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Thank you. Good evening everyone. Welcome to our July virtual meeting. Tonight this meeting will be hosted by myself.

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CEC President Whitney Tucson and our administrative assistant Gail Cohen. I'm temporarily holding this role until we have elections as the of the most current president.

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So thank you everyone for being here. I will call the meeting to order at 608 pm.

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We have Spanish interpreters here working on a separate line. Thank you to them for being here with us and providing this vital service to our families.

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I would ask that all participants. To please speak slowly and to allow the interpreters to keep up.

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Victoria, would you mind taking the role for us this evening?

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Sure, good evening. Welcome returning members. Welcome new members. Deb Alexander.

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Linda, correct me if I, mispronounce. Linda Chung Long.

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She's here and I saw her. If did you pronounce it? Can you pronounce your name?

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Leong, thank you for that. Jonathan, I'm sorry, Todd Hunter there.

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Jonathan Greenberg. Victoria Medias is present. Danny Roe has an excused absence.

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Marlene Rossi.

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Matt, hi Marissa.

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Present. Thank you, Victoria.

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Okay, so everyone, I really appreciate you all being here tonight for our virtual meeting. This is the first meeting of our term.

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For everyone who is not aware. We did not get an extension on the open meetings loss to have a complete virtual meeting, but at this time we only have 9 members on our council.

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We did not have our D. 75 district 30 parent be a point to our board and we are also missing our 2 borough president appointees.

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So before we get started, for the rest of the meeting, I wanted to have a brief discussion on the agenda that we have for our public meeting.

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And I wanted to start with polling all of you that are here so that we can have a discussion on how the rest of the evening will go.

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For our public. Public meeting agenda. So the first thing that I wanted to discuss with everyone is if you all feel comfortable with moving forward with having elections tonight and then ratifying those results.

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Our August meeting. So I want to open up the floor to everyone to see how you feel about moving forward with that item or not.

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So I'm going to open the floor now and if you would like to say. How you feel about that item on our agenda.

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Please, you know, let me know and, we can go forward with a discussion and then having a vote to have.

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I have a question which is what What would that mean to Vote tonight and then ratify them.

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Ratify the results. On in August. Would that mean that those officers would be, would be in place would not be in place.

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Until. Until August, how would that? How would that work?

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Essentially, I envision it as just keeping the same results in all we would just have the in person, format and be more in compliance with open meetings.

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I, Don't mind it really either way. I guess I would say.

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Hopefully we're gonna have our full complement of. Members in a. And given that, that we are forced by forced to do something out of the bylaws to begin with.

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Does it make sense to we might as well just hold over and and vote when everybody's there out of respect for them.

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You know, II don't have too strong a feeling either way. I just I think If we didn't have this quorum problem, I would say, well, you know, we have to follow the bylaws, I would say, well, you know, we have to follow the bylaws, but we do anyway.

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So if we're gonna If it's going to be unorthodox anyway, we might as well wait for them.

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And because the officers for the new members, the officers will just carry over. It's not like we'll be without officers, the officers that are currently in place will just stay till the next election.

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But I'm open to Thanks.

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Okay, thanks, Dave. Hunter. Is it okay if I call you Hunter or do you want me to call you Todd Hunter?

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Hunter. Hunter is fine.

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Okay, that's what I thought. I just didn't wanna be rude. Okay, so Hunter.

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Yeah. So. I kind of first have a question and that is I Is it is it correct to say that you need 7 votes?

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To be elected to. An office. So I So if we had elections tonight, that would mean that someone would also have to get 7 vote.

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Okay. My, my concern is that kind of based on our earlier conversations via email that This was not gonna be a meeting where we could transact business because we aren't.

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You know, don't have a quorum and art meeting or don't have an in-person component of the meeting that I wasn't really kind of ready to think about elections tonight because I assumed that wasn't.

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So that's my, my concerns.

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Okay, thank you. I appreciate that. Now anyone I haven't heard from if you want to speak, Linda Marcela Marlene, Victoria.

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I also would like to get our BP appointees, on the council so we can see what they'd like to share, how involved they want to be.

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And just, just make it like a collaborative effort as we have been trying to make it the past couple of years.

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And give them that fair shot if they do want to try for it. I think it's the right thing to do.

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Thanks for Victoria. Marlene, Linda, if you wanna add anything.

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Yeah, I think it's fair. Cause then even I think, Danny Rohas is a new member also.

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So kinda just wanna try to maybe include everybody instead of. Just you know us doing it and then them finding out at the next meeting or during the minutes I think it's just fair.

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Thank you, Linda, up Marley.

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Yeah, I'm on that same boat. It's it's only fair to wait for everyone else and you know no one was really planning on voting tonight so no one's really prepared so I think next month is the better way.

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I do agree. Just to make it fair for everyone, we can wait next month.

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Okay. Okay, thank you and Jonathan. Okay.

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I'm on board with waiting. I just, I just wanna say I think we should plan to do them in August.

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You know, I really hope that we have for president appointees by August, but sometimes in the past there have been, it's taken a long time and whether or not we have them, I think we should do the vote in August.

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In August. Okay. Thank you. So if everyone's okay, I'm gonna say my little 2 piece and this is why I wanted us to talk about it together.

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I didn't want to make the decision unilaterally on my own. So I really appreciate you all giving your thoughts and everyone's being very thoughtful this evening with, say how they would like to proceed.

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So if it's okay and I know this is not an official boat but it is a post check.

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I wanna make sure that everyone is okay with postponing elections until our August meetings. If you are okay with that, please raise your hand or your virtual hand.

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So that was unanimous. Wasn't that? So now let's go to the next item on the.

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On the agenda. For this evening. So I'm just gonna run through the items and make sure everyone's okay with those next items but there is one other thing that I do think that those next items but there is one other thing that I do think that might need a little separate temperament with that is.

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We do have to discuss our budget. For the year. Tonight and the reason I want to move forward with that discussion is because we need to just, approve it.

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Because there are payments that we have to make in August. And again, we can vote again to. To conform like have to vote again in August, but we need to full like to move forward on the vote on the budget because there are items that we have to pay very soon, which is our Zoom and our website.

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So those are items that we have to afford like to go ahead and discuss this evening, which is the budget.

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Yale, could you explain that like really briefly why we why that's important for us to discuss tonight.

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Do you want that now or do you want that during the business meeting?

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Okay, I'll do it now. Okay. So the we need to have. The budget versus a living document and we can change you can change it at any time.

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All you have to do is bring it to a meeting and vote on it. But we need to get it in now because certain things need a payment.

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First thing being the website maintenance. Because right now Bill the person who does the maintenance is doing a grass.

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I don't know how long he's wonderful and I don't know how long they'll keep doing it, but.

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Hey, could continue. And the other thing is the Zoom payments. Because right now Jonathan is kind enough to pay them for us and wait for reimbursement for it, but it still has to be paid and he He shouldn't.

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I don't think it's up to him, obviously. Take a chance of paying for it again if it's not already approved in the budget.

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Alright, and reimbursements can get started in that. The funds have not been released yet or senior grants office does not know.

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If it's going to be the same, which has been 25,000 for the past few years.

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Whitney and I were talking early and we sort of hoping it'll be a little more because we have more people now on the council.

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Which is the reimbursement for that alone is \$3,000 so that's a big chunk out of the budget that we're missing right now.

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But anyway, if we just get it started, get a preliminary budget approved. I can submit it and then we can start making the payments that are needed.

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Thank you, Gail. So that was the other item that I wanted to see if everyone would be comfortable if we move forward on that item tonight.

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So if we're okay with that, like if you have a question, please ask Gail and myself the question.

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We can talk about that really briefly, but these were the items that you know I wanted to bring to you all tonight before we move forward in this, virtual setting.

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So if you have a question, you know, raise your hand. If you don't, I wanna ask if you all are okay with discussing the budget, later this evening.

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If you're okay with discussing the budget, please raise your hand. And we'll count those.

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Okay, got unanimous on that one. Thank you everyone. Thank you Gail. Okay, so let's go ahead and get started.

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With our calendar meeting. So again, this is a public meeting and it is being recorded.

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There will be 2 public comment sessions. First, following the introduction of our new members for the 2,02325 term.

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You may comment to welcome the members and second you can speak on any education related topic during either public agenda.

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We apologize for the abruptness, but we would like to hear from as many speakers as possible and in the meeting at a reasonable hour.

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Jonathan, would you mind using the timer? Are you able to use the timer? This evening.

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Absolutely, it's all set.

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Thank you so much. First we'll take comments from the participants who have joined via computer in the zoom room and please press the raise hand button to raise your hand.

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So this can be found by clicking on the reactions at the bottom of your screen. Then we will call on those speakers in the reactions at the bottom of your screen.

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Then we will call on those speakers in the order in which they raise. Then we will call on those speakers in the order in which they raise their hands and manually unmute their microphones.

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When your name is called, please give us your name and your connection to the district. Please don't raise your hand right now.

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Second, we'll take comments from participants who have called in for interpretation. We will ask the interpreter if anyone on the Spanish line has any comments.

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If you want to speak, please state your name and your connection to the district. Third, we'll take comments from participants who have called in by phone.

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Gail, we'll call out the last 4. Digits of your phone number and will manually unmute your line to allow you to say yes or no if you want to say something.

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If you want to speak, please state your name and connection to the district. The chat feature has currently been turned off and the QA will be used for 2 purposes.

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First, if you have questions about the meeting technology or protocols, please use the QA and we'll respond as soon as possible.

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Second during the public speaking sessions if you cannot speak or prefer to leave a written comment you may do so in the QA during those agenda sections.

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Again, please include your connection to the district in the QA. Comments left in the QA may be read at the end of the public speaking time.

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Additional comments or questions can be addressed to the CC via email at CEC 30 at schools.

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Dot NYC. Gov. So the first order of business is the welcome and introduction of our CC 30 members for the 2023 25 turn.

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So I am going to call the member that is going to speak and you have 2 min to you know tell us a little bit about yourself, you know, what schools you're representing, you know, what school your child goes to the district and you know whatever else you want to say.

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So the first person I want to call him with alphabetical order is Ted Alexander.

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Hi. I'm Deb, Deborah, but my dad, Deborah, probably not Debbie.

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I would probably not answer to that, but, most anything else. I've been, this is I'm starting my sixth term on the CC.

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I have 2 kids. In a one is in a tenth grade or is a rising junior I guess we should say and one is a rising eighth grader.

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So, I'm just excited to get started. I'm excited to be in person once we can be in person.

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I love, the opportunities that, zoom have has presented, but, it's time to get back in the room and I'm really excited to work with this council.

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I think I've talked to all of you except Danny actually at 1 point or another so if that's I'm done.

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Thanks, David. Deb, also most recently currently served as our second vice president. And she chaired our district day committee.

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I had to add that in there. You know, so please, if you wanna add those things in there too, I appreciate it.

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So our next member is Linda Chung Lian. They say it right, Lynn. I'm sorry, my southern accent kills me every time.

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No, no, you got it right. So my name is, how are you? I'm really excited.

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It's my first year. Let's see, I have 2 kids. One's a fifth grader going to be a fifth grader at PS 2 12 and I have a 5 year old which I was campaigning I guess was on my campaign.

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She's gonna be in kindergarten also in PS 2 12. I'm really excited.

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I mean it's it's cool to be on Zoom but I am very like Deb said I am very excited to be in person and getting started and just learning.

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You know, everything as we go. Thank you.

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Thanks, Linda. So our next person is.

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Hi, I'm Hunter Dare. I have a seventh grader. She just, went away to camp, which, so I am free for a couple of weeks.

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Which I'm, is a new experience, for me. So, glad to be here with you guys.

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I'm looking forward to meeting you all in person. And she attends Q 5 80, BSG and, is a rising eighth grader there.

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And I relatively new to the district. And I did go out and campaign to a number of schools. So I met a lot of people.

