

# Citywide Council for District 75

## SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

**Date:** October 29, 2020 **Time:** 6:30 PM – 9:00PM

**Location:** Virtual Meeting: Zoom

<b>MEETING CALLED BY</b>	<b>Shamel Lawrence and C.E. Spencer</b> , Co-Presidents
<b>FACILITATOR</b>	<b>Shamel Lawrence and C.E. Spencer</b> , Co-Presidents
<b>ROLL CALL &amp; NOTE TAKER</b>	<b>Patricia Jewett</b> , Recording Secretary
<b>TIMEKEEPER</b>	<b>Shamel Lawrence</b> , Co-President
<b>ATTENDEES</b>	<b>Shamel Lawrence</b> , Co-President-Present, <b>Craig E. Spencer</b> , Co-President-Present, <b>Grisel Cardona</b> , Vice President- Absent, <b>Debra Altman</b> , Treasurer- Present, <b>Patricia Jewett</b> , Recording Secretary & Public Advocate Appointee- Present, <b>Amy Ming Tsai</b> , Parliamentarian – Absent, <b>Andrea Daniels</b> , Council Member-Absent, <b>Constance Asiedu</b> , Public Advocate Appointee, Absent and <b>Tiesha Groover</b> , Council Member-Present
	Start: 6:40pm Adjourn: 9 pm

- **Call to Order:** S. Lawrence, Co-President
- **Roll Call:** P. Jewett, Recording Secretary – Five members were present during roll call and the council did not have quorum. P. Jewett mentioned during the meeting the council will not be voting on an update regarding the resolution.
- **Timekeeper:**
- **Moment of Silence:**
- **Ratification of Resolution on COVID Testing District 75 Students Approved in Quorum on 10/13/20:** S. Lawrence informed the attendees he will ask a member to read the resolution that was read, roll call vote, and passed during the council’s Special Meeting – October 13<sup>th</sup>. The resolution was read in English by T. Groover and Spanish by Wanda Ivette, parent of District 75. The resolution is on the council’s website please visit: <https://www.cecd75.org/our-accomplishments> - (Resolutions Tab).
  - S. Lawrence asked Ms. Ivette to translate into Spanish this is not an official meeting the council is not quorum the members are here to give some clarification and update to the resolution.
  - C.E. Spencer, Co-President mentioned we are here as council members representing you on the road to the best situation possible for our kids and having our kids tested without us as their parents there is not acceptable, and we would not misrepresent you in that manner. He is honored to stand along side the council members and to see this through and support the resolution. The council has gained some progress and he thanked D. Altman.
  - S. Lawrence introduced D. Altman, Legislative Chair and Staten Island Rep.
  - D. Altman thanked the attendees and informed them although this is not an official council meeting, they had unfinished clarifications during their last meeting. She wanted to go over the specifics, so the parents understood what happened, where the confusion was, they were able to clarify and clear it up to have a conversation with the attendees. When random COVID-19 testing first came out the members did not understand what was going to happen when their children were going back into the blended model there was a lot of confusion and concerns. She wrote it with the facts stated in the resolution and the information

provided on daily basis that was ever changing. The draft resolution was presented on October 7<sup>th</sup> during the Business Meeting to receive council feedback. The weekend of the 10<sup>th</sup>/11<sup>th</sup> of October the members were able to apply their suggestions/edits to the resolution final draft. The resolution was posted in English and Spanish on the council's website/social media accounts for public comment with a timeline of three days to email the council. On October 13<sup>th</sup>, a Special Meeting was held to expedite the vote of the resolution as recommended by the Parliamentarian of the council. During the meeting, the resolution was presented in English and Spanish, they received public comment form over a hundred parents and the majority supported the resolution. The council voted and passed the resolution with the required six votes. The next step was to ratify the resolution at the October 22<sup>nd</sup> Calendar Meeting and that was the way the council was able to pass the resolution. D. Altman ratification simply means to make it to sign it, make it official and post it as an official vote on the resolution. She continued by mentioning unfortunately, there was an identical motion that was proposed on October 22 that was wrongfully made it was a repeated motion in identical nature that motion is null and void. During a call, the council members questioned why they made a repetitive motion that was identical. The members decided to research the motion and clarify the for the parents, for the process and the pass motion. She reviewed the 11<sup>th</sup> Edition of Roberts Rules that specifically addresses parliamentary procedure the council must abide by. In Chapter 8 re. motions it states a point of order can be made and I am making a point of order, and I made the point of order to all the council members via email to clarify. That a member thinks that the rules have been violated, they can make a point of order, raising a question of order to call upon the chair or the president for a ruling and an enforcement of the rules. It further goes to state that grounds for a point of order on page 249 is the right of every member who notices or breaches of rules to insist on their enforcement. It states that any member can make the appropriate point of order, and then the presiding officer may wish to engage in brief research or consult with the parliamentary before ruling. D. Altman consulted with a parliamentarian and clarified that on page 251 under Chapter 8 of Motion section 23 point of order parts 30, be it states: Point of order could be made at anytime when there was a breach, and it says a main motion has been adopted that conflict with a main motion previous we adopted, and it is still in full force. Unless of subsequent adopting motion was adopted by a vote required to either reset or amend the previously adopted motion. A motion was tasked with a vote of six. The only way a following motion could either amend or rescinded. that is, if we had once again a vote of six. We did not have a vote of six to amend the resolution we did not have a vote of sex to rescind the previously voted in motion. Therefore, the motion remains passed the resolution remains pass. So, in such cases of point of order can be taken and will be considered null and void by the President. That is what we are trying to now correct during this meeting to explain to our parents at the resolution was in fact voted on and passed and that the subsequent identical motion was null and void. It was out of order according to the Robert's Rules, which all councils must abide by. The next final step after the ratification and signature of the Co-Presidents and a witness, it should be then updated on our website as officially passed and officially a resolution that this Council went forward with.

- S. Lawrence reiterate the resolution was officially ratified and it will be updated on our website as motion that was passed with the six votes.

- **Motion to Adjourn:**

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