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Literacy Task Force, City of Boston

Zoom Meeting

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October 8, 2025, 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. Introduce the new members of the Task Force,
3. Describe what we are learning from the data and our future approach, and
4. Introduce the Northeastern University Policy Capstone Team and how they will support the Task Force going forward.

Agenda

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

10:05-10:10: Introduction including of our new task force members.

10:10-10:20: Discussion of where we are with identifying literacy rates:

- Erika Garcia, Research and Data Manager, Language and Communication Access, City of Boston

10:20-10:40: Introduce Northeastern University Policy Capstone Team and how Task Force members can support this next round of work.

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