



CEC District 14
Brave spaces, healthy environments,
inclusive communities

March 12/2026

6-8:00pm / Public meeting with members and public via zoom

Attendees Present:

Françoise Olivas

Lara Fareed

Carlos Cabrera

Emily Williams

Maura Conley

Minden Koopmans

Laraine DeAngelis

Absentees:

Natalia Espinoza,

Tanaisha Ayuso

Neil Padover

CALENDAR MEETING

Meeting started at 6:10pm

Call to order and Roll Call (Councils meeting are open to the public)

- Approval of past meeting minutes - moved to April meeting agenda

- CEC 14 Budget Update
 - member reimbursement changed to \$8300 (from allotted \$11,300)
 - Reallocated: Move \$500 to food budget, \$500 P-Card, \$2000 general supplies
 - Vote: approved (by 6 members)
- Subcommittee updates
 - Communications Committee Update: introduced the protocol for introducing resolutions as a CEC
 - Equity, Transparency, Accountability Committee Update: We are still in the data gathering process about granted monies from elected officials. We have only heard from Assembly Member Emily Gallagher's office.
- Any Elected or PEP representative comments
 - Representative from Gonzalez's office: Have not allocated any schools in this district in the past, but would like to start. For State discretionary funding, schools need to apply before 4/15. Form found [here](#). They are also doing work around AI guardrails for teens, AI literacy, etc.
 - Q from CEC about local cannabis dispensaries: understanding is that State, once a license has been granted, it's very rare to take it away. There is no plan to take any licenses away.
 - Representative from Gutiérrez's office: Answered our request for information. They're facilitating talks with Parks Dept. around debris on playgrounds. Hosting a street fair on

4/18 10am-noon (S5th and Rodney, Big Reuse and Parks Dept.) They have a lawyer in office everyone Monday, please reach out to make an appt.

- Julia Foster: JHS 50 and Grand Street campus - Encourage parents to be brave and continue their education. 4/22 All ELL city conference, will share flyer for parents coordinators.
- Update on Capital Project Support Efforts
 - CEC 14 sent a tracker to all schools asking for projects that needs support / advocacy within the capital project lifecycle. Our hope is that we can share publicly so that students enjoy benefits and families can advocate for continued projects.
 - Tours with school facilities to focus on bathrooms (after hours and limited access to protect privacy)
 - Work on PS 132, MS 126, PA systems has NOT started. Patching the existing system, but not started the project. This is a huge safety issue.
- Discussion on Resolutions
 - Process for resolutions, thoughtful, transparent and grounded in the needs of schools, families, etc. All voices heard. Framework helps us move forward clearly.
 - We are drafting resolutions that will be presented publicly for comment, revises, and voted on.
 - Topics include: nutrition, zoning requirements, literacy/ access to books, music education, AI, mayoral control, OMNY cards
 - We need to hear from the public – comments help us know that the work is grounded in community voice. The goal is not to assume, but bring what parents want forward.
- Upcoming CEC events and meetings
 - Principal Check-In (3/16) - expand our convo about capital improvements
 - Next CEC meeting rescheduled to Wednesday 4/22 (due to Spring Break)
- Superintendent's Report (please link to slides from the Superintendent)
- Yuet M. Chu, Executive Director of School Support and Operation
 - introduced Principal KellyAnn Witowski from Williamsburg Prep . Vision to reinvest in D14 high schools--kids in D14 don't need to travel far for good schools! 95% and above graduation rate, lots earned scholarships
- Public Comment
 - M. Victor, teacher: financial education for parents, workshops to educate families, all free!
- Adjournment of calendar meeting: 7:42pm

Business Meeting

Call to order and Roll call: 7:43pm

- Carlos
- Minden
- Carlos

- Françoise
- Lara
- Emily
- Laraine
- Maura
- Tanaisha (online)
- New Business
 - Lara seeking support for her resolution to be on the agenda. Sponsors: Lara, Carlos. Concern that there is still a need for community feedback.
 - Tesa's advice: Have School Nutrition come to our next and present, and make sure the parents are here for public comment, then if it's drafted we can vote.
 - submit resolution drafts to the CEC President and Administrative Assistant for the meeting agenda for April meeting
 - 4/22 CEC collab with President's council, President's meeting possibility at IS 318
 - HS letters -
 - it seems like though we have a "seat for every child", we have a responsibility to find the *right* seat for each child. It's why people stay to invest in public city schools.
 - We also have access right now to data about who didn't open apps (back in Nov) and who didn't open offer letters (right now in March) - those students need the most help in finding the *right* seat for them.
 - Office of Enrollment come to an upcoming meeting - tap Cintron's office to get them to come
- Adjournment of Business meeting: 8:08pm