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NATIONAL ALLIANCE OF BLACK SCHOOL EDUCATORS

WHAT WE KNOW

Martin Luther King said, "Freedom is never voluntarily given by the oppressor; it must be demanded by the oppressed." With two major federal holidays approaching, this issue honors America...not as it is or has been, but as we pray and work for it to become: more educated, more prosperous, more free, more just.

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Dr. LaTonya M. Goffney
President



Dear NABSE Family,

As we pause to celebrate Juneteenth and July 4, we are reminded of the profound meaning of freedom in America. Juneteenth marks the day when the last enslaved African Americans were finally freed over 150 years ago. July 4 commemorates the birth of our nation, founded on principles of liberty and justice. Together, these holidays invite us to reflect on the ongoing journey toward true freedom for all.

Freedom is not simply a gift; it is a responsibility...one that demands courage, vigilance, and action. Booker T. Washington once said, "Success is to be measured not so much by the position that one has reached in life as by the obstacles which he has overcome." As educators and leaders committed to equity and excellence, we understand that our work is part of overcoming those obstacles for our children and communities.

Our responsibility extends beyond today. We owe it to our children to build a future where they can thrive in an America that lives up to its highest ideals—where education, opportunity, and dignity are accessible to every child, regardless of background.

Let this season inspire us to recommit to lifting every voice and ensuring every child's potential is realized. Together, as one NABSE family, we can help shape a nation that reflects the freedom we celebrate, a future that honors the sacrifices of those who came before us and paves the way for generations to come.

With hope and determination,

Dr. LaTonya M. Goffney
President, NABSE



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Barbara Jordan

What the people want is very simple -
they want an America as
good as its promise.

U.S. House of Representatives

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neaToday

We Will Never Stop Teaching African American History.

In the face of political threats, all educators should recommit to teaching the truth.

By: Sundjata Sekou NEA Member

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THE JUNETEENTH FLAG



THE COLORS

The red, white and blue colors represent the American flag, a reminder that slaves and their descendants were and are Americans.

THE ARC

The curve that extends across the width of the flag represents a new horizon: the opportunities and promise that lay ahead for Black Americans.

THE STAR

The white star in the center represents both Texas (the Lone Star State), as well as the freedom of African Americans in all 50 states.

THE BURST

The bursting outline around the star is inspired by a nova, a term that astronomers use to mean a new star. This represents a new beginning for African Americans.

THE DATE

The date marks the day enslaved African Americans in Galveston, Texas learned of their freedom when Union troops arrived to announce the Emancipation Proclamation.



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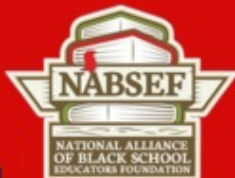


6TH ANNUAL AFRICAN
AMERICAN FEMALE
LEADERSHIP SUMMIT

10TH ANNUAL AFRICAN
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LEADERSHIP SUMMIT

- Designed for students in grades 8, 9 and 10
- Leadership sessions
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- Interactive STEM projects
- Ancestry Bingo
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- Visit to the Science Museum of Virginia
- Visit to the Richmond African American History Museum

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Share your voice at the nation's leading convening of
educators and education advocates.

Submission Closes:
July 1, 2025

PROPOSAL FOCUS STRANDS

Submit your 50-minute session aligned to one more of the following:

- Leadership Administration
- Parent & Community Involvement
- Governance, Advocacy & Policy
- Educational Technology
- Model Best Practices
- Curriculum & Instruction
- Navigating the Times
- Organizational Health & Wellness
- Special Education

AUDIENCE

K-12 Educators, Principals, District Leaders, Higher Ed Professionals, consultants, parents, students & community advocates.

PROPOSAL REQUIREMENTS

- Title, Abstract (50 words), and Session Description (160-300 words)
- Presenter details and 100-150 word bios.

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part of the movement.

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2025

IT'S NOMINATION AND ELECTION TIME!

NABSE, ARE YOU READY?

NABSE Members, are you ready to lead and continue the business of the National Alliance of Black School Educators, Inc.?

