

Minutes of Education, Libraries & Cultural Affairs Committee
Bronx Community Board 8
Tuesday, January 27, 2026 at 7:30 pm
[Meeting Recording Link](#)

PRESENT

Sylvia Alexander
Althena Eboh
Miriam Filer
Dr. Julia Gomez
Daniel Nunez
Georgia Santiago

AFFILIATION

Chair, ELCA Committee
CB8-Committee Member
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ABSENT

Emily Hausman

CB8-Committee Member

GUEST

Julie Reyes
Farrah Kule Ruben
Jaylyn Adorno
Aga Chen
Rebecca Brown Barberi
Bsrat Angbaye
Maria Garcia
Ilana Weinstein
Lona Nguyen

Chair-Community Board N0. 8
District Manager
Community Associate
Spuyten Duyvil Library-Manager
Riverdale Library-Manager
Kingsbridge Library-Manager
Jerome Park Library-Manager
Wave Hill Internship Programs
Atmosphere Academy

The meeting was called to order at 7:35PM. The Chair followed with roll call. The Chair reported the new Chancellor 's name is Kamar Samuels and he speaks about integrating schools but not about curriculum. Last week's snowstorm caused school closing and remote learning was requested by DOE. Unfortunately, the system did not work for all students to access the site on the computer.

The Chair introduced Ilana Weinstein from Wave Hill Internship Programs to present their presentation. Wave Hill offers three internship programs to teens (15 years & up) and the application deadline is February 27,2026. There is a summer internship program called ACES (Art, Community, Education and Science). It is a 13-month internship and pays \$17 an hour (from June to June). Forest project which is a summer internship paid through NYC SYEP held for 6 weeks and on weekends and a third program Woodland Ecology Research Mentorship (14 months) where the applicant can get college credit. For additional information it is suggested to get in touch with Wave Hill or the community board office to see the video of all the internships available. See meeting link above for the video.

The Chair introduced Lona Nguyen from Atmosphere Academy which is a Charter school in our district who is doing well with 5 location and growing. If interested, go to YouTube and look for the video of our meeting to hear the presentation in depth, as well as the Wave Hill presentation.

The managers from the libraries filled the committee in about some of the programs they offer to all ages, it is impressive.

The Chabad of Riverdale are, once again, is holding the Lag Baomer Picnic on May 5,2026. It will cause a street closing from 1:00PM to 9:00 PM. The closed street will be on West 235 Street between Independence Avenue and Douglas Avenue. The event has been held successfully for over 30 years

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00PM.

Next meetings: February 24, 2026, March 24, 2026, April 28,2026, May 26, 2026, June 23, 2026

Respectfully submitted,
Sylvia Alexander, Chair-ELCA Committee