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Executive Council Meeting Thursday, 24 April 2025

MINUTES

Call to Order
730pm EST

Karsonya Wise Whitehead, President

Attendees: Karsonya Wise Whitehead, David Walton, John Adams, John Ashley, Anthony Cade, Sundiata Cha-Jua, Sylvia Cyrus, Deirdre Foreman, Aisha Haykal, Aisha Johnson, Lionel Kimble, Walter Lanier, Kimberly Jeffries Leonard, Lopez Matthews, Tomiko Meeks, Zebulon Miletsky, James Morgan, Crystal Moten, Kenvi Phillips, Chadra Pittman, Denise Rolark Barnes, Crystal Sanders, Daryl Michael Scott, Camesha Scruggs, Anita Shepherd, Gladys Vaughn, Carlton Wilson, Augustus Wood

Secretary David M. Walton

Aisha Johnson moved to adopt March Minutes. Second by Anita Shepherd. Motion Passed:
Unanimous

- I. President's Report, Kaye Whitehead
- II. Committee Reports
 - Membership Anita Shepherd
 - Program Aisha Haykal
 - Awards Camesha Scruggs
 - Academic Program Augustus Wood
 - Governance Walter Lanier
 - Nominating Daryl Michael Scott
- III. Executive Director Sylvia Cyrus

Action Item:

Aaisha Haykal motioned (no second was needed as it came out of committee) to accept this list of awardees:

Luminary Award: Raphael Warnock, American Baptist pastor and politician serving as the junior United States senator from Georgia since 2021. A member of the Democratic Party, Warnock has been the senior pastor of Atlanta's Ebenezer Baptist Church

LAC: 1) Candy Tate, Curator and Co-Director of The Legacy Museum at Tuskegee University; 2) Sheila Fleming, past-president of ASALH, reparations advocate; 3) Mary Frances Early, first African-American to earn a degree from the University of Georgia

Council Award of Special Recognition: 1) Woodson House National Park Service Staff; 2) Mesha Williams (receive award at 2026 ASALH Black History Month Luncheon), assists with the marketing and publications for the ASALH Black History Month Festival; 3) Yolanda Covington-Ward, Department Chair, W.E.B. Du Bois Department of Afro-American Studies Professor at UMASS-Amherst; 4) Vedet Coleman-Robinson, Executive Director of the Association of African American Museums; 5) Lionel Kimble, ASALH EC Member, former VP for Programs for ASALH Carter G Woodson Scholar Medallion; 6) Stephanie Evans, full professor and former director of the Institute for Women's, Gender and Sexuality Studies at Georgia State University; 7) Deirdre Cooper Owens, associate professor at the University of Connecticut Freedom Scholar; 8) Arlisha Norwood, an assistant professor of history at the University of Maryland Eastern Shore; 9) Kelechi Wright, an assistant professor of African American studies at University of Houston

Living Legacy: Kevin James, 19th President of Morris Brown College, a historical Black college in Atlanta, Georgia

Mary McLeod Bethune Service: 1) Natanya Duncan, associate professor of history and director of Africana studies at Queens College CUNY; 2) Larry Lester, President of The Greater KC Black History Study Group

Passed unanimously

Daryl Michael Scott moved to end the meeting. David Walton seconded. Motion passed: Unanimous
Meeting adjourned 856pm EST

Minutes prepared by David Walton

Approved by Executive Council on June 7, 2025

Submitted by David M. Walton Secretary