



**THE CITY OF NEW YORK**  
**BOROUGH OF THE BRONX**  
**COMMUNITY BOARD 7**



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**EDUCATION, YOUTH & LIBRARY SERVICES**  
**COMMITTEE MEETING**

Wednesday, February 7, 2018 @ 7:30 PM

Board/Committee Members Attendance: Adaline Walker Santiago,  
Helene Hartman Kutnowsky, Betty Arce, Cristina Contreras, Yini Rodriguez,  
Attended: Stanley Richards, Gwen Thomas-Steed

Absent: Lorita Watson  
Excused: Joseph Nieves

I) Introductions

II) Presentation(s):

A) Mr. Jimmy Rivera, Bronx Enrollment Specialist – NYC DOE, Universal Pre K

- 1) Distributed the 2018 NYC Pre-K Directory for the Committee.
- 2) Mr. Rivera was asked by the Board Chair if he was willing to come to the office to assist parents to enroll their children in the Universal Pre-K programs.
  - (a) He agreed to set up a date with the District Manager.
- 3) Pre-K is for all children and they attend for free which includes a full day with high quality pre-K learn to problem solve, ask question and work together objectives.
- 4) All Children who live in NYC and were born in 2014, including students with disabilities and students, whose home language is a language other than English, are eligible to apply to pre-k for the 2018-2019 school year.
- 5) Pre-K Admissions is not first come, first served.
  - (a) All Pre-K applications submitted by the March 30th deadline are treated the same according to each school's Admissions priorities.
  - (b) All families who apply by the deadline will get a pre-k offer in May.
    - i. The link for more information is [nyc.gov/prek](http://nyc.gov/prek).
    - ii. Can also call 311/Text "prek" to 877-877 or 877-332-4845 to receive automated recurring messages from the NYC DOE.
- 6) Board Members with children registered in Pre-K programs presently and in the past shared what a valuable service is.

B) Ms. Tricia Mullen, Director, The Lehman College Adult Learning Center



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- 1) This program offers the following programs:
  - (a) Adult Basic Education
  - (b) High School Equivalency
  - (c) English for Speakers of Other Languages-ESOL
- 2) For over 25 years, the Lehman College Adult Learning Center has been one of the leading adult education programs in NYC where they provide approximately 800 adults, primarily from the Bronx, with free classes each year.
  - (a) All individuals ages 18 and over.
- 3) The ESOL Program - for info call 718 960 8807
  - (a) They offer classes in English for Speakers of other language.
  - (b) Learners can progress from beginning to advanced levels.
- 4) Basic Education Program – for info call 718 960-8740
  - (a) They offer Adult Basic Education classes for those who have been out of school and want to return to improve reading, writing and/or math skills.
  - (b) For all individuals ages 18 and over who are no longer in school are eligible
- 5) High School Equivalency Program – for info call 718 960-8740
  - (a) They offer classes designed for those who need to prepare for the TASC exam (formerly the GED exam) leading to a High School Equivalency Diploma.
  - (b) For all individuals ages 18 and over that are no longer in school are eligible
- 6) The Adult Learning Center is located at: Old Gym Bldg., Rm. 019, 250 Bedford Park Blvd. West, Bronx, NY 10468.

### III) Adjournment