

Dr. Roderick Palton
District Superintendent

CEC 31 Virtual Business Meeting and Virtual Calendar Meeting Monday September 9th, 2024

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Lucia Curatolo-Boylan
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1st Vice President

Frank Marino
2nd Vice President

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Annual Meeting

The meeting was called to order by *Lucia Curatolo-Boylan*. 6:19 pm

Roll call of members - In-Person: *Lucia Curatolo-Boylan, Daniella Caputo, Andrew Guido, Melissa Cosentino, Joseph Bird*

Frank Marino

Absent: *Teresa Cirelli*

Virtual: *James Desiderato*

President Curatolo-Boylan assumed the role of Election Chair.

Nominations were requested for 1st Vice President. Frank Marino nominated James Desiderato. James Desiderato accepted the nomination. Additional nominations were requested three times. Nominations were closed. James Desiderato gave a brief statement. President Lucia Curatolo-Boylan called for a roll call vote. All members in attendance voted yes, 0 opposed. James Desiderato was elected 1st Vice President

Nominations were requested for 2nd Vice President. James Desiderato nominated Frank Marino. Frank Marino accepted the nomination. Additional nominations were requested three times. Nominations were closed. Frank Marino gave a brief statement. President Lucia Curatolo-Boylan called for a roll call vote. All members in attendance voted yes, 0 opposed. Frank Marino was elected 2nd Vice President

Nominations were requested for Treasurer. Andrew Guido nominated Joseph Bird. Joseph Bird accepted the nomination. Additional nominations were requested three times. Nominations were closed. Joseph Bird gave a brief statement. President Lucia Election of CEC Officers for 2024-2025

The purpose of the meeting was to elect officers for the 2024-2025 school year. Article II, Section 2 of the bylaws mandates that officers must be elected by a roll call vote. A candidate requires at least 6 votes to be elected.

The meeting began with the election of a Chair Pro Tem, who would conduct the officer elections. Nominations were accepted, and Melissa Cosentino was elected Chair Pro Tem.

Officer Elections:

Nominations were taken for the role of President, Frank Marino nominated Lucia Curatolo Boylan. Lucia accepted the nomination. Melissa asked for any other nominations. Nominations were requested 3 times and then closed. Lucia Curatolo-Boylan was the only candidate.

Melissa requested a roll call vote All members in attendance voted yes, 0 opposed. Lucia Curatolo-Boylan was elected as President

Curatolo-Boylan called for a roll call vote. All members in attendance voted yes, 0 opposed.

Joseph Bird was elected Treasurer

Nominations were requested for Recording Secretary. Joseph Bird nominated Andrew Guido.

Andrew Guido accepted the nomination. Additional nominations were requested three times.

Nominations were closed. Andrew Guido gave a brief statement. President Lucia

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Curatolo-Boylan called for a roll call vote. All members in attendance voted yes, 0 opposed. Andrew Guido was elected Recording Secretary

Business Meeting

- **Call to Order** at 6:40PM and welcomed by President Lucia Curatolo-Boylan
- **Welcomed interpretation services** in Russian, Mandarin, and Spanish
- **Roll call of Members - In-Person:** Lucia Curatolo-Boylan, Daniella Caputo, Andrew Guido, Melissa Cosentino, Joseph Bird
Frank Marino

Absent: Teresa Circelli

Virtual: James Desiderato

- **Approved June Draft Business Meeting Minutes**

Approval of June Business Meeting Minutes

The minutes from the June meeting were presented and approved.

Motion 1st: Andrew Guido

Motion 2nd: Frank Marino

Approval of Member Absences

Absences for Carina Fu and Princess Abomeili from the June meeting were reviewed and approved via roll call vote.

CEC 31 2024-2025 Budget Review

The proposed 2024-2025 budget was reviewed. Members discussed its flexibility, noting that it is a living document subject to change. The budget was approved to be put to vote at the next Calendar Meeting.

• **President's Report:**

President Curatolo-Boylan announced the resignation of Recording Secretary Katerina Slobodkin and expressed gratitude for her service.

There are currently three open seats on the Council, and applications are available online. 2 D31 seats and One ELL seat.

The President also reported on discussions with former CEC member Chantel Cabrera, regarding a youth-focused transit safety campaign.

Upcoming events were noted, including the UFT Backpack Event, UFT Staten Island Parent Conference, and the Chancellor's Citywide State of the Schools event on September 17.

A new Multilingual NYC Advisory Council has been launched to focus on pathways to multilingualism and support for English Language Learners.