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At pickup and was so excited to learn you know more about all the wonderful schools here and. Just look forward to helping all the constituents with your concerns and you know how we can make this a better place.

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So thank you.

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Thanks Hunter. So our next person is Jonathan Greenberg.

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Hello everyone. I'm Jonathan. I use him and pronounce. And I live in Jackson Heights.

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I have a. A child who's going to be a ninth grader in the fall they went to ps 2 12 and IS 2 30 in jaxon heights so I have been in the district for for that long and I have been on CEC, for 2 turns.

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This is my third term. And I was the first vice president. Last year and president the year before that And.

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I'm excited to be back and excited to work with some new new members. And to work with a new interim acting superintendent.

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And Yeah. That's me.

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Thanks, Jonathan. So the next person is Victoria Medalius, Victoria.

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Thanks, Wendy. Hi everyone. My name is Victoria Mendelius. I am a lifelong district 30 resident.

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I've never moved from my apartment. I live there with my 2 boys. I went to P.

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98. He will be in the second grade in September. I love being on the council.

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This is my third term now. I like learning from you guys and the processes and I continue to just soak it all up because as much as, I try to get to the council you guys get back.

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So I'm very grateful to be back here once again. Thank you.

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And Victoria is also on our President's Council for District 30. So I have to break a herd there too.

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So thank you Victoria for serving dual roles in serving districts already. So the next person I want to call off is Marlene Rossi.

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Hi everyone, good evening. So I am on my second term. I did my first term in district 32 where, I was a vice president for one year and a treasure for the next year and here I am in 30 super excited to work with all of you.

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Very, very excited to work in such a big district. So I'm looking forward to that and my little one is going into fourth grade.

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She's a multi-language learner with a lot of energy and she's amazing in a way to camp too.

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And yeah, and that's me and I'm excited guys and I can't wait to move forward.

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Keep it all going forward.

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Thanks Marlene. Our next person is Miss.

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Hi everyone, I'm Marise, This is my second turn. I have a 4 grader now.

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And 2 kids in high school. Wow, that just hit me hard. I have a, 10 grader and ninth grader.

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I wasn't thinking about high school. So now. I Love representing my area. Coins Bridge, Line and City.

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I'm very happy with the new members. Let's continue working together. Working together is like the main key.

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I just want to say, welcome everyone to the team. And, I don't know what else to say about myself.

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Thank you.

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Thanks, Marcela. Okay. And so me, I am the last one alphabetically. So my name is Whitney Chesson.

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This is my second term. My first term I served as treasurer and then at the end of my first term I served as president of our council.

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I really enjoyed working with everyone. I love meeting everyone at my liaison schools. I'm so excited to work with our new members, our new council and our new superintendent.

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Hi, Missy Dalgo. Thank you so much for coming tonight. I have 2 kids.

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One of which might make an appearance tonight if you haven't seen him already is my 4 year old.

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He will be in kindergarten. We are working parents doing what we gotta do. We are working parents doing what we gotta do and my older son will be in fifth grade.

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I live in Long Island City. It's different. I am from, Cherokee County, Georgia.

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That is where I grew up, but I love living here in New York City and I love living in Queens and I'm so glad we made district 30 our home.

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We are just so excited. I have spoken with pretty much everyone, you know, via email, text or phone on our council.

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And I think that we are going to do some great things and continue to serve our community. So I am just super proud to be here and thank you everyone for pivoting.

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This evening and allowing us to have this virtual space for our community and also let everyone meet Miss Hidalgo.

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This evening. So, now we are going to go to the next item on our agenda, which is the public speaking portion.

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Now, would you mind calling on people who raised their hands? Okay, thank you so much and then you know we'll do what we can do in the Q&A.

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So right now if you are here and you would like to speak please raise your hand and pay attention to the timer on the screen.

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First hand they see is Miss Becca Staley.

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Just wanna say welcome back to those returning. Welcome to the new members. I'm Becca Staley, co-president of the President's Council.

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So I look forward to working with you all this year and welcome to our interacting superintendent with Sidalgo.

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So, next hand I see is Michelle Moore.

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Can you hear me now? Okay, I did it right this time. Good evening everybody. My name is Michelle Orr.

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I'm a lifelong resident born and raised in District 30. Raised kids in district 30.

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I'm just an interested parent because my kids have. Are now in Manhattan but I'm still interested in working district 30 very concerned here so good to see you guys so good to see you elected and to see your smiling faces I just want to stress that I think it's important to maintain virtual meetings.

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It's probably the only way that I can participate in your forums and other parents and that I would like to help to support you in that endeavor to continue in that fashion meet when you need to but please maintain in that virtual aspect for us parents us concerned citizens who can't get out there.

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But good to see you. You're all looking really very good. Well, welcome new people. And Mr. Dalgo, I don't know if you remember me, but I had your school last year when I was on the council.

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But, It's good, good, good, good to see you all. Congratulations.

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I'm looking forward to a good good term.

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Sorry, got distracted. And next we have, Kelly Craig.

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Hi, friends. Good to see you all again. It's weird calling in from this capacity at the moment.

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But I just want to say it's good to see everybody and also, I kind of actually want to echo what, my fellow previous council member Michelle just called in and said.

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I'm really happy to actually see this being a virtual forum. I think it's really imperative to have this access for people who Usually we're excluded from the ability to participate not only on these councils, but to view them.

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I think we have to think about things like single parents being able to participate and the fact that for everybody in this district having to pay out of pocket 30 \$40 for a babysitter.

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Is the difference between buying groceries. And you shouldn't have to put yourself in a financial situation to participate in education related matters for children.

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I do think it's extremely important to keep this video. I understand that, it is the open meeting law is controlled by the state, but as we've seen, the city has a way to interject and override it.

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And I hope that more councils present this. This is the first time in New York City that we've been able to see such a vastly inclusive not only

CC's but community boards and that is largely due to the fact that it has been in a virtual participation.

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I just, I'm really glad to see this. I know that Whitney and Gail do a lot of behind the scenes to make this happen.

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I appreciate that and, hopefully I'll be seeing you guys soon.

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Anybody else like to raise their hand? I see no more hands. In our participant list. Going once, going twice.

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Alright, thanks, Deb. I think I see something in the Q&A. Yes, I see one Q&A, so I'm gonna go ahead and read that.

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So we have a Nick Mason who is here this evening. Hi, Nick. He's the co-president at PS 122 and the vice president of the president's council.

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He's saying welcome to the new returning members. He's sorry I'm not on screen but he has horrible service where he is.

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But thanks Nick for typing something in the QA. So, And he also said, hi, Mr. Dalgo, looking forward to working with you.

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Now do we have any questions on the interpretation line?

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Okay, thank you. Gail, do we have any on the phone?

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No, okay. So with that being said, I'm excited to go to the next item on our agenda.

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Which is welcoming our new interrupt acting superintendent, Miss Lisa Hidalgo. Well, We welcoming her because she's from District 30 so she knows us very well.

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So Miss. Dongo, please take it away.

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It's a pleasure. I am excited. I love the energy that I feel coming through this this device.

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I feel a lot of high energy. So thank you so much for having me for inviting me to be a part of this meeting tonight.

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I just want to tell you a little bit about me, but if possible, I don't know if I'm on that time clock.

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Yale's gonna grant you access. Missi Diago, you are not on a timer.

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Take the time you need, but if people are gonna ask you questions, they will be all the time.

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But you take the time you need.

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Okay, that may work. That might work. Thank you for your patience.

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It's fine. We're just excited you're here and we get to, you know, share you with our parents tonight.

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That's the whole goal of this evening.

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Okay, Gail, can you just tell me quickly what your email is?

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I'm gonna understand why. Hold on. Give me 1Â s. I'm gonna go to my I'm not gonna give up that easily ladies and gentlemen give me 1Â s

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Alright, I'm gonna forward this to you. Just try one more time.

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Okay. Tell me if you get it in the interim while. Now I can get back on.

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Can you guys see me? Okay, in the interim while Gail is working on that I'll just let you know that I'm excited to be here.

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It's I've been in the DOE for 34 years. This is actually my 30 fourth year.

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I started I guess with Marlene back in district. 32. I was born and raised in Bushwick.

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And I worked there for over 20 years. And I had an opportunity to become a principal.

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At District 30 and I interviewed with Dr. Composto and and he gave me, he hired me and I was at PS 2 80 home of the Lionhearts, which is very close to my heart till this day.

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I was there for, would have been my tenth year. I started my tenth year, but then I left.

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That's where I feel that I did my most maturing and growing as an educator was as a as a true leader right because you are in the classrooms you're teaching and I looked I love teaching and as a as a principal I loved being in the classrooms because you get to see firsthand and be a part of

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the community of the kids and they know you, they love you and they love you unconditionally, you know, especially if you, if they feel like they belong and I do believe that part of the reason why, PS two-eight was so successful was because we, we, built a community not only for our children

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and our students but also for our families. So it was a haven that I was very proud and I was very proud to be a part of.

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So when I left to 80, It was bittersweet, right? I wanted to pursue other things and I thought it was it was just the hardest job in the world in my opinion is to be a principal.

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Maybe I'll have different choices after I'm here in this seat for a little bit. But, It was beautiful.

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I gave it my all and I think that you know when I left I missed it so much I missed the community I missed The team, I missed my teachers.

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I missed it all and I and I missed, you know, district 32. I was one and raised that I love district 32 but I felt that district 30 had a part of my heart as well.

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So you know how you can love more than one person. You can love more than one thing. And I also love District 30 District 30.

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So having the opportunity to come back, Gail, are you having any luck there?

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No, I need permission. Yes.

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Do you? I don't know why it's. You know what?

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I'm a little sad. I wanted to share that with you, but I'll just I'll just, I'll just speak to it because I can.

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Part of, me be part of what I wanted to share with you was, you know, a little fun facts about me was, you know, a little fun facts about me and I'm gonna just share with you was, you know, a little fun facts about me and I'm gonna just open it on my phone so that I could.

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Don't worry about it, Gail. It's all good. You know, one thing that you learn as a leader is that you have to pivot and change all the time and be flexible.

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Fun facts about me is that I have like all of you were sharing. I have 2, I have 2 kids and I have 3 grandkids.

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Ages 9, 7 and and 5. So I'm always busy. I'm always, I'm still a mom.

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I, they're with me every other weekend. So I know how the importance. Of children having what they need and their needs being met and not only academically but also social emotionally they need to be able to be met so that That is very important to me.

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I also have my favorite place to be is the beach. I love the beach. So, I've been very sad because this summer every weekend it's been raining.

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So I haven't had much opportunities or at least it says it's gonna rain. So if you're going by the meteorologist, you kind of get get full.

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And, one of my passions is and is to cook. So part of my love language is cooking.

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So when I do have an opportunity, I'm always in the kitchen. And like I said, I've done many, in these 33 years, 34 years that I've been in education.

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I've done, I was a teacher. I was a cluster. I, that's a specialty teacher.

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And I was, an AP. I was an assistant principal for 6 years. I was, as you know, principal, a deputy superintendent.

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And now acting as interim acting, community superintendent. So I'm excited. I'm excited to work with each of you because you know bleeding is a very very special place to be and you know bleeding is a very very special place to be and you all have a leadership role. A very, very special place to be and you all have a leadership role.

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And part of my core values, I Excellence, accountability, respect and teamwork.

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So I lead with heart and I expect that everyone that works with me and that we work collaboratively that we work with heart because it's important that you know we give our old to whatever we do.

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I don't know how to do anything a little bit. I even eat with passion. I love to eat as much as I love to cook.

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So it's that gusto and I have that in everything that I do. I always say I play hard.

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But I work hard. So, and you know, one of the things that was very important to me at PS 2 8 80 was to have community impact and you know as most of you might know because I know that you know as most of you might

know because I know that you were part of the process of naming our school because I know that you were part of the process of naming our

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school, was Liam was our mascot. He was a lion and part of it he always went around and on a t-shirt that's serving with heart.

