



NALC CONVENTION CHRONICLE

COVERING THE FIFTH SESSION:
FRIDAY, AUGUST 7, 2026



LAST CALL

President Renfroe
answers a question
from a delegate.

After President Brian L. Renfroe opened Friday's session of the NALC national convention at 8:03 a.m., the day kicked off with Timothy Greene of Asheboro, NC Branch 2560 singing an *a capella* version of the national anthem and Marcos Garcia of Los Angeles, CA Branch 24 leading the Pledge of Allegiance. Rabbi Neil Comess-Daniels with Clergy and Laity United for Economic Justice delivered the invocation.

Renfroe asked for a moment of silence to remember the former national and regional officers who have died since the 2024 Boston convention: William R. Yates, former secretary-treasurer; Judy Willoughby, former assistant secretary-treasurer; Jim Edgemon, former director of city delivery; Joseph

LaPlaca, former director of retired members; Mike Birkett, former Region 5 national business agent (NBA); Kathy Baldwin, former Region 10 NBA; and Joseph Morris Jr., former Region 14 regional administrative assistant.

The NALC president then announced the results of the AFL-CIO delegate election (the top seven are listed below with the vote totals and will serve as AFL-CIO delegates):

- Cindy Connors, Staunton, VA Br. 513—5,146
- Paul Rozzi, Pittsburgh, PA Br. 84—5,033
- Michael J. O'Neill, NJ Mgd. Br. 38—4,974
- Trevor Haas, Dallas, TX Br. 132—4,809
- Elaine Jones, Detroit, MI Branch 1—4,724
- Jamie Drayton-Bey, Virginia Beach, VA Br. 2819—4,598
- Pascual Ortiz, New York, NY Br. 36—4,294

At the previous convention in Boston, Renfroe said, a resolution was passed about the formation of a committee on diversity, equity, accessibility and inclusion (DEAI). He appointed three members to a new NALC DEAI Committee: Jade McBride, Olympia, WA Branch 351; Carman Montgomery, Mobile, AL Branch 469; and Pascual Ortiz, New York, NY Branch 36. "I know these three are deeply committed to the goals and work of this committee, and I look forward to all they'll do for our members," Renfroe said.

Convention business next turned to appeals and entered into executive session, turning off the livestream. As Vice President James Henry recused himself from the two appeals to be considered before the body of delegates, President Renfroe

invited Secretary-Treasurer Nicole Rhine to the microphone to read the Committee on Appeals' report on both appeals.

The first appeal called for the overturning of Garden Grove, CA Branch 1100's officer elections, but the committee's decision was upheld on a teller vote 2,200 to 1,023.

The second appeal called for the overturning of San Diego, CA Branch 70's officer elections, but the committee's decision was upheld on a division vote.

After executive session ended, President Renfroe summarized the Board of Trustees' report before a motion was made to hold off on the committee reports and for them to be placed in the Members Only portal on the NALC website. The members of those committees are listed below.

Convention Site Committee

Keisha Lewis of Garden Grove, CA Br. 1100; Ted Thompson of Cincinnati, OH Br. 43; and Jim Korolowicz, South Macomb, MI Br. 4374.

Credentials Committee

Credentials Committee Chair Delano Wilson, Silver Spring, MD Branch 2611; Charlisha Anthony, Detroit, MI Br. 1; Michael Badia, Marina, CA Br. 6385; Julianna Burton, Wichita, KS Br. 201; Kelsey Crosbie, Columbus, OH Br. 78; BaLynda Croy, Appleton, WI Br. 822; Benjamin Dixon, Detroit, MI Br. 1; Erika Estrada, Chicago, IL Br. 11; Ethel Ford, Houston, TX Br. 283; Leslie Greene, New Castle, PA Br. 22; Sonny Guadalupe, New York, NY Br. 36; Peter Handjojo, Garden Grove, CA Br. 1100; Mike Hansen, Salt Lake City, UT Br. 111; Patrick Harris, Garden Grove, CA Br. 1100; Kunga Jinpa, Burlington, VT Br. 521; Jeff Kranz, Findlay, OH Br. 143; Anthony Lauderdale, Nashville, TN Br. 4; Robb Petersburg, Minneapolis, MN Br. 9; Raqiyah Plenty, Jamaica, NY Br. 562; Melanie Shallcross, Camden, NJ Mgd. Br. 540; LaShawn Silas, Dallas, TX Br. 132; Tammy Swaney, Savannah, GA Br. 578; Julius Vickers, North FL Br. 53; and Dani Wolff, Casper, WY Br. 1681.

Scholarship Committee

Scholarship Committee Chair Larry Kania Buffalo-Western New York Br. 3; Carly Hook of Santa Clara, CA Br. 1427; and Kimetra Lewis of Dallas, TX Br. 132.

Retirement Committee

Retirement Committee Chair Michael Sheridan of South Macomb, MI Branch 4374; Brooks Bennett of Seattle, WA Br. 79; Doug Gulley of Columbus, OH Br. 78; Mary Halford of Arizona Mgd. Br. 1902; and April Hines of Washington, DC Br. 142.

Nalcrest Trustees

Nalcrest Trustees President Tony Diaz of Tampa, FL Br. 599; Starr Hunter of W. Palm

Beach, FL Br. 1690; and Fred Rolando of Sarasota, FL Br. 2148.

