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**CEC 13
Annual Meeting
July 21, 2020 7:00 p.m.
Zoom Conference**

Annual Meeting

Meeting Minutes

Annual Meeting:

- 1. Call to Orders & Roll Call Meeting called to order at 7:15pm**
Members in attendance: Ayanna Behin, Jessica Simmons, Faraji Hannah Jones, Cynthia McKnight, Meryem Bencheikh, Elavia Bello
- 2. Nomination of Temporary Chairperson (Pro Tem)**
AA Chivon Anderson nominated as Pro Tem
- 3. Election of Officers: President, 1 and 2nd Vice Presidents, Recording Secretary, Treasurer**
New officers shared a short statement on why he or she should be elected to office. Each officer was elected by unanimous vote in the following order:
President: Ayanna Behin (self nominated)
1st Vice President: Meryem Bencheikh (self nominated)
2nd Vice President: Faraji Hannah-Jones (self nominated)
Secretary: Jessica Simmons (self nominated)
Treasurer: Elavia Bello (nominated by Ayanna Behin, 2nd by Jessica Simmons; nomination accepted)
- 4. Adjournment 7:35pm**

Business Meeting:

- 1. Call to order & Roll Call Meeting called to order at 7:35pm**
Members in attendance: Ayanna Behin, Jessica Simmons, Faraji Hannah Jones, Cynthia McKnight, Meryem Bencheikh, Elavia Bello

Ayanna thanked Chivon for serving as chair for elections and greeted the district.

2. Superintendent Report

Superintendent Samuels provided a district update.

- Welcome and thanks to all attendees
- Thanks to District Office Team Member Miriam for her collaborative work and support.
- Summer schools update began June 6. More students recommended for summer school in the past than those mandated to attend.
50-63 percent attendance. There were issues with learning management system. There were log on issues
Kudos to Principal Emily Paige for helping to make sure principals are getting in contact with students
- School Re-Opening: There are daily updates that pose more questions. There is not enough clarity on a re-opening plan. The last town hall parents asked questions that inquired about .
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- How are we able to be confident about the safety procedures that we are putting in place.
Working with Central and Exec Sup to finalize and work through plans
- Focus will be blended learning, early childhood literacy, math and special education and community engagement in equity and equality in education. These are priority areas for the the school year
- Superintendent answers a parent question and shares his confidence that by September the guidance for remote instruction will be much clearer than it reflects now.

3. AA Financial Report: CEC 13 AA presented financial report of spending noting spending freeze as the primary reason a large amount of money was not spent.

4. Current Business

Budget presented to the council for approval.

- **Council voted on 2020-2021 budget:** Motion to adapt budget as presented by Ayanna Behin 2nd by Cynthia Mcknight. No opposals. Unanimous vote to adopt budget presented

5. Confirm Agenda for August Business/Calendar Meeting

August 11 meeting will focus on re-opening and continuing the conversation on racial equity and equality.

New Business:

- Discussion about school reopening and use of different methods such as pods, out door learning and sharing resources district wide to better benefit students. Pods as a way to address equity component the district wants to focus on.
Superintendent stated central DOE staff and Brooklyn North are working on how to host quality lessons. One Brooklyn TV is source that is being considered to house content from quality teacher curriculums. Jessica (Secretary) thinks this is a great resource.
- Reminder: CEC membership is still open. Available seats include High School Student, Multi-Language Learner Parent and two member positions available. Announcements with deadlines and dates to apply will be sent out closer to September, the start of the new school year.
Question about student member Has D13 ever had a student member?: D13 has not had a student member. Discussion about qualifications for the high school student member and best way to recruit for the member. FACE Liasion Raymond Pierre Louise spoke to the question about the student member and provides clarity. Superintendent and FLC for high schools is a good

resource to recruit student member. Jessica will take the lead on recruiting for a student member.

- **Sample Calendar:** Council reviewed the calendar date selections and made necessary adjustments.
- **Council members discuss concerns about school re-opening and how it will impact day to day learning.**
- **Council, Superintendent Samuels and Ben Green (DPAC president) discuss the various meetings to include DLT meetings that will take place during the summer and school year and how to best connect meeting themes to work collaboratively as a district.**

6. Adjournment Meeting adjourned at 8:45pm