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**Community Education Council District 31 Resolution
Resolution to Conduct Synchronous Hybrid Monthly Business & Calendar Meetings**

As the state disaster emergency declared by the Governor has expired and as a result of recent amendments to the Open Meetings Law and barring an executive order further extending the COVID-19 state of emergency, all CCEC meetings after June 14, 2022, must be conducted either in person or in a hybrid format. The following resolution offers the Community Education Council of District 31 the ability to conduct our mandatory in-person monthly meetings with a virtual option

WHEREAS, synchronous hybrid meetings allow a public body to meet in person and allows members of the public to attend virtually simultaneously with an ability to comment. Any council members attending virtually should have their voices heard and presence count towards quorum without disclosing location information.

WHEREAS, many public bodies saw a dramatic increase in the number of attendees when virtual meetings became permissible because of the pandemic. Parent engagement has substantially increased as our CEC hosts meetings virtually

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

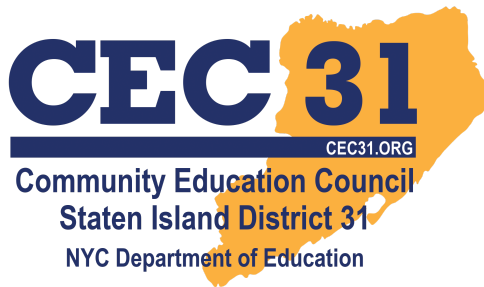
WHEREAS, Chapter 56 adds Section 103-a of the Open Meetings Law, permitting the Community Education Councils of NYC to authorize its members to attend meetings by video conferencing under extraordinary circumstances; and

WHEREAS, Section 103-a(2)(a) requires the Community Education Council of District 31 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

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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 the Community Education Council of District 31 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 the Community Education Council of District 31 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 the Community Education Council of District 31 shall create written procedures further governing its use of videoconferencing by its members in compliance with Chapter 56 of the Laws of 2022.

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