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Literacy Task Force, City of Boston

Zoom Meeting

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January 15, 2026, 10:00am-10:45am

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
- 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*
- Dorie Withey, 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
- Erika Garcia, Research & Data Manager, Mayor's Office of Language and Communications Access
- Brittany Barrett, Executive Assistant, 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. Discuss recommendations by Northeastern University students, which they presented at the last Literacy Task Force meeting on December 2nd, 2025,
3. Identify recommendations we can tackle and ones we have to put on hold, and
4. Discuss another potential opportunity to partner with a Northeastern University Policy Capstone Team.

Agenda

10:00-10:05: Settle in, welcome, quick review of agenda.

10:05-10:35: Review of recommendations and discuss opportunities for us moving forward.

10:35-10:40: Discuss potential opportunity to partner with a Northeastern University Policy Capstone Team.

10:40-10:45: Next steps, schedule next meeting, and wrap-up