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And in I believe that part of the community we have to a school needs to align to its community. It needs to understand its needs and I think that at Tuady I was able to do that.

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You know, we have brighter bites. We have Thrive NYC come to our school and and do murals with the students and the families that were that they created.

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So there were a reflection of what they wanted. So if you ever have an opportunity passed by the school and look at the.

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At the murals. We have brighter bites. We had 10 NYC and this was an organization that not only helped us feed our community but it helped us also give them flu shots exams we did dental screenings.

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I made sure that, and I worked with Noah, and Noah made sure that the school and the Jackson Heights beautification, she kept the school beautiful for us.

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So it was very important to communicate to work with the community and with the elected officials. Daniel Drum was a big part of always giving us officials.

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Daniel Drum was a big part of always giving us, turkeys. I look forward to working with each and every one of you.

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I am excited about what we can do together. For our community for our students most importantly for our children for our families are making sure that our our leaders in the buildings are doing what's best for our community.

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I have a quote that I want to end my little conversation with you guys is a leader is one who knows the way Goals the way and shows the way.

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So it's not just talking the talk, but it's also living it. And applying it and all of us doing it together.

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Thank you guys. I'm excited.

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Okay, thanks Miss Hidalgo. So what we're gonna do now is we're going to, if our members have any questions and then we'll go to public speaking and then people will, you know, if they have questions for you or anything like that.

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So if you have a question for Miss Hidagle or if you just wanna say, you know, something nice, you can do that.

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This is for our council member so please just raise your hand and I'll call on you.

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Oh, Marlene.

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Thank you.

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Miss. Dalgo, nice to see you at District 30. Welcome. My first year here also, so I look forward to working with you.

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I know. I was surprised to see you, but I was happy to see you.

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Yeah.

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I was surprised to hear about you. Yes. Welcome, welcome to District 30.

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Thank you.

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Hi again. Can you tell us a little bit about what your vision is for a district and what you're bringing from 32 that you think can help us here and anything that you want to kind of tackle a little bit differently.

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So, right now I'll be very, very transparent, which is, I have I have a lot of visions right because I know as a leader what has to happen and one of the things that we want to do is improve.

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And provide opportunities for all our students however it's been 3 days that I'm at the district office.

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So I've been, having the team just, it's a lot of schools. They're 42 and I already have had some glimpse and read some emails, especially yours, Victoria, but we'll talk about that separately.

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It I have to know the schools better right when you as a principal my concentration my focus was 280 of course when we went to principals meetings.

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Schools were mentioned very. Lightly, but now it's a very, a whole different ball game.

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So I have to desegregate. Triangulate all of the data that we got that, we received from the state, all the data that has happened throughout the year, which is the I-ready, the Acadians.

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So I have a lot of work to do and before I even share my vision and my mission because that's very important and that's what drive what that's what drives what you do.

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I need to do some homework. So I already have my team doing that and helping me, get that so that I can be not only global for the district but also very specific for schools.

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Thank you.

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Welcome. Welcome back, Miss Sendalگو. Very happy to have you. Have you back.

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I wanted to just say that in, creating that vision for the district, I really hope that you will engage not only us but parents across the district.

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And I hope that we can help to create that that vision together. And the other thing that I wanted to ask you, which is not to put you on the spot, cause I know you've been here for a week.

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But, or not even a week.

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And not even a week, just a few days. But can, can you tell us anything about summer rising?

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How summer rising is going. I know that some of us, you know, have our own kids in in summarizing but of course we are we just see what are the people we know.

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So can you can tell us how things are going with summarizing.

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Actually, I can share that since I since my first day that's something I've done. I went to 2 schools today and I've been visiting some arising just to make sure that everything is going well.

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As I visited the classrooms, it is going well. Students are happy. The only thing we've had a little bit of issues are with has been transporting students right but that's that's a whole different section that we're working on to make sure that kids get to where they need to be on

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time to make sure that kids get to where they need to be on time and are picked up on a timely fashion.

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But other than that, the schools that I've been to, a timely fashion. But other than that, the schools that I've been to, it's been running smoothly.

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It's been to, it's been running smoothly. It's been going well. Principals.

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Although they're using and they have access to the schools but that they realize what how to keep our kids safe.

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So yes, it's going really well. Thus far. Fingers crossed.

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Thank you, Deb.

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Welcome again. I just in the same vein as Jonathan, I was just gonna, in the same vein as Jonathan, I was just gonna say if there's anything that we can do to help you cultivate that vision if there's anything we can help you with that vision if there's anything we can help you with

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to be your ears on the ground to hear what we're hearing as well as the other, if there's anything we can help you with to, be your ears on the ground, to hear what we're hearing as well as other, groups like Presidents Council and, and any way that we can

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help you with that in terms of, getting back up to speed about different corners because it's we're such a huge district as you mentioned.

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It's hard to take it in and for our new members too. It's it's 42 schools.

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It's a really lot and every neighborhood is different. Every school is unique. And wonderful. So if there's anything we can do to help you.

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In developing your vision we'd be of course happy to.

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Absolutely. All I'm gonna say is just give me a little bit of time, but absolutely I will tap into, into, into you guys because I need you, right?

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We can't, you know the community. You know and and every school like you said is different and it's, various neighborhoods.

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So it's not just one neighborhood, you know, and this is it. It's various neighborhoods. So I will need your knowledge.

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I will need your expertise and I'm not gonna pretend, that, I don't need help, right?

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Because the truth is that I'm gonna need it and so I'm gonna depend on you guys to work with me, collaborate with me and help me make district 32 better than what it was.

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Or better than what it is, you know, so that we can move forward and just be proud of what we're doing and you know we've we have a lot of good schools a lot of good things are happening a great community great family

communities so we can do this we can make it better than what it then
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Thank you. Anyone else have anything they wanna say to Miss Hidalgo? Just
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I like to call on everybody before I speak. Sorry, that's how I wrote the
meetings. Marcela.

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Thank you. I'm sorry. My Wi-Fi is lagging a lot. I don't know if you can
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Senora is a pleasure having you here I'm looking for, working with you,
with all the team.

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I do have a lot of questions, but I don't wanna go into that today. I
know we're going to continue having meeting talking about the issue that
we have in or new issue new things going on.

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And I have a lot of question and a lot of the ideas to share with you and
we all of the team members.

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But I just want to say,

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. And I just set measure she can always reach out to me and I can answer
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And I say thank you very much.

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I got a little bit. I got a little bit. A Linda Hunter.

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Hi. Oh, I just wanna say hi. actually I'm still learning. I'm still catching ours.

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I don't have much to say. Just want to say hi and I think that's different now.

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Okay, Linda, we learn it together, right? This is a new role for me. I've been in the system 34 years, but I've never been a superintendent.

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So it's new and with new things comes you know a little uneasiness a little bit of where you need to reach out.

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But one thing you're gonna learn about me is that I'm very transparent which comes part of my heart you know if I'm not sure of something I'm gonna ask because I prefer to inquire than get it wrong completely.

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So we'll we'll figure this out, Linda. We'll get it together. Don't worry.

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Thank you. Okay, Hunter.

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Hi, so glad that you're here. and I was so, pleased that you called, us and reached out to us as in reached out to us as individuals.

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So thank you for making that. Effort and I think that's a great way to get started and look forward to getting to know you better.

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Thank you. I just want to say that I that's very important to me collectively. We're the CEC, right?

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And we're gonna do what we need to do. However, it's also important that I and that I get to know you individually because we all bring something.

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Personal right to our to our relationships so I look forward to and I will again just bear with me I'm counting it's not it's like literally date 4.

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So It's gonna take a little bit of time, but believe me, I will reach out to you.

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I will meet you individually and then we'll meet collectively and you know. Listen, I'm a Latina woman and as a Latina woman, there's nothing more than having conversations over food or over a nice cup of coffee or so we'll make it happen.

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Thank you. Okay, so maybe I'll go again. I wanna echo what 100 just said. I really did appreciate the phone call and for me.

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Absolutely. I'm a southern black woman. I'm all about food too and talking with people.

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So for me, I'm all about food too and talking with people. So for me, thank you. It really warm my heart.

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I can tell that you care about community. You care about children and you care about education and it just admit a lot to me that you took that effort to even just be prepared for this evening and try to present to us and they keep moving even though you had technical difficulties like resilience is my middle name too.

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So I get it. So I really do appreciate you coming tonight speaking with us and then also you know committing publicly to maintain open communication with our council, with parents, and you know the letter that you sent to everyone with your email address on it for parents if they needed you.

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That just meant so much just to keep those lines open. So for me, it's not just a welcome.

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It's a Oh, coming. So thank you for coming back to District 30 with that and your heart.

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I appreciate it.

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Thank you. I'm honored and it's a blessing and I'm humbled.

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To be given this privilege because this is a privilege to lead to to be able to guide, direct, motivate, inspire is that's a blessing.

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And I'm grateful to each and every one of you and to and you know and to the community right because I know that it's going to be a long road but we're gonna We're gonna be okay.

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Okay, well thank you. We can't keep getting mushy because I get misty.

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So the next item on our agenda is the public agenda speaking time. Again, this is for all of our attendees.

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If you have a question for Miss Adalgo or if there's any other education matters that you would like to speak to.

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This is your time. Dave will be calling the names from the race. Hands, please state your name and your connection to the district.

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Jonathan will be keeping the timer so please keep your comments to 2 min or less and if you're using the interpretation you have up to 4 min.

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So we're going to start with our hands in the Zoom room. So if you have any questions, please raise your hand and David will recognize you.

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Michelle, again, Michelle Moore.

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Okay, did I unmute correctly this time? Groovy. Okay, thank you. You guys know I always got something to say.

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So let me make it fast. OK, here we go. Ms. O'donagh, thank you.

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Thank you for, your discussion. I have been familiar with your, for your attributes and your passion, you know, for meeting you before and you know, welcome to the seat.

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I know you that you'll do wonderful. One thing I wanted to let you know that you'll do wonderful.

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One thing I wanted to let you know that you'll be wonderful. One thing I wanted to let you know that I formerly was on the council.

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One thing I wanted to let you know that I formally was on the council and one of my one of the things I wanted to let you know that I formally was on the council and one of my one of one of the things I wanted to do was advocate for those voices on her.

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I plan there are a lot of marginalized communities in this districts who don't afford it opportunities or conversations with the superintendent, they're not they're overlooked and they're disenfranchised.

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It's really a concerning issue for me. It happens in very select schools. If not, a great number of them.

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And it's not talked about that much. I love the fact that you're open to having a conversations with the council.

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I hope that extends the conversations with the public as well through any types of forums that engages parents.

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You know, here's their concerns and then get some resolution for them or at least an understanding of where they are.

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All this being said, you'll hear not only from me, but other advocates in the community who come to these meetings hoping to get your ear and the ear of the council in order to get resolution and I welcome you to the conversation.

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I'm very blunt. I'm very straightforward, but I'm also very loving. I know you can't see me but I'm smiling right now.

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Okay, welcome, welcome. Thank you for being quiet of this one.

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Thank you. Thank you. Yes, don't worry. We will have conversations.

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I don't know if you know, I just wanna say one thing. I grew up in Bushwick, a very marginalized community, still is.

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So I, understand the struggle for real. Came from a family of, we were 6.

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So I understand and I can relate and they'll never be forgotten.

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Do we have any other hands, race?

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Sorry. We, yes, we have the Heather Clark is next followed by Marnie Galman, but I'll call.

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Hi, thank you so much. Can you hear me?

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Thank you so much. Thank you so much. Interim Acting Superintendent Miss Adalgo and thank you to all the council members.

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I used to actually teach in this district and I taught in the district next door, District 24. I'm a black mom as well and a disability and racial justice advocate.

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And I have to say, having 2 children with disabilities. It's and a disability myself.

