

Pending Committee Approval

**Minutes of Education, Libraries & Cultural Affairs Committee
Bronx Community Board 8
Tuesday, March 24, 2026 at 7:30 pm
[Meeting Recording Link](#)**

PRESENT

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

AFFILIATION

Chair, ELCA Committee
V.C., ELCA Committee
CB8, Committee Member
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ABSENT

Althea Eboh
Emily Hausman

CB8, Committee Member
CB8, Committee Member

Guests

Jaylyn Adorno
Rebecca Brown Barbier
Aga Chen
Bsrat Angbaye
Kadijah Caban

Community Associate
Riverdale Library
Spuyten Duyvil Library
Kingsbridge Library
KHCC-SAPO Application

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

The minutes of January 27, 2026 were approved as written.

The Chair called on Ms. Caban to present Kingsbridge Community Center SAPO application requesting that Kingsbridge Terrace between Perot Street and Summit Place be closed on June 12, 2026 between the hours of 10:00am & 7:00pm for their Neighborhood Festival.

RESOLUTION -ELCA COMMITTEE-3-24-26

WHEREAS the Education, Libraries & Cultural Affairs committee had a SAPO application presented by the Kingsbridge Heights Community Center at our March 24,2026.

WHEREAS Kadijah Caban attended the meeting and told the committee and shared that on June 12,2026 between 10:00am and 7:00pm KHCC was requesting closing Kingsbridge Terrace between Perot Street and Summit Place to celebrate their Neighborhood Festival.

WHEREAS Kingsbridge Heights Community Center has had this event previously and it was successful.

THEREFORE, the Education, Libraries & Cultural Affairs committee voted to approve this event.

Vote:

In Favor (5): S. Alexander, M. Filer, J. Gomez, D. Nunez, G. Santiago

Opposed: (0)

Abstained: (0)

Chair Report-

Mayor Mandani earmarked \$100M for extended Pre-K (3-year-olds) seats.

Will the budget for education stay the same even though the attendance is lower?

The Education committee, of the City Council, had a meeting with the Chancellor who admitted it will be difficult to introduce the mandated smaller class size in schools.

FY 28 Budget Priorities-The letter to the principals of our district schools was sent out the beginning of March. The response was good. At our April meeting we will organize our lists for Capital & Expense and send them to the Office of Management and Budget for consideration.

Libraries Report- Aga Chen Manager from the Spuyten Duyvil Branch reported that her programs are well attended by all ages, Rebecca Brown Barbier Manager from the Riverdale Branch did a presentation of new information that is available on the computer for all ages. If you are interested in this information, it is suggested that you contact your branch librarian or look for the recording of our meeting on You Tube and hear the presentation for yourselves. It will impress everyone. Libraries have come a long way and they're all free, with your library card. Bsrat Angbaye Manager from the Kingsbridge Branch was also at the meeting and spoke about programs available at the Kingsbridge Library which is open 7 days.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50pm.

Happy Passover and Happy Easter to all.

Next meeting: April 28, 2026

Respectfully submitted,
Sylvia Alexander, Chair-ELCA Committee