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Literacy Task Force, City of Boston

Zoom Meeting

July 18, 2025 11:30 AM – 12:30 PM

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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*
- Robbie (Deborah) Adams, 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, Mayor's Office of Language and Communications Access
 - Gayana Daniel, Mayor's Office of Language and Communications Access
 - Brittany Barrett, Mayor's Office of Language and Communications Access
 - Brooke Machado, Worker Empowerment Cabinet
 - Riley Olowu, Intern, Mayor's Office of Language and Communications Access (until June 30)
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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 deepening partnerships
3. Identify next steps around data collection

Agenda

11:30-11:35: Settle in, introductions, quick review of agenda.

11:35-11:50: Partner Spotlight: Kristin McSwain, Senior Advisor and Director Office of Early Childhood

- **Discussion:** Literacy Campaign
- **Outcome:** Information sharing and partnership discussion

11:50-12:10: Partner Spotlight: David Fields, PhD, Professor of Practice and Senior Fellow, Burnes Center for Social Change, Northeastern University

- **Discussion:** Rethinking Reading: AI for Literacy Achievement
- **Outcome:** Information sharing and partnership discussion

12:10-12:20: LTF Intern Spotlight: Riley Olowu

- **Discussion:** Overview of Riley's accomplishments during his internship
- **Outcome:** Information sharing and discussion of next steps

12:20-12:25: Getting to a literacy rate update

- **Outcome:** Share updates

12:25-12:30: Next steps, schedule next meeting, and wrap-up