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It's really wonderful being able to have these Zoom Meetings because it makes it really accessible for me and other members of the community who have disabilities because it means that we can have interpretation, we can put captioning up.

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And then if our children have disabilities. That makes it hard for us to travel, we can participate.

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So it really allows for lots of accessibility. So I just want to give a shout out for true disabilities under the American Disabilities Act that this really is amazing.

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And I really wanna keep this up. Particularly for the 25% of New York City students who have actual disabilities.

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And that I wanna bring that to another point. I'm very concerned as a black parent.

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Who has a disability and has 2 students with disabilities about the right wing. That is taking over our school system and I would like to know Mr. Dago your feeling about the fact that CRT has become an evil buzzword that is actually not taught in our public schools.

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In K to 12 education, but it's being used as a buzzword and I specifically would like Miss.

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As a superintendent to address that. And to really, you know, take a stand against the right wing.

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Anti-black stance. That is being had by so many a very loud, determined force across New York City.

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That's happening. Thank you so much. Thank you. Because that's a real big part of the justice.

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For those of us who are most marginalized, which are black, Brown, disabled students and those who are from immigrant communities that are not considered the wanted immigrants, right?

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Thank you Heather. We have 2 2Â min. Thank you so much.

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Thank you.

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Heather, I will definitely, become more aware of all of this. I do, I do hear you.

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And I will do some homework on this to make sure that when I do address it and take a stand that I can speak to it clearly.

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I think they have said the next hand was, Mari Gilman.

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Hi, good evening. Can you hear me?

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Yes, okay. My name is Mari Gelman. I have a one child going into IS 1 45 in the fall and another who is a junior in high school.

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So he went up all the way through District 30. I'm also a teacher in the district and I want to say thank you to all our newly elected CC members.

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Some of you are returning and some of your brand new. So thank you all for taking on this role and I know it's a volunteer job and it's a lot of work.

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So I as a parent and a teacher. I appreciate everything you do. And I'm welcome to Miss Haldago.

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It's wonderful to see you here as our new. Acting in term superintendent.

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I live in Jackson Hight so I know 2 80 my sons went to 1 49. But I also wanted to speak about, the meeting format.

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People have been talking about, virtual meetings and I, I do support keeping meetings virtual.

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You know, like I said, I've been a parent the district for 12 years and I can tell you like Prior to the pandemic, the number of CEC meetings I've been to is maybe like 3 and 8 years.

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And I can't tell, I haven't kept track of how many I've been during the pandemic, but it's at least 3 times that I think.

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You know, I think overall the participation has been a lot higher. And I also wanted to say like I think some people may think that.

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A good resolution between people who want in person meetings or people who want virtual would be hybrid and I honestly think that would be the worst thing.

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I've participated in hybrid meetings with other organizations that I'm involved with and been, virtual and other people are in person and I find it just doesn't work very well.

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You're not really included in the conversation. And I know that we could say like, oh, we would do it differently and it would be good.

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But that has been my experience. So I would really, you know, encourage us to keep them virtual because of, you know, our district is, you know, large and spread out.

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And of course, the CEC meetings when they were in person, you know, kind of rotated around the district.

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But when I went to them in person, I found it tended to be either very low attendance in the audience or some people who are the same people showing up again and again or a lot of people from that particular school, right?

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Where whatever school is hosting it will be parents just from that school. So I just feel that overall the virtual format gives access to so many more people.

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You know, not only to speak, but just to be here and listen and hear what's going the CCC, you know, I feel so much more informed as a parent now.

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Thank you, Mari. I really appreciate it. I think our timer got a little blitz, but I know that was at our 2 min.

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No problem. Thank you.

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That was in our 2nd min. I really appreciate you calling and speaking up especially you know as an educator but I do want to say one thing briefly and I hope they will assuage some of the concerns.

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We are and I know you just said something about hybrid, but we really are going to not solely go to an import that in-person format.

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That was why we did not. Do that tonight or postpone our meeting any further. We want to maintain a space like this.

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For our community. But unfortunately, you know, with the opens meeting laws, until they give us permission to go fully virtual.

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We will be going to a hybrid format. We will not be going to a fully in person meeting.

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So all of our meetings will have an online component. It's just that tonight to meet the requirements of a hybrid meeting we did not have the in person quorum.

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So that is why we just did fully virtual. And so it and it's just again thank you for putting that in the chat there but we If you wanna help us, advocate for fully virtual space.

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We would love to help from the community. Thank you for speaking in our meeting tonight in support of that, but we will have to, our August meeting will be hybrid.

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So we will have an in-person component and a virtual component. And you have my commitment and I'm pretty sure I'm okay saying this for my fellow council members.

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We will do our damn disk to make sure that everyone is included even if you are in a virtual space that you will be able to, speak up and say your piece like we are doing this evening.

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We did have one hybrid meeting early in my term. Was it August of 20 August 22?

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And we, I think we did a okay job. A 2021, Lord Jesus, August 2021.

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Years blurred together y'all, but we did a good job of making sure that our community was able to speak up and had the same amount of speaking time as someone that was there in person and and I hate to say it, I think I do a pretty good job of cutting people off.

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So if the timer expires, so we will make sure that that happens. Sorry, I took so much time explaining that, but I just wanted to give everyone some level of comfort that we will not.

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Take away a virtual component for our meetings. So let's go to the next person. Deb, do we have any more attendees with their hands raised?

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Okay, so let's go to our interpretation room. Do we have any questions from the interpretation room?

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No question or comments in Spanish language.

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Okay, thank you Gail. Do we have any questions on the phone? No, okay, let's see if we have anything in the QA.

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I can do QA if you want me to, Whitney.

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Thank you, Victoria.

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No problem. Nick says I echo depth sentiment. We are here to help in any capacity that we can.

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Looking forward to diving in with you on President's Council as well. Also, yes, very much appreciated you taken the time to call.

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Kelly said, would also just like to stress my support of virtual meetings over the past 3 years, virtual meetings have been proven to be legitimate forms of conducting CCs and community boards.

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Eileen Malina says teacher and parents in district 30, how do you feel about dual language programs?

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Are you looking to open more and or support existing programs? Or are you interested in shutting any down?

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Do you want me to read the last comment or do you wanna talk, address this one, Whitney?

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Let's let, Miss Hidalgo say, yeah, dual language programs.

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I guess this is a question for you, Missy Dalgo. How do you feel about doing language programs and are you looking to have more or support them?

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As I started my career as a bilingual teacher, I then became an ESL teacher.

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Ps 280 had a dual language, classroom in every, grade.

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That is that's not something that you shut down or you start or you it's parents have to want it you have to have the number of kids.

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So again, it's a decision that you the leaders should not make in isolation. It's it's it's the demand of what the parents want.

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And and having the number of students to create those classrooms. Dual language is is a it's by literacy in both languages.

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So, and that takes work. Not only on behalf of the teacher, but on behalf of the families as well, giving them opportunities to listen to and read Spanish music.

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News, you know, the Spanish TV and even, literature is Spanish. So that's a decision that, I can't give an answer right now because it every school it's unique and I would have to see does it have a current by dual language program do we have the number of students to create an

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open a classroom and is that what the families want? So, it's more personal and dependent on, on the school, right?

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Thank you. Just 2 more. Meliel, I guess she was maybe in conversation with you.

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Miss Adalgo. Thank you. I'm on the website and don't see it.

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Only a letter from Dr. Compasso. I will email you as I really like to read it and get to know you.

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Thank you. And Heather Clarke says, Ted, Miss Adalgo, please share her contact information.

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So we can reach out to her with concerns and questions. Thank you.

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And that's that, that'll do it for Q&A, Whitney.

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Thank you. I think the letter we got, I know I saw it from my parent coordinator.

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So I think the parent coordinators are still sending them out. I got that's how I got the letter.

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And in Mr. Dalgo, if you want to, you know, share your email here for, you can, or if you want to put it in the chat.

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Yeah, I'll put it on the chat. It's not a problem. But yes, the, it should also be on the District 30 website.

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It should be there and schools and principals were given, the letters so they can disseminate to the community at large which means not only the families but also the teachers.

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So, but in any event, like I told Meli, just email me. And I'll make sure that you get it.

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Thank you so much. So that was the end of our public agenda and speaking time and it's also the last item on our agenda for our public meeting.

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So for our first public meeting with the new term here in July. I would like to say thank you everyone for coming.

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And I will move to adjourn our meeting at 7 20 PM. Do I have a second?

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Probably. Thank you. I see my second third from everyone. So I'm moving to adjourn our meeting at 7 20 p.

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MI am going to ask that we take a brief 10 min break before we start our business meeting which is the next item.

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Okay, it is 7 31. I'd like to call our business meeting to order. Thank you for recording Gail.

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Sure thing, Deb Alexander.

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So Victoria, would you mind doing the roll call for our business meeting?

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Jonathan and Greenberg.

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Victoria Mendel is present. Danny Rohy.

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Present. Thank you.

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All right, so, TORY, here to go. Thank you, Victoria. So our business meeting Thank you, Victoria.

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Can I say we?

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So our business meeting again is kind of brief. We are gonna have a lot of discussions tonight, but not like formal items.

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Since this budget discussion. So the first thing we're going to do is read and approve the minutes from our prior meeting in June for our new members.

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If you did get a chance to look at the minutes, if there's anything you have a question about.

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Hopefully we can answer it for you. But there was one thing I noticed on the business meeting men a business meeting minute scale there's a typo right at the top.

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You see what I'm talking about? It says May, but it's supposed to say June.

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Thank you. I will correct that.

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So that's. That is mine and then. Forgot which means it was but I think there's another part where it says you know I thank everybody for like the new president.

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I thank everybody for that and I thank them all for working together and being amazing. So if you want to add that.

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That was the only other. Because I want to put that in because I thank everyone for their contributions and all of their hard work.

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So that was something that I wanted to add. I'm sorry, I don't know. I usually let other people speak first, but that was my 2 little contributions before my toddler comes back over here.

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So, there's anything else I want to add to those minutes.

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Is everyone else okay?

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Okay, so I would like to move that we can approve those minutes as amended. Do I have a second?

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Jonathan, thank you, Marcela. Thank you. So Gail. Thanks Hunter.

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I appreciate it. He's still a new member. He got it. He's on it.

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So thank you for that. So I think we're good with that. Item on the agenda.

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So let's, move to the second item. Now this is something that we do need to discuss and we'll probably have to discuss and we'll probably have to discuss it again in August when we do need to discuss and we'll probably have to discuss it again in August when we have you know the remainder of our

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members on board but I want to have you know the remainder of our members on board but I want to have a brief discussion about the remainder of our members on board.

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But I want to have a brief discussion about the 2 schedules that were sent and so that we can answer some questions or maybe talk about the 2 schedules that were sent and so that we can answer some questions or maybe talk about the format.

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Of these meetings going forward. So the first, schedule that we were sent was if we keep our calendar and business meetings on the same evening.

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Or would we do what we are currently doing? Well, the last year, where we split the business meeting.

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And the calendar meeting though were held on 2 separate nights. So I wanna kinda. Facilitate a discussion around how we would do that going forward.

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So, Deb, I see your hand.

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So, just to point out some things particularly for the new members, when we are in person, we traditionally have been at a school or perhaps the district office.

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The meetings start at 6 30 and as you can see we're at about an hour and a half now.

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With no speakers, no the trade off to not doing that means 2 meetings. In a month in where we'd have to be in person.

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So that's 2 in person meetings per month versus that are shorter versus one. Potentially long meeting.

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In person and just to sort of go over and make sure that I'm clear for myself on what the open meetings law is.

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We have to have at least 7 people in person. And by then question to you, Whitney is do we want to talk about what that looks like in terms of should we We're gonna have 11 members.

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Is there a protocol we want or do we just wanna leave it to you? Everyone should come in person, then you then you You don't as long as there's 7 or do we want to rotate the day off or you know how do we want that to look as well.

