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Literacy Task Force, City of Boston

Zoom Meeting

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May 9, 2025, 11:00am-12:00pm

Task Force Members

- Dr. Edith Bazile, Black Advocates for Educational Excellence
- Yorsalem Brhane, BINCA
- Manuel Coronado, Immigrants Lead Boston alum
- Lori D'Alleva, Charlestown Adult Education
- Xiomara Gomez, Gardner Pilot Academy Adult ESOL program
- Lee Haller, English for New Bostonians
- Stephen Hunter, Boston Chinatown Neighborhood Center
- Nicole Simeon, Bunker Hill Community College, First Literacy Scholar
- City Councilor Julia Mejia, *ex officio*
- Gayana Daniel, Office of Language and Communications Access, *ex officio*
- Papa Diop, Boston Centers for Youth and Families, *ex officio*
- David Leonard, Boston Public Libraries, *ex officio*
- Lesley Ryan Miller, Boston Public Schools, *ex officio*
- Monique Tú Nguyen, Mayor's Office for Immigrant Advancement, *ex officio*
- Trinh Nguyen, Worker Empowerment Cabinet, *ex officio*

Facilitator, Dr. Elizabeth Santiago, *The Untold Narratives*

City of Boston Staff for Task Force

- Mariangely Solis Cervera, Chief of Equity and Inclusion
 - Jeniffer Vivar-Wong, Director, Mayor's Office of Language and Communications Access
 - Robbie (Deborah) Adams, Training and Development Manager, Mayor's Office of Language and Communications Access
 - Brittany Barrett, Executive Assistant, Mayor's Office of Language and Communications Access
 - Riley Olowu, Intern, Mayor's Office of Language and Communications Access
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Meeting Goals

By the end of this meeting, we will:

1. Continue to build community as literacy task force members,
2. Concretize next steps for first half of 2025 workplan

Agenda

11:00-11:05: Settle in, welcome, quick review of agenda

11:05-11:10: Welcome Literacy Task Force intern, Riley Olowu!

11:10-11:40: Review of workplan and our first tasks to be completed with support of LTF members and intern. Specifically, we will discuss:

- Social media campaign
- Public campaign
- Researching other states and similar initiatives
- The LTF web presence
- Survey finalization
 - **Outcome:** Information sharing and discussion

11:40-11:50: Getting to a literacy rate – data review

- **Outcome:** Connect with City of Boston data team to discuss approach to analyzing current data sources

11:50-11:55: Final discussion

11:55-12:00: Next steps, schedule next meeting, and wrap-up