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Resolution 1 (SY22-23)

## District 20 Community Education Council Resolution on Hybrid Meetings and Videoconferencing

Resolution approved by a vote of 6 in favor, 0 opposed, 3 excused and 2 unexcused

1. President Steve Stowe – Yes
2. First Vice President Jennifer Hu – Yes
3. Second Vice President / IEP Rep Elizabeth Chan – Yes
4. Recording Secretary Vito LaBella – Yes
5. Treasurer / BP Appointee Marie Brugueras – Excused
6. Ghada Amin – Excused
7. Li Ping Jiang – Yes
8. Jona Isufi – Excused
9. ELL Rep Maya Rozenblatt - Unexcused
10. BP Appointee Kevin Zhao – Unexcused
11. Joyce Xie - Yes

Sponsor: Jennifer Hu

**WHEREAS**, by passing Chapter 56 of the Laws of 2022 (“Chapter 56”), the New York State Legislature amended Section 103 of the Open Meetings Law; and

**WHEREAS**, Chapter 56 adds Section 103-a of the Open Meetings Law, permitting Community Education Council 20, heretofore known as CEC 20, to authorize its members to attend meetings by videoconferencing under extraordinary circumstances; and

**WHEREAS**, Section 103-a(2)(a) requires CEC 20 to adopt a resolution following a public hearing authorizing the limited use of videoconferencing under such circumstances; and

**WHEREAS**, Section 103-a(2) allows for hybrid meetings by requiring “that a minimum number of members are present to fulfill the public body’s quorum requirement in the same physical location or locations where the public can attend”; and

**WHEREAS**, Section 103-a(2)(c) requires that members be physically present at any such meeting “unless such member is unable to be physically present at any such meeting location due to extraordinary circumstances . . . including disability, illness, caregiving responsibilities, or any other significant or unexpected factor or event which precludes the member’s physical attendance at such meeting”; and

**WHEREAS**, in accordance with Section 103-a(2)(d), any members attending by videoconference must, except during executive session, be “heard, seen and identified, while the meeting is being conducted, including but not limited to any motions, proposals, resolutions, and any other matter formally discussed or voted upon”; and

**WHEREAS**, Section 103-a(2)(g) requires that any meeting where a member attends by videoconference be recorded, posted to CEC 20 webpage within five business days, and transcribed upon request; and

**WHEREAS**, Section 103-a(2)(h) requires that members of the public be permitted to attend and participate, if authorized, in any meeting by videoconference when a member attends by videoconference.

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that CEC 20 authorizes its members who experience an extraordinary circumstance, as described above and further defined by any rules or written procedures later adopted, to attend meetings by videoconference: (i) as long as a quorum of the members attend in-person at one or more locations open to the public; (ii) as long as the member can be seen, heard, and identified while the open portion of the meeting is being conducted; and (iii) as otherwise permitted under Chapter 56 of the Laws of 2022; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that CEC 20 shall create written procedures further governing its use of videoconferencing by its members in compliance with Chapter 56 of the Laws of 2022.

Duly Adopted by Community Education Council 20 on July 13, 2022