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But, assuming we're gonna be in person as much as possible and all of us would be or as many of us would be in person as possible, those are sort of a 2 things to consider when when weighing that one long evening away from the house or 2 shorter meetings per month away from that.

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Okay, thanks, Deb. If you wouldn't mind, I would like to just have one other item I want to put in the discussion before we do that.

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So. In the spirit of being aware of how we typically split the meetings and it was easier for us to do because we were virtual both evenings.

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Complying, you know, open meetings law. Yes, that's the law. But everything else we could have from face, you know, that's guidance.

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So in my opinion, I would like to. Entered this into the conversation. If we separate the evenings, we make sure that the calendar meetings, everything that we have to have at an official vote would take place at the calendar meetings.

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Because those are in person. Maybe we could see if we could facilitate our business meetings in a virtual format.

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Conduct a business there. But remember that the official vote would have to take place. At the public calendar meeting, much like we are doing right now.

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Anytime we have a vote, we have to do the vote at the public calendar meeting and allow the public.

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To speak on anything that we're voting on. You know, absent this budget vote tonight, but.

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That is what I would kind of want everyone to consider. Maybe if that's something people feel comfortable with is just keeping our business meetings virtual.

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We happen to split the evenings. That way we're still conducting the business, you know, in this format is recorded, the public can watch if they want to, but we always would have to be cognizant that the vote would have to take place.

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At the public calendar. But that Just an idea doesn't mean we have to do it. It's just something I wanted to enter in the conversation for logistics.

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Purposes and you know just some ideas to see what people are comfortable with. Jonathan.

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I'd like to Just sort of relay that. You know, we obviously we talked a lot.

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During the last term about virtual meetings in person meetings. There were various points where it was, we were unsure.

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We did pass. A resolution and changed our bylaws although we did not do it in the exact way that face had sort of laid out for us.

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And one thing we talked about is that if the open meetings law where to go back fully into effect.

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They were points at which we said, well, We're willing to take the risk. Of staying virtual and you know, let somebody complain about it.

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Now, I'm not suggesting necessarily that we wanna do that now, but I do think that that is.

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An option for the council, whether that's an option for, you know, business meetings, whether that's an option for some calendar meetings.

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That is something that we could do, you know, we could, if we decided to do that, we could save.

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Important votes that we think might be controversial where somebody might wanna really, you know, be stickler about more in person meetings.

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The other thing I wanted to point out was just that as Whitney said we did have a pretty successful hybrid meeting.

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2 years ago. And so I do think it does take work to pull that off. It meant that every council member had their own device.

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So that essentially they were on this Zoom Meeting individually while we were all sitting. And so we were looking at each other, but we were also looking, you know, you could look down at your device and it actually worked really well.

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We bought a conference mic for the room so nobody had their individual microphones on their device. Nobody had their individual microphones on their device on.

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We just shared one conference mic and then we had another computer up front so that if somebody who was in person was speaking.

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They could be on the they could their face would be on the on the thing too so it did take work this is not easy to easy to do but we can't do it so just just just to kind of like say all those things to put those into our heads as we decide how we wanna move forward.

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If I don't wanna. Talk again if other people want to talk. I just so if other people want to go first by all means, but you can come back to me.

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But if nobody else wants to say

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Hey, it's on. Yep. No, seriously you guys, this is really an open conversation.

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We want I want to hear from everyone because this is something that's going to affect all of us.

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And I know we're going to talk about it again the August meeting, but these are things that we kind of want to keep top of my.

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But obviously when the other members get here and you know these are this is gonna affect our our meeting schedule our meeting cadence our meeting frequency and how often we are in person so I think it's our meeting cadence, our meeting frequency, and how often we are in person.

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So I think it's really important to hear from Deb, thank you for saying that, but like Hunter, Marlene, Linda, like seriously, whatever we want to hear from you.

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So I do have a question. So if one meeting when we're doing hybrid. Does that mean all council members have to be present also?

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So we all have to be present not just if it's hybrid regardless, right?

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Doesn't. So if it's hybrid, we have to have an in person forum. Now that we have 12, a 12 member council, the quorum is 7 members.

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So 7 of us will have to be at the in person location to meet the form requirement to have a hybrid meeting.

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And then I was just curious, like the rest of us would be able to sign in through Zoom then I'm assuming.

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So can we do rotations like that or it doesn't?

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Will that be easier?

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This is something that we would have to come to a consistent solid. So like let's say you know, if there's a certain role and you know you have to be there in person a majority of the time.

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That's what you would. Do you know what I mean? So like these are things that we would have to.

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Come up with as council norms and we would have to come up with as council norms and we've had norms meetings and I thought they were very successful so and we've had norms meetings and I thought they were very successful so that allows people to understand.

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What our operating style would be. So like you said, if we come up with a schedule or a frequency like if someone says they can come back.

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You know, for every meeting, you know, they can do that. Also to kind of help people with childcare expenses.

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Yes, we do reimburse for childcare, but you know what, if you don't have it up front one month.

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You know, like I don't think that we need to know people's financial situations like that, but.

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You know if it's helpful for you like these are things that we need to consider so yeah people do get reimbursed for childcare and parking and different things like that.

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So you know these are things that we would all be able to talk about, We need to consider people's circumstances as well.

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The last time that we did the meeting. I was having problem with the convention. I was like, it was kicking me out.

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And they didn't work at all. I don't know if anyone remember. All of us having problems with the Wi-Fi on the DEE building.

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It was not good at all. It was a That meeting. That's my point. My opinion.

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For me, childcare is going to be. I don't know anyone. I don't have any family in New York.

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I'm a single mom of 3 kids. I need to sit down and do home work. To of them has IP, one of them has the So 5 or 4 is similar to IEP.

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And they need help with their homework. And then traveling a night for me. I don't feel safe at all.

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Things that we need to talk about.

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I don't know. I don't know. I don't know what else to say.

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Thanks Marcela Hunter.

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Yeah, so I mean II liked the idea of kind of having a rotating, off.

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Days and I thought perhaps You know, if people have an idea about times when they. Need off, and need to be, virtual from a hybrid meeting that, we could, you know, kind of have a, a, I don't know if lottery is the right word, but take turns picking days

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and you sign up for days and like we got 12 council members and we need 7 for maybe 4 to be off you know every meeting and that gives us a little bit of cushion in case somebody just doesn't show up when they're supposed to show up and then maybe you could, be.

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Required if you're not gonna make it on your day that you're supposed to be in person, then you need to try to trade with somebody, you know, kind of like people do it.

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You know, if you're working retail or something like that. The other thing I would just say is that coming to 2 separate in person meetings.

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I'm on, there's people already that have. Difficulty with one but coming to 2 I think would be really difficult for everybody so if we are If we need to be in person for the business meeting, then I would say my go would be business meeting on the same night as.

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As the other. But don't know all the legalities around that.

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So, you know, most of you know that I'm always in favor of saying, well, you know.

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Faces there to support they are not there to. They have no jurisdiction over us and I still feel that way.

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I'm, super undecided on this. I, as a new lawyer, I'm like, How do I, how do I vote to like flout an actual law that gives me pause even though it would make my life a heck of a lot easier.

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So. I agree with Hunter. That 2 out of the house nights are is untenable for sure.

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I like your idea Whitney of not having any. Any official business discussed at a business meeting and anything we needed to vote on, we could we could vote, at the next calendar meeting if that was in person.

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And I just You know, I think. I don't think it's gonna go unnoticed and what then face does.

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II don't know. I don't know if they would invalidate any decision. Like I don't know what would happen.

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We could try it and see and see if it just. If they keep telling us a thing and we don't have to listen to it and I mean I think I think the recourse is fairly.

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Difficult like they have to file an article 78 lawsuit and you know who's gonna go to the trouble to do that, but you never know.

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I don't know. It's, it's hard. It's easy for me to say, well, forget what face says about XYZ, it's harder for me to say forget what New York State law says.

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And if we're gathering and there's 7 of us. I mean, I suppose the other, the other thing is if we gathered for a business meeting.

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With fewer than 7. Then we're fine and we're not just well but Yeah, then when then it's not a quorum and it's not it's not a doesn't need to be a public meeting.

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I don't know. I'm very, very conflicted on it. So, I'm which is unusual for me to not have a strict opinion.

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So II won't probably. Have a have a a big problem either way.

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Hi, Jonathan.

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II think that it's important for us to remember that the open meetings law is not just about quorum.

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Or you know meeting in person that there are other things like you know meetings have to be announced publicly and advance so that everybody knows and everybody knows where it is and that it's accessible for people and I think we should strive to do that for all our meetings whether they're online or or in person and be as Like, because, you

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know, I don't think we should just flout the whole thing and, you know, forget about the open meetings law.

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But if there are parts of it that we think that we can do our job better. By, you know, saying, alright, we're gonna have business meetings online and we're gonna, if somebody wants to do something about it, we're gonna let them, we're gonna take that risk.

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But we're gonna announce them. We're gonna have them as accessible as possible. We're gonna, you know, publish the agendas, all that stuff.

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I think we should do that. I also just want to say that, you know, in the past, we always had meetings as Deb said in schools it was a really nice way to see school buildings especially you know you only have your liaison schools, you don't get to see all these buildings.

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However, I'm just gonna say I don't think that we can have. Hybrid meetings.

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At rotating schools successfully. I don't think that technical, the technology is gonna is gonna work out for us.

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I think it would be too much of a lift. I think that we might be limited to having them at the district office where it's a smaller room.

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We can set it up the same every time. The Wi-Fi, by the way, Murray Sella was upgraded in the district office since our last since we tried to have that meeting because you were kicked off.

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And lots of other people were too. So we actually met with the DOE and had them come in and upgrade the Wi-Fi.

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Now that's not true at all the schools. You know, the schools, you're up against acoustics, you're up against where, you know, All this stuff, Wi-Fi signal.

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So That's I think that we might and the district office by the way for those of you who are new who might not know is in Queens Plaza.

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Okay, so you know Marlene that's all the way across the district for you and for and for some of us in you know who are on the eastern side of the district but that's my feeling.

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Thank you, Whitney. My question, I guess I wanna know when you're in person, what's your turnout of parents?

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Like what's the participation like? I don't you know at this district do you have a lot of parents that come in or is it just What what is it like, is my first question?

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Oh, I'm a let David John can speak today because they want to cancel longer than me, but the one in person meeting that we had were strictly in person.

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We had 3 parents, my first meeting, like 3 parents there. So, but that was again.

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It really, really depended on what was on the agenda. We could have as few as 20. And we've had as many as 200.

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More I think it veered more closer to the 20. And again this is pre pandemic so so much has changed aside from virtual capabilities.

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But people working from home now, so I don't know who knows what that means, but I would say, Gail would actually probably have the best sense because she's taking the attendance but I would say closer to the 2030 range but we could on occasion on a if there was a hot button issue have A

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I'll, I'll just add that there were definitely times when it was. A handful, especially over the summer.

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You know, not even close to 20. So it really that variation I think is all over the place.

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And it's hard to know. It's hard to know now whether that would even be the same as it would be before the pandemic.

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I think our lives have changed and how we see going out and all this stuff and especially if it's if it's if we have hybrid meetings.

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We might never know because if people have the option of just logging in to a hybrid meeting, very few people might, show up.

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100% totally agree with that like if there is if there is the option we are not we're not getting because even when we had that hybrid meeting, the first hybrid meeting we had.

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4 or 5 people but I totally agree, John.

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Now this is something that I'm just you know from from the district that I'm coming from which is really small, we would go to different schools and it was okay, it's all in one area.

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Here it's different. So how do you choose the schools that host and is it necessarily.

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Because they have to be. That way. So you have to go to a school.

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The school have to host. So could we just have one place where we would always set up.

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Like the district office and just set up the equipment and have everything set where we don't have glitches and have to worry about the Wi-Fi issue because the Wi-Fi issue is.

