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MEETING MINUTES OF THE
EDUCATION, LIBRARIES, & CULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE (ELCA)

DATE	December 26, 2023	START TIME	7:40 PM	END TIME	8:45 PM
MEETING HELD AT	BXCB8 OFFICE – Conference Room – Suite 100				
ADDRESS	5676 Riverdale Avenue, Bronx, NY 10471				

ATTENDANCE				
Present	Sylvia Alexander, Jillian Baez, Emily Hausman		Total	3
Absent	Constance Barnes-Watson, Sebastian Chittilappilly, Georgia Santiago, Judith Green		Total	4
Extraordinary Circumstances	Rita Pochter-Lowe		Total	1
Guest	Melissa Koszer (NYPL Spuyten Duyvil) & News Channel 12			

The meeting was called to order at 7:40PM.

The minutes of November 23,2023 could not be voted on because there was no quorum present.

The Chairperson informed the committee regarding the Mayor Control of the Public School which will expire in June 2024 and the State Legislators will vote to determine whether to extend it or consider an alternative. The Mayor Control followed the community school boards in 2002 after Michael Bloomberg became Mayor. The usual terms were for 4 years until Mayor Adams became Mayor, but he only received a 2-year term. The mayor has the power to appoint the Chancellor and can make policy for the public schools. Public Hearings are being held in the five boroughs to encourage comments from the public. Bronx and Manhattan have already held their meetings- Brooklyn, Queens and Staten Island will hold their public hearings in January. More information will follow as it becomes available.

Melissa Koszer introduced herself as the Children's Librarian at the Spuyten Duyvil library. She discussed some of the programs available. She was welcomed by the committee.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Sylvia Alexander, Chair, ELCA