

**MINUTES**  
**Community District Education Council 30**  
**Virtual Special Meeting**  
**May 27, 2020**

The Virtual Special Meeting of Community District Education Council 30 was held on Wednesday, May 27, 2020, via the Zoom platform.

Deborah Alexander, Co-President, called the Calendar Meeting to order at 3:05PM.

**Roll Call**

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

Present:

Deborah Alexander  
Roberto Cruz  
Jonathan Greenberg  
Ka-Trina Harris  
Fatima Lakrafl  
Shannon Lee  
Amina Maiza  
Nuala O'Doherty  
Scott Sharinn

Absent and Excused

Gurjeet Kaur (Student Member) (Work)

Spanish Interpreters announced the call-in instructions for those requesting Spanish Interpretation.

Ms. Alexander explained that the purpose of the meeting was to hear from the community and discuss the proposed DOE Admissions for Fall 2021. In addition, the Council will discuss postponing the CEC elections by one year. She also reviewed the format of the meeting.

Speakers were given 90 seconds for their comments. Ms. Alexander called on the speakers. Students, parents, teachers and community advocates spoke. Ms. Alexander read emails that were sent to the office.

There were 40 speakers. 12 spoke in favor of eliminating screened schools and 28 spoke in favor of keeping screened schools. Ms. Alexander read 20 emails. 17 supported keeping screened schools and 3 supported eliminating screened schools.

Ms. Alexander introduced Resolution #142 In Support of Allowing District Specific Admissions Policy and Retention of Academic Matching in Admissions and made a motion to put it on the agenda for discussion.

Deborah Alexander	In Favor
Roberto Cruz	In Favor
Jonathan Greenberg	Opposed
Ka-Trina Harris	In Favor
Fatima Lakrafl	In Favor
Shannon Lee	In Favor
Amina Maiza	In Favor
Nuala O'Doherty	Opposed
Scott Sharinn	In Favor

Motion passed.

Shannon Lee read Resolution #142 In Support of Allowing District Specific Admissions Policy and Retention of Academic Matching in Admissions. Ms. Alexander shared her screen showing the resolution.

Council members discussed the resolution.

Ms. Alexander made a motion to adopt the resolution. Amina Maiza seconded.

Ms. Shannon conducted a roll call vote.

Deborah Alexander	In Favor
Roberto Cruz	In Favor
Jonathan Greenberg	Opposed
Ka-Trina Harris	In Favor
Fatima Lakraflfi	In Favor
Shannon Lee	In Favor
Amina Maiza	In Favor
Nuala O'Doherty	Opposed
Scott Sharinn	In Favor

Motion passed. The Resolution appears at the end of these minutes.

Ms. Alexander introduced Resolution #141 In Support of Postponing Citywide and Community Education Council Elections and made a motion to put it on the agenda for discussion.

Ms. Shannon conducted a roll call vote.

Deborah Alexander	In Favor
Roberto Cruz	In Favor
Jonathan Greenberg	In Favor
Ka-Trina Harris	In Favor
Fatima Lakraflfi	In Favor
Shannon Lee	In Favor
Amina Maiza	In Favor
Nuala O'Doherty	In Favor
Scott Sharinn	In Favor

Mr. Greenberg asked the members if they were willing to extend their term. All stated they would serve.

Ms. Alexander made a motion to pass Resolution #141. Roberto Cruz seconded.

Ms. Shannon conducted a roll call vote.

Deborah Alexander	In Favor
Roberto Cruz	In Favor
Jonathan Greenberg	Abstain
Ka-Trina Harris	In Favor
Fatima Lakraflfi	In Favor
Shannon Lee	In Favor
Amina Maiza	In Favor
Nuala O'Doherty	Opposed
Scott Sharinn	In Favor

Motion passed. The Resolution appears at the end of these minutes.

### **Adjournment**

There being no further business Roberto Cruz made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Deborah Alexander seconded. All in favor. Motion was passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 5:15PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Shannon Lee  
Secretary

The recording of this meeting is available on the Council's website [cec30.org](http://cec30.org)

### **RESOLUTION #142 IN SUPPORT OF ALLOWING DISTRICT SPECIFIC ADMISSIONS POLICY AND RETENTION OF ACADEMIC MATCHING IN ADMISSIONS**

WHEREAS, Community Education Council for District 30 is charged with providing input to the Chancellor and Panel for Education Policy on district concerns;

WHEREAS, District 30 represents approximately 40,000 students and families.

WHEREAS, the New York City Department of Education issued new guidance on attendance as an admissions metric and a new grading policy in response to the Covid-19 pandemic;

WHEREAS, there is significant variability among districts in terms of how admissions traditionally work and what individual district communities are currently seeking;

WHEREAS, parents of District 30 continue to express frustration that their voices, culture, and experiences are not duly respected when implementing policy related to initiatives enacted during this pandemic;

WHEREAS, the outstanding effort and work of District 30 students, teachers, administrators, and staff has already been completed and recorded in Academic Year 2019-2020 up to March 13, 2020;

WHEREAS, the Department of Education has not contemplated discontinuing the use of other screening metrics to match students to schools, such as: geography, language, IEP status, performing and fine arts ability, age, and socioeconomic status;

WHEREAS, this Council has received feedback from its constituents by mail and during public comment sessions that is overwhelmingly in favor of retaining the use of academic metrics to similarly match students to their appropriate educational environment;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, The Community Education Council for District 30, calls on the Department of Education to allow District 30 to develop and implement district appropriate and specific admission policies for D30 middle schools and D30

high schools for the upcoming admissions cycle after consultation with the district's community stakeholders.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, The Community Education Council for District 30 calls on the Department of Education to retain the use of academic metrics for the 2020-2021 admissions cycle.

VOTED AND APPROVED: May 27, 2020

**RESOLUTION #141**  
**IN SUPPORT OF POSTPONING CITYWIDE AND COMMUNITY EDUCATION COUNCIL ELECTIONS**

WHEREAS, Subdivision 9 of section 2590-c of New York State education law was amended on April 1, 2019 to allow all parents and guardians of students in NYC Public Schools to vote to select members of the district and citywide community education councils, in order to provide a more democratic process to elect their representatives; and

WHEREAS, Subdivision 9 of section 2590-c of the amended education law provided for the appointment of a task force on community district education councils consisting of parents whose child or children are attending a public school within the community school districts and other members with relevant expertise; and

WHEREAS, a Task Force, appointed by the Mayor, was required to review the eligibility criteria to serve on a community district education council, the process for selecting community council members, and their terms of office; and

WHEREAS, the Task Force was required to and did submit a report concerning its findings and recommendations to the Mayor and the Chancellor by November 1, 2019;

WHEREAS, recommendations contained in the report were to be incorporated as amendments to Chancellor's Regulation D-140, D-150, D-160, and D-170 to reflect changes to the election process but were not, due to Covid-19; and

WHEREAS, the next citywide and district council elections are scheduled for Spring of 2021 and there is inadequate time to properly implement any process as required by the amended law; and

WHEREAS, to allow for continuity it will be necessary to permit members, whose eligibility to serve on their respective councils will expire, to continue to serve; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Education must engage directly with each Council to obtain feedback on this and any issue related to Citywide and Community Education Councils; and, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Citywide and Community Education Council elections scheduled for the Spring of 2021 be postponed until the Spring of 2022; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that any postponement of citywide and district education council elections reflect the necessity to allow members, whose eligibility has expired, to continue to serve; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Department of Education must make a determination on this issue only after consulting directly with each Citywide and Community Education Council.

VOTED AND APPROVED: May 27, 2020