Public Relations Committee

Matt Leger of Fall River, MA Br. 51; Karen Evans of Stamford, CT Br. 60; Carolyn Zorn of Pasadena, CA Br. 2200; Eric Jackson of Southeast Pennsylvania Merged Br. 725; and Cory Carter of Fargo-West Fargo, ND Br. 205.

Health Benefit Plan Committee

Health Benefit Plan Committee Chair Tom Nelson of New York, NY Br. 36; Tom Dlugolenski of Syracuse, NY Br. 134; Lydia Caffrey of San Luis Obispo, CA Br. 52; Pete Bednarz of New Jersey Merged Br. 38; and Kieaunta Roberson of Indianapolis, IN Br. 39.

Distribution Committee

Distribution Committee Chair Wayne Harlow of Greenville, SC Br. 439; Steve Ancar, New Orleans, LA Br. 124; John Bahl, Newport, RI Br. 57; Joseph Baker, Columbia, SC Br. 233; Jennifer Braden, Roanoke Rapids, NC Br. 3331; Devin Broderick, Aurora, IL Br. 219; Homer Christian, Huntington, WV Br. 359; Aisha Culler, Columbia, SC Br. 233; Ron Fair, Medford, OR Br. 1433; Gus Fernandes, Boston, MA Br. 34; James Giese, Stockton, CA Br. 213; Anthony Guido, Worcester, MA Br. 12; Edward Johnson, Seattle, WA Br. 79; Andre Laney Sr., Cleveland, OH Br. 40; Renee Lomax, Oak Brook, IL Br. 825; Yolanda Luckie, Los Angeles, CA Br. 24; Andrea Malena, Omaha, NE Br. 5; Jacob Morgan, Greater East Bay, CA Br. 1111; Mark Murphy, Erie, PA Br. 284; Mark Nembhard, Virginia Beach, VA Br. 2819; Veronica Ramirez, Arlington Heights, IL Br. 2810; Arturo "AG" Ramirez, Houston, TX Br. 283; Frank Ramirez, South Florida Br. 1071; Christopher Reed, Kailua Kona, HI Br. 5516; Andrea Richardson, Memphis, TN Br. 27; Zach Schassberger, Ann Arbor, MI Br. 434; Sara Schawl, Clinton, IA Br. 126; Matt Slivinski, Wilkes-Barre, PA Br. 115; Leigh Smith, Decatur, GA Br. 2225; Raymundo Taveras, Flushing, NY Br. 294; Victor Vicenty, Flushing, NY Br. 294; Curtis Walker, Kansas City, MO Br. 30; Dominic Walton, New Jersey Mgd. Br. 38; Jerry White, Buxmont, PA Br. 920; James Williams, Chicago, IL Br. 11; and Latonya Williams, Birmingham, AL Br. 530.

Mutual Benefit Association Committee

Mutual Benefit Association Committee Chair Eric Matras of Portland, OR Br. 82; Desiray Anderson of Southern Delaware Br. 906; Mark Follette of Tucson, AZ Br. 704; Mark Godbee of Ballwin, MO Br. 5050; and George Laham of Hartford, CT Br. 86.

Uniform Committee

Uniform Committee Chair Stafford Price Jr. of Chicago, IL Br. 11; Lamanda Bradshaw of Modesto, CA Br. 1291; Ciria Dineyazhe of Arizona Mgd. Br. 1902; Sam Hill of Hattiesburg, MS Br. 938; and John Long of Jamaica, NY Br. 562.

FINISHING STRONG

Renfroe called Assistant Secretary-Treasurer Mack Julion to the podium to resume consideration of resolutions, followed by Director of City Delivery Christopher Jackson and Director of Safety and Health Manuel L. Peralta Jr. The body dealt with 31 *National Agreement* resolutions, 25 of which passed.

Just after noon, the delegates approved a motion to extend the day's session to 3 p.m., at which point the shuttle buses would stop running.

Renfroe called Peralta back to the podium to consider generation resolutions, followed by Director of Retired Members Dan Toth and Director of Health Benefits Stephanie Stewart. The delegates dealt with 11 general resolutions, three of which passed.

President Renfroe then introduced Board of Trustees Chair Larry Brown to the podium, who gave a report on Rule 26 collection. Following approval of several motions from the delegates on Thursday, donations were collected from the convention floor. A total of \$42,405.83 was collected: \$34,057 in cash and \$8,348.83 via Venmo. A motion had also been made for National to match the amount, making the final total \$84,811.66.

Under Rule 26 adopted earlier in the week, the trustees approved allocating a total of \$7,710.15.15 to be distributed in honor of the following: Doreen Carter of Baltimore, MD Branch 176; Mike Olson of Kenosha, WI Branch 574; Daniel Collins of Wyandotte, MI Branch 758; Akilah Brown of South Macomb, MI Branch 4374; Evariste Niyitegeka of Maine Merged Branch 92; Keenan Haines of Massachusetts Northeast Merged Branch 25; Richard Sieg of Arizona Merged Branch 1902; Dustin Clark of Appleton, WI Branch; Tammy Berry of Kokomo, IN Branch 533; Churone Walls of Chicago, IL Branch 11; and the NALC Disaster Relief Foundation.

A summary of all of the passed resolutions and amendments will be published in the September/October edition of *The Postal Record*.

After President Renfroe expressed thanks to everyone who worked to make the convention possible, the 74th Biennial Convention adjourned *sine die* at 2:54 p.m.