

**MINUTES**  
**Community District Education Council 30**  
**Annual & Calendar Meeting**  
**July 9, 2019**

The July Annual & Calendar Meetings of Community District Education Council 30 were held on Tuesday, July 9, 2019, in the 5<sup>th</sup> Floor Conference Room at QPN/DOE located at 28-11 Queens Plaza North, Long Island City, NY 11101.

Ms. Deborah Alexander, Co-President, called the Annual Meeting to order at 6:44 PM.

**Roll Call**

Ms. Alexander conducted roll call for the Annual Meeting.

Present:

Deborah Alexander  
Robert Cruz  
Jonathan Greenberg  
Ka-Trina Harris  
Fatima Lakraflī  
Shannon Lee  
Amina Maiza  
Nuala O'Doherty (Arrived 6:55PM)  
Scott Sharinn

Ms. Alexander reviewed the meeting script provided by the Division of Family and Community Engagement.

**Chairman Pro Tem**

Ka-Trina Harris nominated Scott Sharinn for the position of Chairman Pro Tem

There were no other nominations.

Mr. Sharinn accepted the nomination.

Roll call vote.

Ms. Alexander	Scott Sharinn
Mr. Cruz	Scott Sharinn
Mr. Greenberg	Scott Sharinn
Ms. Harris	Scott Sharinn
Ms. Lakraflī	Scott Sharinn
Ms. Lee	Scott Sharinn
Ms. Maiza	Scott Sharinn
Ms. O'Doherty	Not Present
Ms. Sharinn	Scott Sharinn

Mr. Sharinn served as Chairman Pro Tem

**Election of Officers**

Mr. Sharinn requested nominations for President or Co-Presidents.

Ka-Trina Harris nominated Deborah Alexander and Robert Cruz for Co-Presidents

Ms. Alexander and Mr. Cruz accepted the nomination.

Jonathan Greenberg nominated Nuala O'Doherty.

Ms. O'Doherty was not present to accept the nomination.

There were no other nominations.

Ms. Alexander and Mr. Cruz each gave a statement.

Roll call vote.

Ms. Alexander	Deborah Alexander and Robert Cruz
Mr. Cruz	Deborah Alexander and Robert Cruz
Mr. Greenberg	Abstain
Ms. Harris	Deborah Alexander and Robert Cruz
Ms. Lakraflī	Deborah Alexander and Robert Cruz
Ms. Lee	Deborah Alexander and Robert Cruz
Ms. Maiza	Deborah Alexander and Robert Cruz
Ms. O'Doherty	Not Present
Ms. Sharinn	Deborah Alexander and Robert Cruz

Deborah Alexander and Robert Cruz will serve as Co-Presidents for the 2019-2020 school year.

Mr. Sharinn turned the meeting over to newly elected Co-President, Deborah Alexander.

Ms. Alexander requested nominations for Vice President.

Ms. Alexander nominated Ka-Trina Harris for First Vice President.

Ms. Harris accepted the nomination.

Ms. O'Doherty nominated herself for First Vice President.

There were no other nominations.

Ms. Harris and Ms. O'Doherty each gave a statement.

Roll call vote.

Ms. Alexander	Ka-Trina Harris
Mr. Cruz	Ka-Trina Harris
Mr. Greenberg	Nuala O'Doherty
Ms. Harris	Ka-Trina Harris
Ms. Lakraflī	Ka-Trina Harris
Ms. Lee	Ka-Trina Harris
Ms. Maiza	Ka-Trina Harris
Ms. O'Doherty	Nuala O'Doherty
Ms. Sharinn	Ka-Trina Harris

Ms. Harris will serve as First Vice President for the 2019-2020 school year.

Ms. Alexander requested nominations for Secretary.

Ms. Harris nominated Shannon Lee for Secretary.

Ms. Lee accepted the nomination.

Fatima Lakraflī nominated herself for Secretary.

There were no other nominations.

Ms. Harris and Ms. Lakraflī each gave a statement.

Roll call vote.

Ms. Alexander	Shannon Lee
Mr. Cruz	Shannon Lee
Mr. Greenberg	Shannon Lee
Ms. Harris	Shannon Lee

Ms. Lakraflí	Shannon Lee
Ms. Lee	Fatima Lakraflí
Ms. Maiza	Shannon Lee
Ms. O'Doherty	Shannon Lee
Ms. Sharinn	Shannon Lee

Ms. Lee will serve as Secretary for the 2019-2020 school year.

Ms. Alexander requested nominations for Treasurer.  
Ms. Alexander nominated Fatima Lakraflí for Treasurer.  
Ms. Lakraflí accepted the nomination.  
There were no other nominations.  
Ms. Lakraflí gave a statement.

