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### **Executive Council Meeting Saturday, 7 June 2025**

## **MINUTES**

Call to Order  
9:02am EST

Anita Shepherd, Vice-President for Membership

Attendees: David Walton, John Adams, John Ashley, Anthony Cade, Sundiata Cha-Jua, Sylvia Cyrus, Aisha Haykal, Lionel Kimble, Walter Lanier, Lopez Matthews, Tomiko Meeks, Zebulon Miletsky, James Morgan, Crystal Moten, Kenvi Phillips, Chadra Pittman, Daryl Michael Scott, Camesha Scruggs, Anita Shepherd, Carlton Wilson, Natanya Duncan, Willis Moten has Crystal Sanders' proxy  
Aisha Haykal has Augustus Wood's proxy

Secretary David M. Walton

Duncan moved to change the order of the agenda and adopt the agenda. Seconded by Wilson.  
Motion passed: Unanimous

Duncan moved to adopt April Minutes. Second by Wilson. Motion Passed: Unanimous

Audit and Finance report was accepted

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

**Action Items:**

1. Membership Committee motioned (no second was needed as it came out of committee) to dissolve organizing Triad North Carolina Branch (Greensboro, NC). Motion Passed: Unanimous
2. Membership Committee motioned (no second was needed as it came out of committee) to dissolve C. Delores Tucker Legacy Branch (Washington D.C.). Motion Passed: Unanimous
3. Membership Committee motioned (no second was needed as it came out of committee) to dissolve Harper Council Trenholm, Sr Branch (Montgomery, AL). Motion Passed: One opposed
4. Membership Committee motioned (no second was needed as it came out of committee) to dissolve Paul Lawrence Dunbar Branch (Dayton, OH). Motion Passed: Unanimous
5. Membership Committee motioned (no second was needed as it came out of committee) to Place the following Branches on probation until November 30, 2025:
  - a. Carter G. Woodson (Washington D.C.)
  - b. Carter G. Woodson Greater Trenton Area (Mercer County, NJ)
  - c. John and Gloria Rose Branch (Cleveland, OH)
  - d. Louisa Branch
  - e. Margaret and Robert Garner Branch (Cincinnati, OH)
  - f. Richmond Branch (Richmond, VA)
  - g. Roland McConnell Branch (Baltimore, MD)
6. Motion Passed: One opposed
7. Kimble motioned to adopt “From Black Print Culture to Digital Blackness” as the 2027 Black History theme. Second by Walton. Motion Passed: Unanimous
8. Awards Committee motioned (no second was needed as it came out of committee) to award the editors of the Black History Month Bulletin (Lavonne Neal and Alicia Moore) the Council Award of Special Recognition. Motion Passed: Unanimous
9. Cyrus motioned to accept the memorandum of Understanding with the Association of Black Women Historians with an addition of ASALH’s participation in the ABWH’s bi-annual symposium. Second by Walton. Motion Passed: Unanimous
10. Wilson motioned to accept edited committee assignments. Second by Morgan. Motion Passed: Unanimous

Shepherd motioned to end the meeting. Morgan seconded. Motion passed: Unanimous  
Meeting adjourned 11:17am EST

Minutes prepared by David Walton

**Approved by Executive Council on September 18,  
2025**

**Submitted by David M. Walton Secretary**