limitation on Shelter Stays for Families of Public-School Students,** by Elizabeth Soto-Cardona seconded by Jessica Baker.

**Roll call and call to order to vote for the Resolution Opposing 60-Day Limitation on Shelter Stays for Families of Public-School Students:** Rosa G. Diaz (Yes), Evelis Galarza (Yes), Lacey Jordan (Yes), Johanna Dominguez (Yes), Niasia Nathaniel (Yes), Elizabeth Soto-Cardona (Yes), Jasmin Benitez (Yes), Jessica Baker (Yes), Rafael Lima (Yes).

**Motion passed unanimously.**

**10. Resolution for CEC D4 Urging DOE to Adopt the Proposals of the Class Size Working Group and to Comply with the New Class Size Law: Read by Elizabeth Soto-Cardona: (7:57 pm – 8:03 pm)**

**Roll call for motion to vote for the Resolution for CEC D4 Urging DOE to Adopt the Proposals of the Class Size Working Group and to Comply with the New Class Size Law,** by Rosa G. Diaz seconded by Evelis Galarza.

**Roll call and call to order to vote for the Resolution for CEC D4 Urging DOE to Adopt the Proposals of the Class Size Working Group and to Comply with the New Class Size Law:** Rosa G. Diaz (Yes), Evelis Galarza (Yes), Lacey Jordan (Yes), Johanna Dominguez (Yes), Niasia Nathaniel (Yes), Elizabeth Soto-Cardona (Yes), Jasmin Benitez (Yes), Jessica Baker (Yes), Rafael Lima (Yes).

**Motion passed unanimously.**

**11. Resolution Opposing Mayoral Control of the New York City Department of Education- Read by Evelis Galarza: (8:04 pm – 8:07 pm)**

**Roll call for motion to vote for the Resolution Opposing Mayoral Control of the New York City Department of Education,** by Rosa G. Diaz seconded by Evelis Galarza.

**Roll call and call to order to vote for the Resolution Opposing Mayoral Control of the New York City Department of Education:** Rosa G. Diaz (Yes), Evelis Galarza (Yes), Lacey Jordan (Yes), Johanna Dominguez (Yes), Niasia Nathaniel (Yes), Elizabeth Soto-Cardona (Yes), Jasmin Benitez (Yes), Jessica Baker (Yes), Rafael Lima (Yes).

**Motion passed unanimously.**

## **12. Public Comments:** (8:07 pm – 8:14 pm)

- **Tamika Mapp** said she is highlighting the youth and our community to make sure that they get their flowers. They do not have to have A's or B's in school. All they must do is have a parent or a teacher nominate them. They will get a certificate. They could either get a pair of virtual glasses or can get a lunch every quarter, we can encourage them to get in school, stay in school and to do their best.
- **Xavier A Santiago:** He thanked Kristy, Rosa, and CEC. He specially thanked Dr. Kristy, who allowed him to join on many tours when it comes to the budget process. They need budget committee, had public Safety Conference and going to build a youth symposium coming up toward the end of next school year. He gave his office numbers (212) 831-8929.
- **Community Board 11- Vice Chair for Youth Education-Ashar Rodriguez:** He spoke about the Children's aid. He said that the youth has been working on 18 Townhall on gun violence, it will be on Friday December 15<sup>th</sup>, and this Friday, from 5 pm to 7 pm. They went to the DC in the summer, and spoke to the elected officials, won the award for the project of excellence, at the Boys and Girls Club Conference.

## **13. Motion to adjourn the calendar meeting by:** Niasia Nathaniel seconded by Rosa G. Diaz. (8:14 pm)

# **Business Meeting**

**December 13th, 2023**

## **Minutes**

**Date:** Wednesday, December 13th, 2023

**Meeting Start Time:** 8:37 pm

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

**Present:** Rosa G. Diaz, Evelis Galarza, Lacey Jordan (Unexcused- Zoom), Rafael Lima, Johanna Dominguez, Elizabeth Soto-Cardona, Niasia Nathaniel, Jasmin Benitez, and Jessica Baker.