Roll call vote.

Ms. Alexander	Fatima Lakraflí
Mr. Cruz	Fatima Lakraflí
Mr. Greenberg	Fatima Lakraflí
Ms. Harris	Fatima Lakraflí
Ms. Lakraflí	Fatima Lakraflí
Ms. Lee	Fatima Lakraflí
Ms. Maiza	Fatima Lakraflí
Ms. O'Doherty	Fatima Lakraflí
Ms. Sharinn	Fatima Lakraflí

Ms. Lakraflí will serve as Treasurer for the 2019-2020 school year.

There being no further business, Ms. Harris made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Maiza seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 7:02 PM.

### **Calendar Meeting**

Deborah Alexander, newly elected Co-President, called the Calendar meeting to order at 7:03 PM.

The Pledge was recited.

#### **Roll Call**

Shannon Lee, newly elected Secretary, conducted roll call for the Calendar Meeting.

Present: Deborah Alexander  
Robert Cruz  
Jonathan Greenberg  
Ka-Trina Harris  
Fatima Lakraflí  
Shannon Lee  
Amina Maiza  
Nuala O'Doherty  
Scott Sharinn

## **Introduction of Council Members**

The newly elected and returning members of CDEC30 introduced themselves to the community.

Ms. O'Doherty is looking to create a "Schools at a Glance" document that will highlight each school's special programs and initiatives.

Mr. Greenberg looks forward to visiting schools that he has not seen and working bring diversity to district 30.

Ms. Maiza wants the council to work as a team and support the district and Dr. Composto.

Ms. Lakraflia hopes to bring values to the district and team. She wants to see better communication between parents and staff, and more activities in schools.

Mr. Cruz finds visiting schools rewarding and believes that parents need to be invested in their school.

Ms. Alexander would like to see members visit schools outside of their own neighborhood. It will be a busy year to begin looking at zoning Long Island City.

Ms. Lee looks forward to visiting schools and speaking with members of the community.

Mr. Sharinn wants to see things get better for all students. He hopes to make someone's life better.

Ms. Harris will continue to advocate for all students and hopes to bring more IEP parents to the meetings. It's about the entire district and all communities.

## **Dr. Philip A. Composto, Community Superintendent's Report:**

Dr. Composto congratulated the newly elected officers and members.

Superintendent Evaluation: Dr. Composto thanked the Council for their evaluation. The form came from the NYSED website and is used for all of New York State. School Boards set policy. NYC Superintendents do not set policy.

Homework Policy and the policy for graduation activities such as Prom, are developed by the SLT in each school. Each school community is different and has different needs. District 30 schools are physical education compliant even though not all schools have a gymnasium. Sneak Peek dates are posted on the District 30 website.

Dr. Compost makes himself available to the community, attending PA/PTA meetings, SLT meetings, science fairs, career days, multi-cultural events, Saturday activities and conferences, civic activities, presidents' council meetings, town hall meetings and more.

The district goals are driven by data and shared with principals, presidents' council and the CEC.

He has brought in millions to the district through grants including NYC Kids Rise. As of June, district 30 families have received 1.1 million dollars.

Dr. Composto requested that if someone is not happy with things he has done, bring it to him. Do not wait until it's time for the evaluation.

Ms. O'Doherty stated that the Federal Magnet Grant (P.S. 92 and I.S. 145) ends in September. Dr. Composto hopes it will be extended for one year. Some of the funds are used for seed money: buying equipment and training teachers so that the program can continue after the grant ends.

Ms. O'Doherty asked when Q398 can be toured and would like the building plans. Dr. Composto does not yet know when people can enter the building. Because of security concerns, the School Construction Authority will not provide building plans.

The Superintendent's report follows the minutes.

Ms. Alexander thanked the representatives from NYC Council Member Dromm's office and NYC Council Member Jimmy Van Bramer's office.

## **Public Agenda and Speaking Time**

Alyce Aldige, teacher I.S. 291, asked about the integration grant. Dr. Composto stated that they are meeting with the state.

Evan Rabin, Premier Chess, is taking students to Africa. His program is in 4 district 30 schools.  
Lara Hocheiser, Flow and Grow Education, offers classes that can be an alternative to gym classes.

### **Adjournment**

There being no further business Ms. Maiza made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Lee seconded. All in favor. Motion was passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 8:11PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Shannon Lee  
Secretary

### **Superintendent's Report**

#### **Community District Education Council CDEC30 Meeting** **July 9, 2019**

#### **In support of the Framework for Great Schools under Supportive Environment**

#### **Dr. Philip A. Composto**

- Reminder of the Updates to Immunization Requirements, June 2019 – Letter from Dr. Roger Platt

Dear Principal or Child Care Administrator,

As of June 13, 2019, public, private and parochial schools and child care programs in New York can no longer accept requests for religious exemptions from school immunization requirements. This law applies to students in pre-kindergarten through 12th grade and to all child care settings. This legislation is in response to the measles outbreak and will help contain the spread of measles among unvaccinated students.