• **Councilmember Reports**

Joseph Bird

During the summer, I participated on behalf of CEC 31 with the Office of Student Enrollment to review and provide feedback on a focus group regarding enhancements to the "My Schools" application

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portal for high schools. The initiative aims to provide parents with a better understanding of their child's chances of being accepted into a school before submitting their application.

The Office of Student Enrollment is currently developing a new color-coded bar for the application process, which will appear in the portal to visually represent a student's likelihood of being accepted based on the school's student population. This enhancement is meant to guide parents, as they often rank schools that may not be the best fit for their child.

I provided feedback on factors like geographic location and potential travel time, as these are important considerations in school selection, along with acceptance chances. I also emphasized the importance of making school quality ratings and data-driven comparisons more readily available in the portal.

Our group was one of only five CC's to participate in the process, and I wanted to highlight this contribution for the team.

Andrew Guido

I've been working with Glen Gotha on addressing early voting issues. One of our local elementary schools, which my sons attend, will serve as an early voting site for the last two weeks of October, meaning the gym will be unavailable during that period. Additionally, the school has to cover any security costs from its own budget.

I bring this up because other schools, particularly in the Upper West Side, have managed to relocate voting sites to non-school venues like the Museum of Natural History through collaboration with elected officials. While it's too late for changes this election cycle, this raises concerns given the current political climate. We've been working with Lisa Esposito at P.S. Hope and attempt to engage elected officials, though they haven't been very responsive. Our hope is to get through this election smoothly and work toward moving the voting site out of schools for future cycles.

• New Business for next month's agenda

None

• Motion to Adjourn

Motion 1st: Andrew Guido

Motion 2nd: Daniella Caputo

• Meeting Adjourned 7:15pm

Calendar Meeting

- **Call to Order** at 7:30PM and welcomed by President Lucia Curatolo-Boylan
- **Welcomed interpretation services** in Russian, Mandarin, and Spanish
- **Roll call of Members:** Lucia Curatolo-Boylan, Frank Marino, Daniella Caputo, Andrew Guido, Melissa Cosentino, Amanda Wolkowitz, Joseph Bird
- Virtual:** James Desiderato

Absent Teresa Cirelli

• Approval of June Calendar Meeting Minutes

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• CEC 31 2024-2025 Budget Vote

The proposed 2024-2025 budget was reviewed, and after a motion and second, a roll call vote was conducted for its approval.

• President's Report

Lucia Curatolo-Boylan announced the resignation of Katerina Slobodkin.

our Council currently has 3 seats available, two District 31 parent representative seat and an ELL parent representative seat. We will post the application link in the chat and our website www.cec31.org three vacant Council seats. She also highlighted the new Student OMNY Card program

Our CEC31 has been actively involved in gleaning community feedback regarding the Rezoning Of PS5. Based on this feedback we feel we will be able to prioritize what matters most to our families and create a new footprint for PS5 that benefits all of our schools in the area. QR code to the survey was provided.

Guest Speaker

Mike Fedanza

I run the 911 Flag Football League on Staten Island, which I started in 2006. Initially, it was called the 911 Memorial Slate Football League, named in memory of those who lost their lives on 9/11 and since then. As a sergeant present on 9/11, I wanted to honor them and ensure we never forget.

While I don't make the league a somber occasion, it's focused on providing kids with a positive experience. Recently, with the help of Northwell Health, I also started a Special Needs League with 40 children, playing once a week at Bloomingdale Park.

However, my main challenge is a lack of fields to accommodate all the teams, and I need assistance securing more fields for the league.

Superintendent's Report:

The superintendent reported on feedback from the community regarding the rezoning of PS5 and efforts to reflect on the lessons of 9/11, promoting unity and resilience.

• Presentations:

Superintendent Dr. Wilson with the current State of Schools for CEC31

• Public Speaking

None

• Committee Reports

None

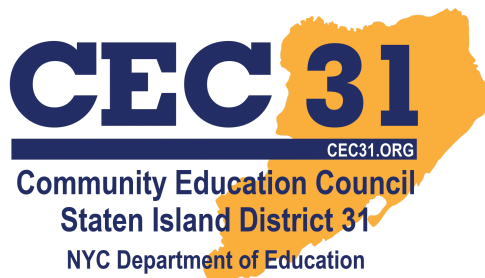
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None

• Motion to Adjourn

Motion 1st: Daniella Caputo

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Motion 2nd:Andrew Guido

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Meeting Adjourned 9:00pm

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