

AGENDA

THURSDAY, APRIL 25



11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.



Session 1: Politics and Religion

Room 301AB

Since the 2008 election, there's been a rise of a political class of religious conservatives under the banner the phrase "Evangelical." This emergence has resulted in hyper-political, religious, and immoral arguments being used in a way to corral voters of faith in ways that some may consider divisive. This panel of religious leaders will examine the historical context of religion and politics and the current rise of spiritual persuasion in our democracy.

- **MODERATOR: Pastor Frank White, Sr.**, Senior Pastor, Antioch Bible Fellowship
- **Reverend Dr. Jay Augustine**, Senior Pastor, St. Joseph AME Church
- **Reverend Moya Harris**, Director of Racial Justice, Sojourners
- **Pastor Mitch Summerfield**, Senior Pastor, Word of God Fellowship Church
- **The Honorable Amos L. Quick III**, Senior Pastor, Friendship Baptist Church
- **Reverend Dr. Cardes H. Brown, Jr.**, Senior Pastor, New Light Missionary Baptist Church

Session 2: Leading Change: Black Public Administrators Shaping North Carolina's Future

Room 301AB

North Carolina has a long history of talented Black Public administrators and executives serving in state and local governments helping elected officials solve the complex issues of resourcing change and improving living conditions with respect to policy and governance. From City and County Managers to CEOs of our education system and Secretaries of State Agencies, we seek to guide a discussion on the importance of representation in governmental implementation of our state in a moment of national pushback on DEI.

- **MODERATOR: Marcus Bass**, Deputy Director, NC Black Alliance
- **Montre Freeman**, City Manager, City of Elizabeth City
- **Erica Porter**, Board Chair, Wake County Board of Elections
- **Dr. Kimberly Sowell**, County Manager, Durham County Government

3:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

REGISTRATION DESK OPEN

South Hall

6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

OPENING RECEPTION

Educational Leadership in a Shifting Landscape: Honoring Black Superintendents

Hosted by The Honorable Roy Cooper, Governor and the North Carolina Black Alliance

North Carolina Executive Mansion
200 N Blount Street, Raleigh

8:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.

NETWORKING RECEPTION

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CAM Raleigh
409 W Martin Street, Raleigh



FRIDAY, APRIL 26

7:30 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.

REGISTRATION DESK OPEN

South Hall

8:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. (Breakfast at 8:00 a.m.)

OPENING SESSION

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Ballroom A

CALL TO ORDER

The Honorable Keith Sutton, Board Vice Chair,
North Carolina Black Alliance

GREETINGS FROM THE CITY OF RALEIGH

The Honorable Corey Branch, Council Member,
City of Raleigh

INVOCATION

Rev. Dr. Bankole Akinbinu, Senior Pastor, Baptist
Grove Church

SPONSOR REMARKS

Indira Everett, Vice President, Government and
Community Relations, Duke Energy

**COMMITMENT STATEMENTS VIDEO
PRESENTATION**

**INTRODUCTION OF NORTH CAROLINA
BLACK ALLIANCE**

The Honorable Keith Sutton

THE STATE OF THE ALLIANCE

The Honorable Valerie P. Foushee

U.S. House of Representatives (D-NC, 4)
Board Chair, North Carolina Black Alliance

INTRODUCTION OF SPEAKER

The Honorable Valerie Foushee



OPENING SPEAKER

The Honorable Reginald Love

Senior Advisor, Apollo Global
Management

CLOSING + SUMMIT OVERVIEW

The Honorable Keith Sutton

10:15 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

LEGISLATIVE TOWN HALL

Meeting Room 301ABC

Join us for an insightful and interactive legislative town hall panel aimed at fostering dialogue around key priorities for our 2024 Legislative Short Session. Through engaging dialogue, we will explore the most pressing issues facing our communities, particularly our Black and Brown communities, and co-create strategies for effective advocacy, leadership, and collaborative solutions.

- **MODERATOR: Jovita Lee**, Program Director
North Carolina Black Alliance
- **The Honorable Natalie Murdock**
NC Senate District 20
- **The Honorable Vernetta Alston**
NC House District 29
- **The Honorable Amber Baker**
NC House District 72
- **The Honorable Zack Hawkins**
NC House District 31
- **The Honorable Allen Buansi**
NC House District 56

11:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

EXHIBIT HALL BREAK

Ballroom A



12:00 p.m. - 1:30 pm.

Senator Jeanne H. Lucas Luncheon

Presented by Google

Ballroom A

Presiding: The Honorable Viola Harris
Edgecombe County Commissioner
Past Chair, North Carolina Black Alliance

GREETINGS FROM WAKE COUNTY

The Honorable Shinica Thomas, Chair, Board of
Commissioners Wake County Government

INVOCATION

Ms. Sonia Barnes, President
Raleigh Wake Citizens Association

SPONSOR REMARKS

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NCBA IMPACT VIDEO

INTRODUCTION OF SPECIAL PRESENTATION

Courtney Crowder, Executive Director
North Carolina Black Alliance

VOICES OF HISTORY MAKERS

- **The Honorable Brad Thompson**, Founder, North Carolina Black Alliance
- **The Honorable Deborah Dicks-Maxwell**, President, North Carolina NAACP
- **The Honorable Ronald Penny**, Secretary, NC Department of Revenue
- **The Honorable Milton F. "Toby" Fitch** Former member of the NC State Senate and Retired NC Superior Court Judge

INTRODUCTION OF SPEAKER

Aigné Taylor, Youth Voter Engagement Program Associate, North Carolina Black Alliance

PLENARY SPEAKER

Amanda Seales

Comedian/Host of Small Doses Podcast & The Amanda Seales Show



CLOSING REMARKS

The Honorable Viola Harris

1:30 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.
EXHIBIT HALL BREAK



2:00 p.m. - 3:15 p.m.
BREAKOUT POLICY SESSIONS

SESSION I: FUNDING DEMOCRACY

Meeting Room 301AB

Our panel will discuss funding for Democracy, historic barriers for the Black community in funding, how to remove resource gatekeeping, and moving towards a community model for funding democracy.