On behalf of the nominating committee, we would like to announce that nominations are to occur during the December 10- December 14, 2025, conference for the following positions:

NABSE Officers:

- *Corresponding Secretary
- * Financial Secretary

Regional Representatives:

- *International
- *Southwest

Commissions Chairman:

- *Governance
- *Higher Education
- *Instruction & Instruction Support
- *Retired Educators

Nominations for the office of **Corresponding Secretary and Financial Secretary** will be taken during the conference and announced at the 1st delegate assembly Thursday, December 11, 2025, and the nominees will deliver a 2-minute speech during the 2nd delegate assembly Saturday, December 13, 2025. Election will occur March 31, 2026. These two new officer's positions were added to the Board of Directors at the NABSE Delegate Assembly, Saturday, November 23, 2024, in Atlanta, Georgia.

Nominations for the office of **Commission chair and Commission secretary** will take place in the commission's meeting during the conference on Friday, December 12, 2025. Election will occur March 31, 2026.

Nominations and election for **Regional Representatives** will occur during the Affiliate Presidents meeting during the 2025 conference, Thursday, December 11, 2025. Elected regional representatives will take the oath of office at the end of the conference during the Dr. Debra P. Wolfe Banquet, Saturday, December 14, 2025.



Criteria:

- **The criteria for nomination as a general office of secretary shall be as follows:**
 - o Must be a member in good standing with NABSE.
 - o Must hold membership with an affiliate.
 - o Must have attended at least three NABSE conferences in the last five years
 - o Must be registered at the conference.
 - o Should have given service to NABSE.
 - o Should have given service to an affiliate.
 - o Should have shown other leadership experience.
 - o The candidate must be present at the time of nomination.
- **The criteria for nomination as a Regional Representative shall be as follows:**
 - o The candidate shall be a sitting Local Affiliate President.
 - o The candidate must be a member in good standing with NABSE.
 - o The candidate must have attended at least three NABSE conference in the last five years.
 - o Must be registered at the conference.
 - o The candidate is knowledgeable about the region and its affiliates.
 - o The candidate is prepared to fulfill the mission of facilitating membership, communication, interaction, networking, and problem solving among its region's local affiliate presidents.
 - o The candidate must be present at the time of nomination.
- **The criteria for nomination to Commission Officers shall be as follows:**
 - o The candidate must be a member in good standing of NABSE.
 - o The candidate must have been a member of the Commission for three or more years, as evidenced by the official Commission attendance log.
 - o Must be registered at the conference.
 - o The candidate should have attended three or more Commission meetings within the last five-year period.
 - o The candidate is knowledgeable about the purpose and function of the Commission and has participated actively in its program.
 - o The candidate is present at the time of nomination.

Job Descriptions for the two newly added officers of the NABSE Boards of Directors voted for during the delegate assembly on Saturday, November 23, 2024, are as follows:

FINANCIAL SECRETARY

The Financial Secretary shall:

- *Receive all funds, issue receipts for funds received and maintain a record of all financial transactions.
- *Assist the Executive Director in maintaining a record of members in good standing.
- *Submit all funds received to the Treasurer within two (2) business days.
- *Receive financial reports from Standing and Special committees within thirty (30) days of event/activity including any event/activity receipts and request for reimbursement.
- *Assist the Treasurer with preparation of the annual budget, preparation and filing of tax documents and audit committee review.
- *Maintain comprehensive and accurate records of all financial transactions related to NABSE activities, including membership dues.
- *Membership Fee Collection and Tracking:
 - Collect and record membership dues and fees from NABSE members and affiliates.
 - Track membership status and ensure timely billing and follow-up for membership Renewals
- *Prepare regular financial membership reports for national meetings, board meetings, and the annual conference.
- *Provide transparent financial updates regarding memberships and status of affiliates to NABSE officers, board members, and members, ensuring accountability.
- *Knowledge of basic accounting & bookkeeping.
- *Knowledge of Microsoft Products, Databases, Google Products, and QuickBooks.
- *Shall certify that he/she has not been sanctioned (1) legally or (2) internally by another organization for misappropriation of funds.

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY

The corresponding Secretary shall:

- *Read and conduct correspondence as directed by the Executive Board or the President.
- *Send an email of the meeting to each applicable member, including a copy of the minutes, and all relevant information.
- *Update the calendar and communicate important issues to the membership.
- *Assist the Recording Secretary with maintaining the Membership Roster.
- *Fulfill such other duties as may be assigned by the Board, the Executive Board, or the President.
- *Working knowledge of Microsoft Products, Constant Contact, and Canva.

Respectfully submitted,

Emma L. Marshall Epps, Chair
Debra Porter Sawyer
Bessie Harris
Lynda Jackson

Marian Willard
Geneva Stark Pittman
Mae Olson