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I think in every school.

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Well, that'll be something we could decide tonight. Like if we all just wanna do hybrid from the district office.

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Everybody goes to the district office every time. It set up every time. That's something we could set.

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Just like the rotation, just like everything else, like this we as a council would come to that consensus and make the decision.

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Jonathan. But if we do go back to school, we do have to make sure that. But Jonathan, but if we do go back to school, we do have to make sure that it's successful by public transportation as an accessible So those are the things that we have to be mindful of for the school.

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So if the school is not accessible, like if people who have, disabilities cannot get into the building, they're off the list.

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Like we, we can't even consider them even if they have the best Wi-Fi to consider them even if they have the best Wi-Fi country that people can't get in there.

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And if it's not accessible by public transportation, we're disenfranchising a lot of parents.

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So those are like the 3 pillars that we would look for if we decide not to only go to the district.

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To the district building. Jonathan, your hand is up.

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I was just gonna say. Part of what you said, the criteria by which we used to choose what schools we met at.

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We did, I mean, I think I actually think, you know, all of our schools are on public transportation if you include buses in this district.

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So, you know, everything was on the table for that. In that way. But we did try to really vary the location so that we met in all of the parts of the district, right?

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So that like if 1 one month we were meeting in Long Island City. The next time maybe we met in Jackson Heights or Woodside or or, you know, like we just just to get to get us moving around the district also because we all live in different neighborhoods and so you know, to get us moving around the district also because we all live in

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different neighborhoods. And so, you know, we didn't want it to be inconvenient for everybody every time.

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But as I said, I do think that we should really consider meeting in the district office. At least for now.

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And, you know, but maybe permanently.

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We also have to be mindful of the time. If we planning to do the meeting at 6 pm we were I work to find traveling time And plus you had to be, if not, if I'm not mistaken an hour earlier to set up everything before the meeting.

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So that is going to be a problem as well, depending where are we going to do the meeting.

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Okay, Gail, Marlene, both your hands sort of at the same time. I, okay.

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Yeah, yeah, I'll go for a scale go first.

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So, you have to be, you have to do set up from about an hour and a half, especially if we're gonna do hybrid, we have to give it at least an hour and a half and that would be my job.

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Marcel, you'd be okay. Wouldn't have that would be my job to do that.

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The problem also with finding a location in the district is also parking. Cause you do have to be mindful of parking.

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I remember meeting at 1 50. That people wanted to be there presented wanted to be there. Nobody could park and then after an hour we were

getting phone calls saying I'm sorry I can't come and present but I can park.

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You know, so that's also an issue. To 12, for example, there's there's no place to ever ever park at 2 12.

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So it's just something else that we do have to consider, not just public transportation. I personally She is my job to set up.

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Would prefer trying it out at the district office first. And then maybe once we get really, really good at the hybrid, then consider.

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Moving out to the schools. Jonathan was great. We're setting it up last time in August.

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And we have all that same equipment and we'd be able to set it up again. The Wi-Fi was improved and we also look in 5 hotspots.

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That we can use to, that you can log into so you don't have to worry about being booted out.

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It's just something to think about.

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Thanks, Gail. Now, Marlene, you had your hand up and you put down. You still want to say some.

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The next, I guess, thing I have to say is regarding the meeting, the calendar and the business, meeting.

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In my opinion, it's just it's very hard to get. Someone to stay or just to plan your evening for one night.

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Let alone 2. From my opinion is or I feel like if it's all in one night even if it's A long night it's better.

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Then splitting it into 2. But perhaps that also will. Questions to be a little better at conducting these meetings and being a lot more conscious of the time and and you know instead of 20 min to speak 30 s or a minute you know just being mindful of the time set ourselves up so that we could meet that

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time and that we could finish fairly. You know, reasonable. That's my take on that.

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Thanks Marlene. Dan.

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So my question is would we if we are going to say that one meeting that we're that we're willing to just do what we're gonna do.

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Could we just stay fully virtual? Like, is that on the table as an option or would it just be virtual?

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A fully virtual option for the business meeting only. And in answer to you Marlene, Whitney has done like such a good job of keeping these meetings like snappy.

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You'll get to know I will talk a lot. But If we had if we had a meeting.

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The calendar meeting. The way it's been, we've had our calendar meeting that's say 2 h on one night and then 45 min to an hour on the following Monday, for a business meeting.

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Both of these are virtual, obviously. And that's the other thing if we are going if So many variables if we did.

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All in one, which we had always done for years before this. And I preferred to go certainly to going out.

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I don't know. I guess my first question is the main question is is that all is that a consideration to just say we're just gonna stay virtual.

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We're just gonna do it. Totally or are we only talking about the business meeting going virtual?

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Okay, Hunter.

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I would be, I mean, I'm brand new, so I don't know enough about this, but I would be really concerned as I guess my email before highlights about us just kind of saying we're not gonna follow open meeting laws for anything and if we wanna do that for business meeting.

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And do it separately. I mean, I'm fine with that. You know, for not conducting, but I would really hate for us to.

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Conduct some business, make some boats, and then have somebody come. And disagree with that and have that all get.

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Thrown out. Because we, didn't because we kind of decided to stay completely virtual for everything.

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So that very uncomfortable for me if that's what, you know. The vast majority people wanna do.

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I, you know, I'm new and I'll go along, but, that concerns me.

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I was I was gonna say something else but I will hold off until I remember it so I won't waste anybody's time.

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Well, I call you again. Just raise your hand one more time. Jonathan.

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I wanted to point out that Last year. We talked about buying some. Laptops for people.

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Who may not have. Or for the council. So that people who whose devices weren't reliable were still able to do it for a virtual meeting, but that would hold true for a hybrid meeting as well.

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And so at least the way we did it in the past so it might be something we wanna think about again.

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The reason why we didn't end up buying laptops last year is partly because we just didn't.

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We didn't have the discussion soon enough and then it was too late. And we weren't able to spend our budget on that.

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But, But it did something that we could do. We could buy a couple of Chromebooks and that would, mean that, you know, if we're, if we're in person having a hybrid meeting and somebody doesn't have a reliable.

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Device, then we have one for them. So I, I also just wanted to say that I you know, regardless of what we end up doing.

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I will continue to advocate as best I can to the state. To make an exception for. Councils like us like volunteer councils like us so that we can meet officially.

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Virtually because you know we can do a hybrid meeting I think but it as I said it's not easy and not all councils and community boards can do that.

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So, regardless of what we end up doing, I think it's something that I would like to continue to advocate for and I hope that some of you will as well.

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Okay, Hunter, are you here and make up the new hand? Oh, okay.

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I it was I don't know What I was thinking of earlier is just to say that, you know, it sounded like from listening to our constituents, the people that spoke publicly.

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That we definitely need to have a virtual component. And I don't know if they were representative of the whole district, but it sounds like there's so many people that, you know, that's an important part of access.

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So I think that we need if we're gonna have a in person meeting we definitely have to have the hybrid.

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Okay, thank you. And this is, y'all don't press me out because this is one more thing that popped in my head.

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So the reason my reasoning for keeping the business meetings hybrid is because if we have a long meeting that night.

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And we don't get to the business meeting. I think that we should. Consider business meeting.

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And committee meetings staying virtual because remember even though we're discussing items and maybe moving along in our work and having touch points.

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The still official vote for all the work that we do at these meetings. Happens in our calendar meetings. So those are where the votes take place.

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So that was just my reasoning for that because we are. It you know and I and I had to say and I had to put it I like this but if I'm really like this President, Archimedes are gonna do a lot of work because we got a lot of stuff to do for people in our community.

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We have rate like this last year, we raised the bar. Like we had a lot more programs for our community.

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We had a district day. We had speaker series and they're expecting us. This is Cameron.

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I told you he was gonna be big. They're expecting us to maintain that level of work and we're gonna have to figure out ways that we can meet as committees and conduct business so that we are not.

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To like it's not too arduous for people to be functioning members of our That is my little 2 cents.

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Sorry, I just had to throw out committee meetings as well because we get a lot of work done in our committee meetings and I don't think that we wanna have committee meetings at the public library.

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If we want to keep those in the virtual space, we will. So Hunter, I saw your hand and Debb, I saw your hand.

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So. Committee meetings I know are actually permitted to be virtual and so I think there's no issue with doing committee meetings virtually.

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Oh really? Because I heard differently from some community boards.

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Yeah, but now they want us all like Yeah, so that's why it's like if we're gonna do committee, I might we might as well throw everything like we might as well throw everything like let's say we have both of them on one night, we might as well throw everything like let's say we have both of them on one night, but let's say that calendar meeting

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with 5 h, we have both of them on one night, but let's say that calendar meeting with 5 h, but let's say that calendar meeting with 5 h.

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I'm hungry, but let's say that calendar meeting with 5 h. I'm hungry, y'all hungry. We gotta get home to the babies.

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I only pay my babysitter for 5 and a half hours and I gotta get home. Like we might have to, like we did it before.

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We had them on one night like literally vote to adjourn and they have the business meeting, you know, the next day or however we did it.

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So like these are things I want people to kind of keep in mind like what has happened in the past and even though like I did come in during the pandemic.

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The majority of my time was virtual. You know, I know now that we have to pivot, but we also have to be.

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Since to other people's central situations and I don't want to disenfranchise a community or a member because they can't come in person.

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Yeah, and that's one of the. Things that I had also. Heard from other, committees.

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I mean, are from other, CECs or seen on other CC's is that they try to hold the business meeting if they can if it's short and then if they don't then just roll roll it over to another time and we, you know, could operate on a backup plan like that.

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That seems like a great idea.

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Thank you, Deb.

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All right, I think I have an opinion. So just, to the way that I look at open meetings law and which is my understanding of the spirit of open meetings.

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It's not just about decisions. It's about it's about the public's access to our decision making process.

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We've talked a lot about the public's access to our decision-making process. We've talked a lot about this in the past.

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So it's not just Just for the vote, it's for the deliberations and how we come to the decisions we come to.

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So, so that's important. Beyond just having official votes at public meetings. But something that obviously we all learned during the pandemic is that the public can have even greater access virtually.

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Whether it's hybrid or what if they are behind a computer screen, they they engage more.

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So I think I would be okay. Saying provided though I think it's a little bit different than what you were saying about the contingency if we were to hold a business meeting on the on another night I feel like To Jonathan's point, we would try to.

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Try to have all of the other aspects of inclusivity that open meetings law requires like the notice. The advance notice, the note public notice, the agenda, all of those things.

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If we did have that a second meeting like we've been doing that would be noticed and properly everyone would have access to the link and it wouldn't be sort of spurious.

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You know, or we'll see you tomorrow and then no one knows about it. So I think I would be in favor of keeping a second.

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The keeping the business meeting. Fully virtual with notice to the public. To come to those meetings.

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Thanks, Deb. Okay, so I know that We're kind of getting in the middle of conversation.

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I just want to do a time check really quick. It's 8 11. We do have some other items on our agenda that we need to discuss tonight, but I do want to Make sure that we have consensus on the ideas that have been discussed.

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So right now the ideas that have been discussed were if we go to the hybrid meeting format. We would start off at the district building.

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Like those were the meetings would primarily be at first. Is everyone okay with that? I idea moving forward.

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Marley is at your hand up or you gotta put you good? Okay. Good. Okay.

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So that is the one idea that I think that we should elevate and move forward with that idea. The second idea is that if we go to the hybrid format at this point in time, it feels like we have more of a consensus to do the business meeting alongside the calendar meeting if we go into the in-person hybrid

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format. Is that correct or incorrect? Like have both of the meetings. At one night if we do.

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I don't know that we have a consensus.

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The hype like that. Yeah, Jonathan. And Marley. No, I'm saying is that one of them?

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I didn't say it was the only. I say is that one of the I like we would elevate to move forward to discuss.

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So are you saying that you would like? To keep them separate and do the business meeting virtual.

