



COMMUNITY EDUCATION COUNCIL DISTRICT 30

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Resolution 181

Authorizing Community Education Council 30 to hold any and all committee meetings in a hybrid format and to hold any advisory committee meetings, with at least one community (Non-CEC) member, in a fully virtual format

WHEREAS the NY State Open Meetings Law (“OML”) requires governmental decision-making bodies to conduct all business via in-person meetings open to the public;

WHEREAS the legal department of New York City Public Schools (“NYCPS”) deems Community Education Councils to be governmental decision-making bodies due to their approval right with respect to school zoning;

WHEREAS the OML allows decision making bodies to authorize hybrid committee meetings where a quorum of committee members is required to be in-person but members beyond the minimum number required for a quorum may fully participate in such meetings via video conferencing technology;

WHEREAS the OML provides an exception to in-person and hybrid meetings for committees of governmental decision-making bodies when such committees are acting in a purely advisory capacity such that their decisions do not require any further government action and when such committees have at least one member who is not a member of the decision making body;

WHEREAS the majority of the business conducted by CEC30 beyond its zoning responsibilities and mandates to hold certain public hearings requires no further governmental action and is purely advisory, including provision of a forum for departments and leaders within NYCPS to share information with CEC30 and the public as well as non-binding resolutions directed to entities outside of NYCPS such as the NY State Legislature or NYC City Council.

Therefore, BE IT RESOLVED that CEC30 authorizes any and all of its committees to hold virtual meetings unless a hybrid meeting is required by OML, which should include both an in-person quorum of members, an option for the public to attend in-person as well as an option for the public and members beyond those required for a quorum to participate via video conference in which case we authorize hybrid meetings;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that CEC30 authorizes any and all of its committees that have at least one community (non-CEC) member to hold fully virtual meetings via video conference whenever the business before that committee is purely advisory.

VOTED AND APPROVED: March 11, 2024