All prior religious exemptions granted to students are now invalid. Children who had a religious exemption and who will be attending child care or public, private or parochial school in the summer must now receive the first age-appropriate dose in each immunization series by June 28, 2019, to attend or remain in school or child care. Additionally, by July 14, 2019, parents and guardians of such children must show that they have scheduled appointments for all required follow-up doses.

Programs that operate in the summer or have year-round programming, such as Early Learn, Family Child Care or 4410 services, should notify their families as soon as possible about the deadlines above. Sites that permit students who are not in compliance with vaccination requirements to attend could be subject to fines.

Students who are not attending school or child care until September who have not received all required immunizations must receive the first dose in each immunization series within 14 calendar days after the first day of school or enrollment in child care. Within 30 calendar days of the first day of school, parents or guardians of such children will also need to show that they have scheduled appointments for all follow-up doses.

Schools and child care programs can continue to accept medical exemptions. Instructions on how to apply

for a medical exemption can be found [here](#). Only valid medical exemptions will be approved.

All NYC students must meet the immunization requirements in order to attend school. Students are permitted to attend or remain in school or child care if they have received the initial series of vaccines but must remain on schedule to stay in school. You can review the immunization requirements online at [schools.nyc.gov](http://schools.nyc.gov) on the Immunizations page. Please share the Immunization Chart and attached letter (translated versions available on the Info Hub) with parents to ensure that students are in compliance with requirements for school year 2019-20. Public school principals can reach out to their borough health director with questions and child care administrators should reach out to [earlychildhoodpolicy@schools.nyc.gov](mailto:earlychildhoodpolicy@schools.nyc.gov).

Roger Platt, MD



### Schools to Ensure Students are Notified of August Regents Exams

Students who earned all credits required for graduation and were awaiting June Regents exams scores to meet exam requirements were entitled to participate in June graduation ceremonies. Students who did not earn passing scores on June Regents exams needed for graduation must be given the opportunity to retake them during the August administration—**August 13** and **14**—as previously acknowledged by families, students, and the school. If a school is not administering the Regents exam(s) the students need in August, school officials must reach out to a school that is and provide their students with a letter requesting their participation as described in the Regents School Administrator’s Manual.

### Full-Fare MetroCards for Eligible Students

To provide students greater access to transportation and a better alternative to the half-price MetroCard, the MTA board agreed to end the half-fare program and offer a full-fare MetroCard for eligible students, effective July 1. Schools do not need to take any action—MetroCard shipments are being fulfilled pursuant to the eligibility change. Note that school bus eligibility remains unchanged. The new policy only impacts students who are not eligible for yellow bus services and who live one-half mile or more from school. For more information on eligibility criteria, see the attached

### Registration for Summer SHSAT and LaGuardia Auditions

Students applying to high school for the 2019–20 school year who meet all three of the requirements below can take the Specialized High Schools Admissions Test (SHSAT) and LaGuardia High School auditions, which are taking place this August.

- Entered a non-DOE school in eighth grade (or entered ninth grade for the first time) in September 2018; and
- Moved to New York City after November 1, 2018; and
- Did not take the SHSAT or audition for LaGuardia High School in fall 2018.

The summer SHSAT will take place on **August 15**, at Stuyvesant High School (345 Chambers Street in Manhattan). Summer auditions for LaGuardia High School will be held at the school (100 Amsterdam Avenue in Manhattan) in late August.

Parents/guardians must bring their child to a Family Welcome Center to register for the SHSAT or auditions from **July 15** to **August 9**. Families cannot use MySchools to register for the summer SHSAT

or the LaGuardia High School auditions. Each student will receive their test ticket and/or audition ticket when they register. Students must bring their test and/or audition ticket to the test site.

**Reminder: Summer in the City Calendar**

**First instructional day for high school students**

- Monday, July 1, 2019

**First instructional day for elementary and middle school students, Summer Academy programs, Extended School Year, Related Services, and Chapter 683**

- Tuesday, July 2, 2019

**Independence Day observed (schools closed)**

- Thursday, July 4, 2019

**Last instructional day for elementary and middle school students**

- Thursday, August 8, 2019

**Last instructional day for high school students**

- Friday, August 9, 2019

**Regents Exam**

- August 13–14, 2019

**Last instructional day for Extended School Year, Related Services, and Chapter 683**

- August 13, 2019