

>> Also please note if you have signed up for public comment regarding an issue pertaining to your school's personnel we will have staff near the microphone to take down information to follow up with you directly.
Madam Secretary, can you please proceed with roll call.
Bayess is absent.
[Roll call] .

>> Can everyone on the stage please introduce themselves.
I'll start with.

>> I'm David Ross executive director contract purchasing.

>> Laura [indiscernible] president appointee.

>> Elzora Cleveland appointee.

>> Lori Podvesker.

>> Vanessa Leung, Jackson secretary.

>> Senior chancellor sitting in on behalf of chancellor.

>> Senior staff to chancellor.

>> May I don't recall appointee.

>> Fred Baptiste appointee to the panel.

>> Miguelina Zorrilla-Aristy, appointee.

>> Robert Reffkin, mayorial appointee.

>> Kathleen Driggs.

>> Chief financial officer.

>> First order of business this evening will be approving the minutes from the July 16th panel meeting.
Is there a motion to approve the minutes from the July 16th panel meeting?

>> I make a motion.

>> Thank you panel member Cleveland.
Is there a second?

>> Thank you panel member.
Please raise your hand if you vote to approve the minutes.
Nine in favor, motion carries.

>> Thank you, Madam Secretary.
Dr.
Gibson, are there any updates you would like to give on behalf of the chancellor.

>> There are no updates but I would like to send greetings from the chancellor we speak to her every day and she wishes everyone a happy summer.
Thank you.

>> So we'll now move on to the voting portion of the meeting.
But before we get underway I'll say a few words about public comment and rules of decorum at this meeting.
During the public comment period, speakers will be permitted up to two minutes to comment.
I ask that you respect your fellow speakers and keep your comments to two minutes.
I will ask the secretary to call the speakers up from the sign-up sheets and to ensure that speakers finish their comments in the allotted time.
We will call speakers and once your number is called please proceed to the microphone at either aisle.
The clock will indicate the amount of time remaining for each speaker and a light will indicate when there is one minute left in the allotted time.
So that speakers will know when their time is up.
At the conclusion of each speaker's time you will move on to the next speaker.
If a speaker is not here when his or her name is called, we will move on to the next speaker.
And once we move on to the next speaker, you cannot redeem your place in the queue.
The first voting item on the agenda is the estimated budget.
Madam secretary, could you please present the resolution.

>> The resolution is entitled resolution to approve the annual estimate of the total sum of money available to support DOE operations.

>> Thank you, Madam Secretary.
Is there a motion to adopt this resolution?
Thank you panel member Podvesker.
Is there a second?
Thank you panel Fruchter.
The panel -- we actually are -- public comments for all issues right now.
So we will open for public comments.
Madam Secretary.

>> CEC 30 Valerie Moore.
Can you please come to the microphone.

>> Hello.
I'm here to ask the panel to look into the reimbursements for the CC members.
According to New York state education law 2590 dash C section C members shall not be paid salary or stipend but reimbursed for all actual and necessary expenses directly related to the duties and responsibilities of the community council.
It is my understanding that the financial standard operating procedure handbook states that reimbursements will not exceed \$125 a month per member and it has not changed in 10 years.
I am not here to complain about the reimbursement amount, but how it is reimbursed.
I've been on the council for almost six years and precedent has been set that the money used in one month can be transferred to another as long as it stays within the fiscal calendar year.
This year my AA Gail Cohen received an e-mail from Paul Decoch and was instructed that reimbursements are to be fulfilled by month.
A phone call to Mr.
Carlo, Richard Carlo, director of finance of the DOE, informed me that if Mr.
Jesse Mahica director would write or notify him to make this limit, this limit line item a yearly issue, it would change in the standard operating procedure handbook he could instruct to make this a yearly line item as most DOE expenses are as opposed to this newly forced monthly in which, by the way, no other -- I'm sorry -- no other item I know is a monthly budget.
All are yearly items.
As long as parents don't attend meetings in the summer or the winter holidays when we do attend meetings during school, school closings, utilization, monthly calendar meetings, monthly business meetings and high school-related hearings that are not in the CEC purview but by law we must attend not being able to transfer time from a month where we don't, where we don't really do anything, and then do many things in like September and October and November, puts a hardship on many C EC Council members.
I ask you bring this up and keep your limits but please let us reimburse as the law intended by necessary expenses dutifully spent as councilmembers as a yearly line item and not the monthly, which is not being mentioned in the law.
Thank you.

