

CIVIC ENGAGEMENT COMMISSION
Minutes of Commission Meeting
(Subject to revision and approval by the Commission)
Wednesday, October 8, 2025, at 11:00 AM,
Auditorium (2nd Floor)
125 Worth Street New York, NY 10013

Members in attendance:

Sarah Sayeed, Chair/Executive Director
Donna Gill, Commissioner
Giovanni Barcenos, Commissioner
Mark Diller, Commissioner
Eve Baron, Commissioner
Joshua Ocampo, Commissioner

Commissioners Frank Perez, Natalie DeVito, Amy Breedlove, and Holly Bonner participated in the meeting via WebEx video conference. Commissioners Holly Bonner, Natalie DeVito, and Amy Breedlove counted towards quorum, while Frank Perez's attendance did not. A quorum was established with 9 commissioners.

Business Conducted & Agenda Items Discussed

- I. Attendance: Roll call confirmed quorum. Commissioner Frank Perez, newly appointed by the City Council, joined the meeting virtually and was welcomed by the Chair.
- II. Approval of Minutes: Minutes of the August 7, 2025 meeting were distributed to the members of the Commission and unanimously approved by those present.
- III. Resolution on Voter Language Assistance (VLA) Methodology: Updates to the VLA Program methodology were presented. The proposed amendment included removing Bengali (Brooklyn), Urdu (Brooklyn), and Chinese (Staten Island) from CEC coverage and revising paragraphs to permit coordination with the Board of Elections and the addition of a second language service where eligible.

The resolution was unanimously approved with proposed edits by unanimous voice vote of those present in person and via video conference call, with no abstentions nor recusals.

IV. Fiscal Year 2025 Annual Report:

The Fiscal Year 2025 Annual Report was adopted with proposed edits by unanimous voice vote of those present in person and via video conference call, with no abstentions nor recusals.

- V. Adoption of Values Statement: The Commission reviewed and revised the Values Statement reflecting CEC's core principles of dignity, accountability, collaboration, accessibility, creativity, and community power.

The Values Statement was unanimously approved with proposed edits by unanimous voice vote of those present in person and via video conference call, with no abstentions nor recusals.

VI. Program Updates:

- a. Voter Language Assistance Program
- b. Participatory Budgeting (The People's Money)
- c. TRIE Neighborhood Initiative
- d. Community Boards

VII. Public Comment: No public comments were recorded for this session.

VIII. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 12:48 PM.