- **MODERATOR: Kara Hollingsworth**
Board Member, Advance North Carolina
- **Julie Fernandez**, Associate Director, Rockefeller Family Foundation
- **Jazmyne Childs**, Deputy Director, Put NC First

- **Dionne Lester**, Founder, Community Investment Network, Chief Financial Officer, North Carolina Black Alliance
- **Maurice "Mo" Green**, Former Executive Director, Z Smith Reynolds Foundation

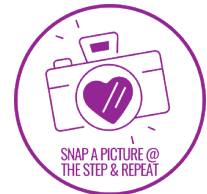
SESSION II: THE IMPACT OF AN AFRICAN AMERICAN POLITICAL AGENDA IN NORTH CAROLINA

Meeting Room 302AB

Attendees will gain insights into African American political engagement's impact on policy-making, community empowerment, and equitable opportunities.

- **MODERATOR: Justice Anita Earls**
North Carolina Supreme Court
- **Attorney Irving Joyner**, Professor of Law, NCCU School of Law
- **The Honorable Jessica Holmes**, NC State Auditor
- **Dr. Jarvis Hall**, Associate Professor of Political Science, NCCU

3:15 p.m. - 3:45 p.m.
EXHIBIT HALL BREAK



3:45 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
BREAKOUT POLICY SESSIONS

SESSION III: ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE LEGISLATION

Meeting Room 301AB

Panelists will explore the pivotal role of legislation in shaping AI development, deployment, and accountability. The focus is on responsible AI governance.

- **Moderator: The Honorable Zack Hawkins**, NC House District 31
- **April Dawson**, Associate Dean of Technology and Innovation and Professor of Law, NCCU School of Law
- **Dr. Shaundra ("Shani B") Daily**, Cue Family Professor and Workforce Development Director, Duke's NSF-Funded Athena Institute
- **Dr. Siobahn Day Grady**, Program Director of Information Science, Library and Information Sciences, NCCU

SESSION IV: LABOR, WAGES AND THE BLACK ECONOMY IN NORTH CAROLINA

Meeting Room 302AB

Panelists will provide insights into historical labor exploitation and economic disenfranchisement experienced by Black communities and offer actionable steps towards creating a future with equal access to dignified work, fair wages, and economic prosperity.

- **MODERATOR: Marcus Bass**, Deputy Director, NC Black Alliance
- **Tamika Walker-Kelly**, President, NC Association of Educators
- **Denicia Montford-Williams**, Associate Executive Director, NC A. Phillip Randolph Institute
- **Danielle Brown**, Deputy National Field Director, Black Voters Matter Fund

6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

RALPH CAMPBELL, JR. LEADERSHIP RECEPTION

Meeting Room 302C

Entertainment: Thomas Owens Jazz Band

SPECIAL REMARKS

- **The Honorable Valerie P. Foushee**
U.S. House of Representatives (D-NC, 4th)
Board Chair, North Carolina Black Alliance
- **The Honorable Kandie Smith**
North Carolina Senate - District 5; North Carolina Legislative Black Caucus
- **The Honorable Dontario Hardy**
Mayor of Kinston; NC Black Elected Municipal Officials
- **The Honorable Jessica Holmes**, NC State Auditor
- **The Honorable Richard Hooker**, North Carolina Caucus of Black School Board Members
- **The Honorable G. Michael Cogdell**, North Carolina Association for Black County Officials
- **The Honorable Mark Anthony Middleton**
President, NC League of Municipalities

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7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

18TH ANNUAL NC BLACK SUMMIT BANQUET

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Ballroom A

WELCOME

The Honorable Valerie P. Foushee
U.S. House of Representatives (D-NC, 4)
Board Chair, North Carolina Black Alliance

INVOCATION

Rev. Marcus Fairley
Senior Pastor St. Luke Baptist Church;
VICE & GOTV Coordinator, North Carolina Black Alliance

SPECIAL GREETINGS

The Honorable Josh Stein
North Carolina Attorney General

DINNER SERVED

Entertainment: Chanda Branch
& Okisha Reneé Wells (O'nai)

RECOGNITION OF PARTNERS & SPONSORS

Kennedy Lighty, Youth Voter Engagement Fellow,
North Carolina Black Alliance

SPONSOR REMARKS

Tunya Smith, Director, NC DOT, Office of Civil Rights

INTRODUCTION OF SPEAKER

The Honorable Valerie P. Foushee

KEYNOTE ADDRESS

Reverend Dr. Jonathan Augustine
Senior Pastor, St. Joseph AME
Church; General Chaplain, Alpha
Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.



SPECIAL TRIBUTE TO CONEN MORGAN

Courtney Crowder, Executive Director
North Carolina Black Alliance

TRAILBLAZER AWARDS

ANNOUNCEMENTS & CLOSING REMARKS

The Honorable Valerie P. Foushee