>> Thank you, we'll make sure that somebody looks into that.
Thank you.

>> What.

>> We'll see that somebody from DOE will follow up with you.

>> Thank you.

>> And can we have whoever has green ticket No.
1, Carlos Operisio could you approach the microphone.

>> My name is Carlos Aguiriso parent of a student at junior high school 223M antauq in Brooklyn and I have a problem with my child's placement in the eighth grade.
I've been asking for the criteria from the school, what the criteria for her being placed in regents class and I haven't been able to get that information.
I've been given different information from the school, district 20, the family advocate, and finally this morning, after a month, trying to get in contact with the superintendent, she called me and told me that she would call the principal and find out what's going on.
Now, she's had a month to call me.
And no one seems to be able to give me what is the proper criteria.
The school has given me one criteria, the district has given me -- well, the school said this and then this morning the superintendent is telling me something else.
So I don't know what is the criteria for my child, and I'm very concerned of what is going on.
I want her to be placed in the proper class.
that she will be able to take the regents.
I believe she has the grades and she deserves to be placed in the proper class where she will be able to advance.
And no one has given me that answer.

>> But the superintendent is here in the back she's going to talk to you so she can --.

>> Patrick bell, how are you.
Good evening I'm a teacher for business careers down here in lower Manhattan.
Coming to you tonight during summer vacation because I want to say that our school needs help, Murray Burcham needs help.
I've been teaching there for 10 years, teaching for about 16 years.
There are really a lot of serious issues happening at our school first being security irms.
issues.
Students roam freely in the halls with impunity come late to class, five, ten, 15 minutes late with no consequences.
The panel voted to co-locate schools, most of the teachers in our school find this dreadful we don't look at it with delight that we're going to be sharing this space, because we don't need to be overcrowded with different schools.
We need help that can be delivered.
There are many dangerous situations occurring at our schools such as students walking out of the classroom, out of the building, before the school day's done.
Can you imagine?

That's just another tragedy waiting to happen.
We have problems with special education.
There are, the state has already cited a number of examples in which our school is not following the students' IEPs.
My class is one of them.
I taught an ICT class with no assistant special ed co-teacher.
Very hard.
In addition to that, I think that -- excuse me, I'm sorry.
In general, I think what's happening at Murray Burcham is a microcosm of what's been going on in the city in general for the last eight, 12, 16 years, really.
In which parents aren't being heard.
Students aren't being heard.
Teachers definitely aren't being heard.
And I think that that's what's been missing in our school.
I can't tell you how many parents and students have come to me crying and begging, please, address these concerns, address the security concerns, address the concerns with special education.
Address these concerns we're having related to security problems we're having.
Burcham doesn't have to be set up to fail.
And I'm kind of going out on a limb here because I never thought in 15 years of teaching that I'd be coming to do this.
Our students really deserve better.
Burcham doesn't have to be an F school, and there's no really secret formula.
We just need to have a system in place that's going to help our students succeed.
That starts with security.
That starts with IEPs being followed, and that starts with all the people being heard in the school, all the stakeholders, which means students, teachers, parents.
Thank you very much.
And any help you could provide us would be much appreciated.
Thank you so much.

>> Thank you.
Is there anyone else with a ticket?

>> Ma'am, do you actually have a ticket.
I'm sorry, I can't see the person, just the hand.

>> [Indiscernible].

>> No, no, in order to help the audience be able to go home earlier if they need to, we were taking the questions now because we know some people have scheduling issues.
Certainly.

>> Hello again I'm Valerie La more from the CEC district 30.

I was here at the last meeting.
I was told by Ms.
Jackson Chase that she would explain the delay in my FOIL request nine nine three six.
9936.

-DELETE- And have yet to speak to her.
For the record I send her the day after to remind her promise to call.
I would like to tell the chancellor that all CEC e-mail should be directed to all members so that all members are informed on what is happening in the district and the city.
Not being piecemealed by the administrative assistants or the presidents of councils who stand as I do in the eyes of the laws as eek.
equal.

-DELETE- If you're going to direct mail to CECs and expect it to be distributed, if you write it to all members of the council, then all the members will be getting their own information.
Finally, I ask that PEP members read the recent resolution passed by CDEC district 30 and I think CEC district 24 did or is about to as to the rezoning of a section in Jackson heights.
Heights.

