

AGENDA - DAY ONE THURSDAY, APRIL 28

Mistress of Ceremonies, The Honorable Valerie Foushee
North Carolina Senate District 23
Chair, North Carolina Black Alliance



4:00 p.m.

OPENING PLENARY

Presented by NRDC

WELCOME & GREETINGS

- **The Honorable Valerie Foushee**
North Carolina Senate District 23
Chair, North Carolina Black Alliance
- **The Honorable Roy Cooper**
Governor, The State of North Carolina
- **NCBA Member Organizations**
 - North Carolina Association of Black County Officials
 - North Carolina Black Elected Municipal Officials
 - North Carolina Caucus of Black School Board Members
 - North Carolina Legislative Black Caucus Foundation

NC BLACK ALLIANCE COMMITMENT STATEMENTS

VOICES OF THE HISTORY MAKERS

- **The Honorable Valerie Foushee (Moderator)**
North Carolina District 23
Chair, North Carolina Black Alliance
- **Congressman G.K. Butterfield**
North Carolina Congressional District 1
- **The Honorable Eva Clayton**
Former Representative, North Carolina Congressional District 1
- **The Honorable Melvin Watt**
Former Representative, North Carolina Congressional District 12

CONFERENCE BREAK RESUME AT 5:30 P.M.

NC Black Summit Message

- **The Honorable Steven Benjamin**
President and CEO, The Benjamin Firm, LLC

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NC LEGISLATIVE DAY

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WEDNESDAY,
05.11.22



More information to follow.
For questions, email ncdivinenine@gmail.com.

AGENDA - DAY TWO

FRIDAY, APRIL 29

Master of Ceremonies, Mr. Courtney Crowder
Executive Director, North Carolina Black Alliance



9:00 a.m.

SPECIAL GREETINGS

Presented by Spectrum

- **The Honorable Cheri Beasley**
Former Chief Justice, North Carolina Supreme Court

COFFEE AND CONVERSATION

Presented by Reynolds America, Inc.

- **Ms. Kristi Jones**
Chief of Staff, Office of the Governor
- **Mr. Courtney A. Crowder**
Executive Director, North Carolina Black Alliance

BREAKOUT POLICY SESSIONS

Presented by Dominion Energy

SESSION I: THE IMPACT OF A FRAGILE DEMOCRACY ON THE BLACK COMMUNITY

- **Mr. Marcus Bass (Moderator)**
Deputy Director, North Carolina Black Alliance
Executive Director, Advance Carolina
- **Dr. Jarvis Hall**
Associate Professor, Department of Political Science, North Carolina Central University
- **Mr. Irving Joyner, JD**
Professor, School of Law, North Carolina Central University
- **Dr. Robert Kortad**
Professor Emeritus, Sanford School of Public Policy, Duke University
- **Mr. Conen Morgan**
Managing Partner and Co-Founder, Longleaf Agency

SESSION II: REIMAGINE WHAT'S POSSIBLE: DEEP DIVE IN THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN (ARPA)

- **Ms. Deandrea Newsome (Moderator)**
North Carolina Chapter Manager, Local Progress
- **The Honorable Barbara Foushee**
Carrboro Town Council
- **The Honorable Brian Rowland**
Mayor of Prairie View, Texas
- **Ms. LiJia Gong**
Policy and Legal Director, Local Progress

SESSION III: LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

- **Senator Valerie Foushee (Moderator)**
North Carolina Senate District 23
- **Representative Brandon Lofton**
North Carolina House District 104
- **Senator Sydney Batch**
North Carolina Senate District 17

CONFERENCE BREAK RESUME AT 11:15 A.M.

ACCESS TO HEALTHCARE UPDATE

- **Mr. Marcus Bass**
Deputy Director, North Carolina Black Alliance
Executive Director, Advance Carolina
- **Ms. Karida Giddings**
Program Coordinator, Access to Healthcare, North Carolina Black Alliance

2022 TRAILBLAZER AWARDS

Presented by Smithfield Foods

2022 TRAILBLAZERS

- **Congressman G.K. Butterfield**
North Carolina Congressional District 1
- **The Honorable Mel Watt**
Former Representative, North Carolina Congressional District 12
- **The Honorable Carolyn Q. Coleman**
Former Guilford County Commissioner
*Torriane & Genesis Coleman (On behalf of
The Honorable Carolyn Q. Coleman)*

INTRODUCTION OF ENTERTAINMENT

- **The Honorable Viola Harris**
Edgecombe County Commissioner
Board Member, North Carolina Black Alliance

JEANNE H. LUCAS LUNCHEON

CONFERENCE MESSAGE

Mr. Marcus Bass

Deputy Director, North Carolina Black Alliance

Executive Director, Advance Carolina

Ms. La'Meshia Whittington

Deputy Director of Programs, North Carolina Black Alliance

Deputy Director, Advance Carolina

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