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I'm leaning toward that. I'm not sure that I'm settled on that, but I do wanna just remind everybody that, you know, the length of our calendar meetings really does vary.

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I mean, we said this before, it really does vary. If there's a meaty topic and a lot of people come out to talk about it, our meetings can go a long time.

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And in some ways I just want to say that is some of the most important work we do. You know, those meeting important topics.

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So we're out, we're, you know, our meetings might be 3 h, but we're doing the work that we signed up for and that we know is hopefully is really making a difference for our for our communities.

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But in that case, the calendar meeting just went really long. We all probably want to get home. So if we think that we can, we're willing to take that jump and say, alright, we're gonna do our we're willing to have our business meetings fully virtual.

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I think that I would That's right now where I would go.

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Okay, so you would prefer separate This is the business calendar meetings with the business meeting understood that it will only be virtual.

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Okay, now Marlene, I see your hand up.

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Now, like my thought is behind, participation from the community, from the parents. And I know if If we have virtual business meetings, a lot of the parents will be able to access, but they can't.

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Or the community could access, but they can't necessarily ask questions or speak in a business meeting. It'll just be our conversations and then come on calendar meeting where it's hybrid where their input can be.

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Raise or put out there then, you know, that's, the space where they, get to.

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To speak. So like that's where my conflict is, you know, having them separate is we're gonna lose maybe the ones that could go to the in person and can't go could only go through the virtual and we're not gonna get the full.

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Perspective from our communities.

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Hey! Yeah, I don't think historically in district 30 we don't comment during our business meetings.

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The parent they don't come in like the business meetings are just members. So the only space they were coming in is the So they wouldn't be commenting on our business meeting at all.

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Right. So, and that's what I'm saying if we have these, though the business meetings virtual and they're not commenting and we're making decisions.

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Oh, but then, oh hold on. I was missing a factor here. We're bringing it to the calendar meeting where they will have.

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Yes, where they will have the opportunity to discuss what happened at the visits meeting at the calendar meeting.

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I was having a I was having a moment there. Okay, alright, alright. Never mind the question.

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So I'm actually. I probably agree with Jonathan in this point, because I feel like probably the business meeting is just us, right?

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And it really doesn't matter if you know, if it's, if it's, in person or not.

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And it's usually shorter if I'm not open, right? So it wouldn't be like, so the calendar meeting is usually the ones that are open to the public and is usually the one that lasts the longest.

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So I think I agree with Jonathan that I'd rather do that than versus like 4 h. Not that I don't like to see everybody in person, but I do want to go home.

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Thanks. Oh, Play yo! Okay, so thank you for this discussion. So now it appears and I don't want to.

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So now it appears and I don't want to share mine before I move. I personally like to keep it a little separate because I personally like to keep it a little separate because I feel like it gives us additional time.

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I personally like to keep it a little separate because I feel like it gives us additional time to flesh out our ideas.

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I feel like it gives us additional time to flesh out our ideas after we hear from the public in our business meeting.

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So that's why I like to keep them additional time to flesh out our ideas after we hear from the public in our business meeting.

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So that's why I like to keep them a little separate. And then also, I like y'all, y'all seem like very nice people, but I also don't want to get home at 2 or 3 in the morning.

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God make Cameron. I don't know how many times he does not go to sleep until mommy puts in the city.

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So that's just my personal thing. You don't have to worry about me, my husband will work it out, but you know, that is where I'm coming from with quiet.

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I like keeping it separate if we are able to keep the business meetings

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Yeah, so it seems to me though that, I mean, where it seems like we're all agreed or most everybody's agreed on a virtual business meeting.

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But it seems, I mean, I know there are a couple of people that advocated for having only one night of stuff.

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And so it seems like as an alternative I would love for us to consider to a completely separate business meeting what I was saying before which was Yeah, let's originally post a business meeting on the calendar meeting night and then we can have some agreed time if we are more than 3 h or if it's more than 3 and a half

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hours, whatever the time is, then we automatically just rescheduled the business meeting for 2 weeks later or whatever it notes we pick some days certain ahead of time where the business meeting can be rolled over to and we can have appropriate notice for that.

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So we can we can do appropriate notice but if we have time in the calendar meeting then we don't have to create an extra business meeting.

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You know on another date and save people that people that only want to meet kind of one night.

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Well, we could bring forward both ideas. So like if you say we wanna, you know, we can vote.

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Like if everybody wants to do just one night. For the business and calendar meeting to make it select that and if they want to go with the second item which is the calendar and keep the business meetings virtual on a second night.

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We do have the 2 schedules that Gail has. So those will be the documents we could bring forward at the August meeting and make our final decision there.

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Is everyone okay with the August meeting and make our final decision there? Is everyone okay with moving forward? With the understanding that every column we see on the business meeting side.

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We want to do virtually. So that is what we're elevating from this conversation. Is that correct?

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Okay, so the official vote will happen in our August meeting for those items. Remember the item that we will the Iems sorry that we'll be voting for is to keep The one monthly calendar and business meeting scheduled again, both on one night.

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With a contingent of particularly, you know, if it's too long. Picking the day 2 week out, 2 weeks out for the business meeting so we can give the proper notices and then the second item is again use utilizing that second.

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Calendar with a 2 separate times with the understanding that all the business meetings will be held virtually. Is everyone okay with that?

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Hey, thumbs up. Okay, so those will be the 2 items that we will be voting on.

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And discussing with our new members will make it here so they can vote on them too. So if you all want to holler at them and remind them and we can.

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Refresh these conversations. Those are the items that we are elevating. Again, the first. Meetings will be at the district office because that's where we're setting everything up because with technology there and then again the votes on the one schedule with the understanding that both will be held at night with contingencies in the second

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schedule that all the business meeting columns will be held virtually. Okay, we're clear. Got it.

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Alright, so let's go. If you are okay, let's go to the next item.

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On our agenda, let me see what that is.

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Sorry, I got to talk in. Hey, and the next item on our agenda is. The approval for our proposed budget.

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This is where we're gonna talk about the budget really briefly. We just wanna approve. The number that we have, Gail, would you mind sharing your screen really quick to show everybody what the budget is so far.

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And the only reason we're going to approve this tonight is so that people if they need a reimbursement for this evening they can do that but the real purpose is so that we can make the payment for our website because we don't want our website to go down.

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So that's why we have to, you know, approve this tonight and then. Again, vote on it again at the August meeting.

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So. It's okay. I'd like to move that we, discuss this initial budget.

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Remember this budget is a living breathing document. We can amend it and change it and move these figures as much as we want.

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So tonight we'll just be the initial vote on like enacting this budget so we can get these these monies released to us so that we can make the payments that we need to make for our website in our Zoom account.

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Okay, so I like to move that we. Approve this initial budget as. Presented to us and then, vote.

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Again at the August meeting. Yes, Jonathan.

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I just wanted to ask about the Zoom. The zoom account because that this was about 2 things right the the website and the zoom and The situation with the Zoom account is that We have a Zoom account through.

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The DOE. All, councils do. But it doesn't have all of the features that we wanted it to have.

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So we have been for the past 2 years buying a a fancier zoom. Subscription for the council.

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Maybe Gail can remind me and us what it is that the fancier one does that the DOE one doesn't.

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Well some of the security features at the DOE puts on their zoom accounts, are rather challenging and we can't do the settings the way we like them and it isn't a webinar.

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Some of the recordings and the data that we collect we cannot get from the DOE. And then we have to wait for them to release the recording rather than.

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We having access to it. Within hours and then we put it on the Google Drive, etc.

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It's just, more autonomous. It's where, you always wanted to be independent and We also, we originally got the webinar because of the zoom bombing.

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Hi, and disaster that was all around and fortunately with this webinar feature we don't have that issue.

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Thanks, Jonathan. And thanks, Jonathan. And Gail.

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That's about it.

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So, family members, if you have any other questions, you know about what we just discussed.

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Again, this is just the initial approval so we can get the funds released and start making payments. Again we do make changes to the budget.

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Throughout the year, but this is just to get the ball rolling on those items that we have to make the payments for.

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So is that \$399 a month or something like that for Zoom?

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No, no, no, it also includes our website. There's a breakdown we're separate, but like.

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90% of that is our website. Sorry. Good question. Good question.

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Yeah, on the top change. Hey, where are on the bottom? Okay, we're here.

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Are you okay now? Sorry, Oh, Kami is here. Okay, so I would like to move that we, vote to approve.

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The budget and then we'll vote again in in August. Is everyone okay with that?

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Alright, so it comes up if you all are okay with, voting and approving this evening.

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I think that was everybody Gail. So we have. 7 of us here. So we did it.

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We did a job. So thank you for that. And we will vote again in August. Hopefully we'll have more funds in the budget because we're getting 2 additional members.

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So let's. Let's hope for that. All right. So the next item on our agenda is we are going to discuss a liaison assignments.

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I'm gonna ask all my other fellow council members with more seniority to help me lead this discussion.

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But again, this is just a discussion. You know, as council members. We do have schools that we service liaison for.

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The only rule that I'm going to bring up that we have been very good at honoring is that you cannot.

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Be the liaison for your child's school. Can't do it. So you cannot be the liaison for your child's school.

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So we have a large list of fortune schools in our district. We're gonna discuss, you know.

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How we've historically done this or if there's schools that you're interested in, you know, these are things that we would talk about as a council.

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I think when we did last time we kind of share the list and people kind of picked. What they wanted and you know that's how it went and it was very good you know it was nice everybody was nice about it.

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So people didn't get every school they wanted. Some, you know, that's just, you know, but we all work together.

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So, I'm gonna let Jonathan and Deb kind of lead this right here, you know, Marcela, they can speak towards how we've done it historically in the past.

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I'm gonna mute myself because I think my friend was top so Jonathan, Help Corral this moment jumply go ahead.

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So. I mean, when you said a lot about, you know, we have liaison schools and I think that, you know, members have varied in the past as to how active they've been with their liaison schools.

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You know, we try to go and meet with them. Go, meet with the principal and the parent coordinator, and maybe attend an SLT meeting.

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You know for each school that you have but it's, it's, it can be, it's like 4 or 5 schools that you that each person, each member, is assigned to.

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So So it is, it can be a lot of, a lot of time. I think the last time.

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When we assigned the liaison schools. I tried to give people who had already had like had been assigned to particular schools the option of keeping those schools if they had a relationship with that school and they wanted to keep working with them.

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I sort of, you know, prioritize that. That's something we could do again. We're not do.

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I think, you know, some people might want to switch up there liaison school. So, you know, it's not that's not given that they would want to.

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But the other thing that we've tried to do or I think we've tried to do is to give people a mix.

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Of schools so that your schools are you're getting to see schools that are in different neighborhoods in our district and different grade levels.

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So that you get some middle schools some elementary schools, you know, you get to see what schools are like in different neighborhoods.

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Across the, the district. And, you know, I'll say it's really nice to go in person to schools and to see the building and to meet the people in person.

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But now I think, you know, You, you can decide what you're comfortable with and what you'd rather do.

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I think there's definitely an option of, you know, meeting with the principal and parent coordinator virtually if that's what, if that's easier and that's.

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That's what you prefer. Deb, I don't know if you have things to add to that.

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That's really it. I mean, I assume we're just having a basic discussion now. We'll wait to, I mean, I assume we're just having a basic discussion now. We'll wait to August to, divide them and stuff.

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I agree. I particularly agree with the courtesy given to the returning members of they do have a relationship with a school.

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I think that's a that's a good precedent to set. And I think, I mean, I, yeah, I mean, I think if anyone has questions about it, oh, we tend to get, I think if anyone has questions about it.

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Oh, we tend to get, I don't wanna rehash for Marlene who knows all this already, but we, in a district this big, we have say 4 or 5 schools each is the way it usually shakes out.

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In the beginning. You don't have to get to all of them. You can get to all of them, especially if, there's PTA meetings or SLC meetings that are in a hybrid format, you can go there.