Please note that all -- please note that many have said no one knows how to redistrict a district in New York City.
But it is in your power to pass redistricting as per New York state education law 2590 B section C, which reads the following.
It's just a small section.
The city board, which is you, may readjust or alter the districts in such a plan only once every 10 years, commencing with the year 2004, and I'm going to interject, that means that 2014 is the time that you have to redistrict where
our communities are asking for this redistricting.

The city board in conjunction with the chancellor and the community council representatives, us, shall prepare and make a public plan to ensure a smooth transition of people's and school personnel creation of new boards and
allocation.

I see I'm out of time, but I understand that some people have brought this to your attention and it seems that district planning is not moving on it as per our last zoning meeting.
So I'm here representing the community of district 30, in particular in Jackson Heights.
We'd like to move on with this redistrict and we really need some help in how to go about it.
If you need us to actually write the proposal, just tell us what to do, because this is what both district 24 and 31.

Thank you.
-DELETE-
>> Thank you.

>> We do have chief financial officer Ray Orlando to answer any questions around the budget.
So are there any questions or concerns regarding the resolution from panel members tonight?

>> I'll note for the record that we've been joined by panel member Robert Powell.

>> We'll now move on to vote on the resolution.

>> We've also been joined by panel member Reffkin.

>> He was here before.

>> Thank you.

>> Panel members, please raise your hand if you vote to approve the resolution to approve the annual estimate of the total sum of money available to support DOE operations.

>> It's ten in favor and the motion carries.

>> Thank you.
The second and final voting item on tonight's agenda requiring a vote is the consideration of contracts.
I will now ask that contracts committee chair Fred Baptiste to summarize for the panel the contract committee's recommendations regarding the contracts listed on tonight's agenda.

>> Thank you, Madam Chair.
The contracts committee met on the evening of Monday July 28th and reviewed the contracts being considered by the panel tonight.
I met with contracts committee members Miguelina Zorrillo-Aristy, Laura Zingand and Lori Podvesker.
At the meeting the committee unanimously recommended the approval of contract items one through 16 and 18 through 25 to be considered for approval.
The contracts committee recommends that contract items 1 through 16 and 18 through 25 be considered in five resolutions.

Resolution one containing contract items four and eight.

Resolution number two, containing contract item No.

11.

Resolution three, containing contract item No.

12.

-DELETE- And resolution No.
4 containing contract items one through three, five through seven, and nine through ten, and resolution number five, containing contract items 13 through 16 and 18 through 25.

>> Thank you, panel member Baptiste.
Before we begin David Roth executive director of contracts and purchasing would like to read text into the minutes pertaining to today's contract items.

Mr.
Ross.

>> Thank you.
So first as you recall last panel meeting each one of the panel meetings I promised on the pre-kindergarten contract that we'll report back to the panel if we found any adverse information that you should be aware of.
There was a lengthy reading you'll remember at the last panel meeting in order to make it simpler I've handed out for everyone an addendum for the prior request for authorization that articulates adverse information regarding scan
New York City and the Pamela C Torres day care center incorporated in both cases we feel the information is such that we can still move ahead with an award but I provided the information as a matter of public record.
Additionally, I'll just show for the panel a few technical changes because there's hundreds of pre-kindergarten contracts.

There's lots of changes I'll be quick first change has been made to item four of this month's agenda the contract for universal pre-kindergarten services the agenda indicated amounts for several vendors were to be determined, since
updated and reposted to reflect the correct amount as provided in the request for authorization in front of you, additionally a change has been made to item number nine in this month's agenda contract for general construction
services with geometric services the agenda indicated \$7,917,300, the correct amount is three million \$3,750,300 as reflected in the RA.
Finally a change has been made to the amount in item 11 of this month's agenda the contract for fresh milk and dairy products, the agenda indicated \$24,710,732, the correct amount is \$24,622,544 as reflected in the header of the RA.
I should note the same incorrect number the \$24,622,554 appears elsewhere, but it's correctly stated in the other one.

Finally these are technical changes to the pre-K contracts as we firmed up the contracts.
First with vendor babies lounge we've added start-up costs in the amount of two thousand 18 \$2,018 for concourse house there's been a name change, the original name was Fordham housing should be concourse house HDC Kathy's day care
name change it should be listed as Kathy Diaz day care rate change for kiddie day care which added well originally carried per student cost of \$9,150 it should be listed as \$9,250, I've got three more, creative care day care,
there's a name change also it was listed as building blocks preschool.