**Members absent:** Eliezer Talavera (Unexcused Absent) and Myah Restituyo (Unexcused Absent)

**Attendance done:** 8:38 pm

**Attendees:** 15

## **1. Treasury Report by D4 CEC Treasurer- Johnna Dominguez:** (8:39 pm – 8:43 pm)

She spoke about the updated budget by Sunny for the month of December 2023, and the CEC4 December expenditure report. She said the CEC4 members had \$13,250 in reimbursement and

childcare. The total amount spent till now is \$4,625 for the members reimbursement and childcare. The next line supplies general \$5,950 we have spent \$346.31 as we ordered games for D4 event giveaway for \$239.16 and for CEC4 office printer ink for \$107.15 and that we will order trophies for the D4 Science Fair from supplies general, and in the P-Card we have \$5,000. We spend total of \$4,971.31 till December 13<sup>th</sup>, 2023. She suggested to buy swags for winter giveaway.

2. **Roll call for motion to approve to buy socks, caps, and gloves for \$1000 from the general supplies from line 3 by Johanna Dominguez, seconded by Rosa G. Diaz.** (8:44 pm – 8:57 pm)

**Roll call and call approve to buy socks, caps, and gloves for \$1000 from the general supplies:** Rosa G. Diaz (Yes), Evelis Galarza (Yes), Johanna Dominguez (Yes), Niasia Nathaniel (Yes), Elizabeth Soto-Cardona (Yes), Jasmin Benitez (Yes), Jessica Baker (Yes), Rafael Lima (Yes).

**Motion passed by 8 votes.**

**Absent:** Lacey Jordan (Unexcused)

3. **D4 CEC- Calendar & Business Meeting minutes, from November 8<sup>th</sup>, 2023, approval:** (8:58 pm- 8:59 pm)

**Roll call for motion to approve, D4 CEC- Calendar & Business Meeting minutes, from November 8<sup>th</sup>, 2023, by, Evelis Galarza seconded by Rosa G. Diaz**

**Roll call and call to order to vote to approve D4 CEC Calendar & Business meeting minutes from November 8<sup>th</sup>, 2023:** Rosa G. Diaz (Yes), Evelis Galarza (Yes), Lacey Jordan (Yes) (Zoom), Johanna Dominguez (Yes), Niasia Nathaniel (Yes), Elizabeth Soto-Cardona (Yes), Jasmin Benitez (Yes), Jessica Baker (Yes), Rafael Lima (Yes).

**Motion passed unanimously.**

4. **Roll call for motion to vote for De-escalation and Co-Regulation workshop/retreat by Niasia Nathaniel seconded by Elizabeth Soto-Cardona.** (9:00 pm – 9:06 pm)

**Roll call and call to order to vote for De-escalation and Co-Regulation workshop/retreat:** Rosa G. Diaz (Yes), Evelis Galarza (Yes), Lacey Jordan (Yes) (Zoom), Johanna Dominguez (Yes), Niasia Nathaniel (Yes), Elizabeth Soto-Cardona (Yes), Jasmin Benitez (Yes), Jessica Baker (Yes), Rafael Lima (Yes).

**Motion passed unanimously.**

5. **Roll call for motion to add an extra line in the D4 CEC budget to allocate \$750 moving from the Supplies- general line 3 to line 5 for De-escalation and Co-Regulation workshop/retreat by Niasia Nathaniel, seconded by Jessica Baker.** (9:08- 9:12 pm)

**Roll call and call to order to vote to add an extra line in the D4 CEC budget to allocate \$750 moving from the Supplies- general line 3 to line 5 for De-escalation and Co-Regulation workshop/retreat:** Rosa G. Diaz (Yes), Evelis Galarza (Yes), Lacey Jordan (Yes) (Zoom), Johanna Dominguez (Yes), Niasia Nathaniel (Yes), Elizabeth Soto-Cardona (Yes), Jasmin Benitez (Yes), Jessica Baker (Yes), Rafael Lima (Yes).

**Motion passed unanimously.**

- **Roll call for in-person attendance** by Farah Khan (9:13 pm)  
**Present:** Rosa G. Diaz, Evelis Galarza, Johanna Dominguez, Niasia Nathaniel, Elizabeth Soto-Cardona, Jasmin Benitez, Jessica Baker, and Rafael Lima  
**D4 CEC 8 members were present in-person in the Business meeting.**  
Lacey Jordan (Unexcused- Zoom)

**Motion to adjourn business meeting by** Rosa G. Diaz seconded by Evelis Galarza.

6. **Business meeting adjourned:** 9:14 pm

**Prepared & submitted by:**

**Farah Khan**

**Administrative Assistant**

**Reviewed by:**

**Acting President Rosa G. Diaz**

*Next Calendar and Business Meeting will be on January 10th, 2023.*