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You don't only have to go to your liaison schools. And we also, tend to give the liaison the courtesy of saying, Hey, I'm going to this school for this reason because, you know, for some reason just it's always nice to tell the liaison, oh I'm going to your

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school. But you're certainly welcome to go to any school you want to even if they're not your liaison school.

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I think, I think Jonathan really, really covered it though.

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Thanks David and Jonathan. Marcela, there's something you want to add. Marcel is very active in the community here on my side of town. So she goes to a lot of our schools.

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Especially one in Lauren and that's not my liaison but is very close to my community.

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I have a very strong relationship with PTA or PTAs 1 12 1 11 I just started with 1 26 because when I started it as a CC.

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I just want to miss this didn't have. It's very important to have that relationship with them.

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They struggle a lot. They don't have the right resource and if we can help. Why not?

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Just have that relationship with them.

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Good. Thank you. So Gail, they just email the list of our schools. So what I'd like everyone to do is just no take a look at the list.

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Take a look at the list. Look, they have to show you her to look. Oh, they got a miniature.

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Yeah, go show her your meaning figure. Go get one. Okay, I'll get it in a minute.

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Thanks, Dia. So again, Cameron. We love kids.

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That's why we're here. So.

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I happen to have a Lego next to me when he asked for my toys.

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You were ready, but yeah, so that's what we're gonna do. Just kinda look at the list, go over it.

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Think about 4 or 5 schools. And you know, if there's a liaison there, you know, hey, you pick one of my schools and I'm just like, okay, that's cool.

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We will talk it out. We've always been able to come to amicable decisions together as a council.

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Linda, see your hand up.

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Hi, yeah, I have a good question. I'm looking at the list now. So some of the schools don't have liaison.

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Is that what it is?

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Yeah, that the council members didn't come back right Gail, so you diluted everybody. Yes, so the only people's names are there are the people who return.

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So if they're blank, that means that there are the people who return. So if they're blank, that means that whoever was their liaison did not return to council.

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Yes, this is just otherwise I will forget, but you sending the email, to the group, maybe remember you for our past council made a Google group.

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Of can you make us another one with the new members?

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Jonathan did it. He got it.

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I made the group. And I'm gonna keep the same group. And just change the membership.

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He's gone. Adjust the members. Yep.

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So we're and so just for everybody there are actually 2 groups and Gail, let's talk about this because I know you've had some issues with the group.

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But there are 2 groups. One of them is all of the members and then one of them includes the superintendent.

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So if there is a discussion that you want to include the superintendent with, then use that one. And it actually is called, one is called CEC 30 members.

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The other one is called Cdc. 30 members plus superintendent. So, I will, fix that all and send you all the information and Gail let's let's talk as we can investigate.

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Good. It's, Good, you got thumbs up buddy.

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It just doesn't work Jonathan with my DOE email. So I have my own little group.

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Don't toy. Apologies. So let's go to the next item. On our agenda.

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And So again, you know, look at the list. Think about the ones you wanna consider.

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I'll email the members, you know, that they were here this night tonight to let them know like, hey, we're discussing this list.

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You pick up you too and you know we'll discuss those at our obvious meeting and you know hit the ball, get the ball rolling on that.

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And you know, hit the ball, get the ball rolling on that. And the same thing for the next item.

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And the same thing for the next item on our agenda is our committee assignment discussion. Now we did touch on committees earlier.

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I think that we all kind of want to keep those meetings virtual for our committees. So with committees, you pick what committee you wanna be on.

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And the President assigns the chairs. Of the committee. That's how it is according to our bylaws.

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You can be on as many committees as you want to be. But you can't share all of them.

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It doesn't work like that. So We want to be as equitable as we can be with chair assignments.

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And yeah, we have some standing committees, one of which is our zoning committee. We have a zoning committee that Tony committee is not going anywhere.

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We will always have a starting committee. It just depends on how active they will be going anywhere. We will always have a starting committee.

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It just depends on how active they will be if we have any active zoning things going on. It just depends on how active they will be if we have any active zoning things going on.

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That is, it just depends on how active they will be if we have any active zoning things going on.

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That is, that committee is not going anywhere. We have other committees that are new committees that we had and then we have some more committees.

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I think we need to choose to start. So these are discussions that we'll have on our committee's Gail.

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Can you share the committee list really quick? I'm sorry I wasn't ready. I don't I don't have my document ready to share so I'm sorry about that but these are Gail is gonna put up the list of the committees that we have.

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I'm gonna be off with all before she pulls up at list. We have one committee that was just never active.

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It just never was. It was our racial justice committee. People tried to get the ball rolling. People wanted to do different things.

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I think it's an important committee to have. Fortunately, we just did not have anyone that was sharing that committee that called meetings that did anything, but these are our committee meetings that we had.

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We have our bylaws committee that's a standing committee. So bylaws and zoning, those are the communities we have that are not going anywhere.

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They're not going anywhere. So those committees will always have. The again. Returning members, returning members.

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So that is what happened. So, these are the names that are list, but these are the committees we have.

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So for the district liaison positions, like if you're the president, you will always be on the district leadership team.

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Victoria is an officer on the President's Council for she liaisons with the President's Council.

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We have our zoning committee. We have a special education committee. We have a racial justice committee and then was at communications and outreach.

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We have, that committee. I think we need to have like an the community events committee essentially.

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Some committee that does community events. Because we had a successful District David, that was our novel event. I don't think the community wants that event to go away.

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So maybe if we had a committee, to that we would talk about the committees that we want to form.

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But again, the standing committees that we have are zoning and bylaws. Those aren't going anywhere.

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Our communications was a communications and outreach that committee that they did a lot of things like for our website, our social media, they pick their logo like again the committees do as much as what work you're gonna put in there.

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To do the working it. So like if you're right now there's a committee maybe you think or maybe we can replace one that wasn't active and name it something else.

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Those are discussions that we have. I kind of want to turn it over to some of the chairs.

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Like, was our by-law chair. Jonathan and Marcela chaired our communications and outreach committee.

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So I kind of want to let them talk about those things that you know that they did with their committees and how they kept a constant meeting schedule and you know what they did to get the work done in those areas.

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So, you know, dad, Jonathan, Marcela, you don't wanna speak to your experience there and give some pointers about how you all were successful in the in the last couple of years.

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I'll just say bylaws is really straightforward. You're it's best best practice to go over your bylaws once a year.

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We just finished a review of our bylaws, so I don't know how active this committee will be.

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Immediately. If there are things that come up that we do wanna change. Throughout the term. Then we can, but I think meeting we met once a month or so, and it was pretty successful.

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But I don't know that that will be a very active committee at least. Right now because we just approved new

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Yeah, thanks, Deb. Jonathan and Marcela.

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I'll just say, yeah, the committees are what we make them. Right. So like the The our calendar meetings, our business meetings, those things are on the those things are set.

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We have them every every month and there are certain things that we're gonna do as a council whether we whether we have initiative or not but in order for the for the for the Committees to be to be you know useful and to be active it just it does take initiative from the from the chairs to set meetings and set

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agendas and get stuff done and there's a lot we can do. So, you know, I think.

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Yeah, that's it.

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Okay. And then I guess at our next meeting we'll discuss on, you know, what committees we want to keep what committees we might want to form.

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I know I just kind of showed my cars when I set up we need to have like a committee that does programs for the community.

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But you know, those are the type of things I think that are community has asked for and you know we delivered on it it was an ad hoc committee for the district day, but I thought it worked very well and maybe if we have more time we can make it even better.

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So these are the type of things that you know we want to consider and and discuss. You know what committees we're gonna keep what committees we might.

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Configure into a different committee. And you know, What can work you might be interested in and don't feel like because you're a new member, you can't share our co-chair. That's what we're here for.

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We're here to work together. We all have skills that we bring to the table. So don't.

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Don't not put yourself up to be a chair. You can do it. If I could do it, you could do it.

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I would like to see a special education. At this year. It's very important for me, for the community.

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So I want this year I need I want to be very active.

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Do you have any other comments like Hunter or Marlene, Linda? I've been talking a lot.

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I'll talk to her, Marlene, Linda. I've been talking a lot. I'll talk talking else hands off.

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I'm Oh, chocolate. Why? . One Okay, so what we'll do is like I said Hey, Ko, some committees you might want to be on. Think of some work that you might want to do.

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Or there's a committee like you think that maybe we can reconfigure and do something else with.

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Because we can discuss that again when we have all of our members present and different things like that. But this is these are just items I kind of want you all to think about before we, you know, meet again in August.

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So, Thanks for that. And then the last item. On our agenda, his new business.

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We just that business. So in my opinion, all the business we discussed was new, but we actually do have a new business item.

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So I'm going to ask if we have some new business. If you have new business, please raise your hand and then we could discuss whatever new business that you have.

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Deb, I know you got in a business.

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Great, this is really fast. I noticed, somewhere, inside schools. Org come I don't know the website inside schools was asking for any volunteers who might want to give or help out the asylum-seeking community with information about how the New York City education system works.

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To parent both parents and students. I applied and, they said they would be interested.

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So I was curious if A we want to offer something as a counsel to them to maybe make it an event or a virtual space for that to teach up with them.

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And I can suggest that to them or if anyone else was interested in, working with me on that.

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I have a, an interest meeting. Call with them and I think a week or so but just throwing it out there if anyone's interested.

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Or if we're interested in, proposing something to them as a council.

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Okay, so I like the idea of maybe giving them a virtual space to talk with other members and then I'm Mary Sella I hate to put you on the spot

but Mary Sella has like been boots on the ground with a lot of our asylum seek families translating for them.

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Marcela even stepped up and got some translations for what they, Portuguese and she really helped at 1 11 at 76 like Marcela has been.

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Like a chess, helping our asylum seeker family. So I do think Marcela is a resource.

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She can help with that too. Marlene.

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I would be more than happy to like work with you and get things going. I'm in a community where we're getting a lot of more than happy to work with you and get things going.

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I'm in a community where we're getting a lot of, asylum I see their needs.

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I could communicate with a lot of them.

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Yeah, well.

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I'm definitely open to helping do the work.

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Alright. So, Marlene Marcela, I'll get us connected on, on a, an email, is email or texting better?

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Texting would be. Best on my end because I probably get a hundred emails. An hour. So yeah.

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Okay.

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Texting, not WhatsApp though, the regular texting.

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I've got I've got I think I have the contact information. I will get us on a text thread chain thing.

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And we'll talk about, Thank you.

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Thank you.

02:26:08.000 --> 02:26:17.000

Wonderful. I'm so excited. And if you all wanna come and talk to. Everyone else about you know what's been going on in report to the community I will welcome that as well.

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Please, I would appreciate that. Jonathan.

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Oh, I was just gonna say. Please report back what. What is in the works?

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Because I'm very interested in this. Not sure I have the brand with right now to be on the, on the text group.

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But, but please, please let us know what comes with it.

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Linda.

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Deborah, if you can add me to the text, that'd be great. I would really want to know more information about it and I'll try to help as much as I can.

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Thank you.

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Thank you everyone. I appreciate that now. Do we have any other new business? If you got some new business, raise your hand.

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Do we have any other new business? If you got some new business, raise your hand. Let me know.

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We'll acknowledge you. And we could talk about that tonight.

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Alright, before my son destroys my lipstick. So let's, I'm gonna say that we don't have any other new business this evening.

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I'm going to thank everyone for participating in this. Virtual meeting this evening. I appreciate you all supporting the pivot.

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We will see. Yo, I'll have the August meeting at the district office, cause that's where we have the room reserved.

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So right now I'm going to move that we adjourn this evening at 8 46 pm do
I have a second

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Okay.

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Thank you.

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Good everyone.

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Everybody's like, All right, good night, y'all. I. Bye bye.

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Wait, Yeah, enough candy. So good night, Miss Gayle. Good night, My job!

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We did it!