It is correctly listed as creative care day care center.
And additionally a rate change was incorrectly listed for kiddie academy of white stone, should be listed as \$9,360 instead of the \$9,340 was listed and finally we've added start-up costs for conslo street child care in the amount
of 42 thousand 142 dollars.

\$42,142.
-DELETE- Thank you.

>> Thank you, Mr.

Ross.

So does the panel have any questions on the read-in?

Okay.

-DELETE- Madam Secretary, please present the resolution set forth by the contracts committee.

>> The resolutions are entitled resolution regarding approval of contracts and as indicated by panel member Baptiste.

First resolution contains contract items four and eight.

The second resolution contains contract item 11.

The third resolution contains contract item 12.

The fourth resolution contains contract items one through three, five through seven, nine through ten.

And the fifth resolution contains contract items 13 through 16 and 18 through 25.

Panel members please note that if you wish to vote differently for a specific contract item within a single resolution, you may do so.

Simply signal to me when the vote is called for the relevant resolution and indicate the item number within that resolution and your corresponding vote.

>> Thank you, Madam Secretary.

Is there a motion to adopt the five resolutions being considered tonight?

Thank you panel member Podvesker.

Is there a second?

Thank you panel member Baptiste.

Do panel members have any questions or concerns regarding any of the items on today's contracts agenda?

Panel member Baptiste.

>> Thank you, Madam Chair.

David, I know I think during our contracts committee meeting we had a conversation regarding item number 25, I believe it was a listing application for Pearson.

I know I've heard from a number of different sources as well readiness around Pearson as a vendor.

Wanted to know if you could go into detail on the record at least to explain what this listing application entails and where in terms of how much money is being awarded or how much money is being spent by the DOE.

>> Sure, gladly.

Pearson, as I think many of you are aware is a very large education company.

They provide a broad range of commodities, in particular published materials, copyrighted public published materials, trade materials, materials to this department.

It's a listing application contract.

So this is for licensed and copyrighted materials that they provide that are used for assessments in public schools and participating nonpublic schools.

So we're actually not purchasing this service.

So whatever concerns one might have about their performance on prior contracts we have had performance issues with Pearson well established as a matter of record would not apply to this because in this particular case we're buying materials and materials that are purchased are typically purchased by schools or central offices on behalf of schools.

But mainly schools.

to use in their programs.

So they know exactly what they're getting when they're purchasing these materials through these contracts.

And I'll add that the contracts we have assure that we're getting the best prices that they'll make available in the marketplace.

So we're not getting undercut.

I hope that addresses the question.

>> So also with regards to individual schools, so schools have the option of purchasing from Pearson or using other approved vendors; is that correct?

>> Absolutely.

So these items become a part of a much broader catalog of options that the schools would have to buy materials similar to these and others.

So it's really brings schools choices.

>> Are there any other questions or comments from panel members?

>> We'll now vote on the resolutions first Madam Secretary can you note any recusals related to these contract items.

>> Panel member Leung is recused contract item four, which is included in resolution one.

And panel member Semin recused on item 19 included in resolution five.

Please raise your hand if you vote to approve resolution regarding approval of contract items four and eight.

>> Ten in favor.

And recusals noted.

Motion carries.

>> Please raise your hand if you vote to approve resolution contract item 11.

>> Ten in favor, motion carries.

>> Please raise your hand if you vote to approve resolution regarding approval of contract item 12.

>> Ten in favor, motion carries.

>> Please raise your hand if you vote to approve resolution of approval of contract items one through three, five through seven, nine through ten.

>> Ten in favor, motion carries.

>> Please raise your hand if you vote to approve resolution regarding approval of contract items 13 through 16, 18 through 25.

>> Ten in favor.

Motion carries and again recusals as previously stated are noted for all these votes.

>> So that concludes the voting portion of the meeting, and actually the meeting.

Unless anybody has anything.

So the next regular meeting of the panel for educational policy will be held on Thursday, August 21st, 2014, at Murrayburg from high school of careers currently noted to be at a different school the new location will be posted on the panel website shortly.

So the meeting is now adjourned.

Thank you and good night.