



## ASSOCIATION FOR THE STUDY OF AFRICAN AMERICAN LIFE AND HISTORY®

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### Executive Council Meeting Wednesday, 24 September 2025

## MINUTES

Call to Order Kaye Whitehead, President  
1:41pm EDT

Roll Call David M. Walton, Secretary

Attendees: KARSONYA WISE WHITEHEAD, REV. ANITA SHEPHERD, AAISHA HAYKAL, DAVID WALTON, JOHN E. ADAMS, SYLVIA Y. CYRUS, FASHIKA WILLIS, John Ashley, Zebulon Vance Miletsky, Crystal Moten, Crystal Sanders, Camesha Scruggs, Carlton E. Wilson, Karen Cook Bell, Natanya Duncan, Tomiko Meeks, Daryl Michael Scott, Augustus C. Wood, Deirdre Foreman, Leslie Etienne, Kenvi Phillips, Walter Lanier, James Morgan III, Sundiata Cha-Jua, Aisha Johnson, Bertis English, Moore, Neal, Joy Connolly

Approval Of Agenda

**Moved by Meeks. Second, by Lanier. Unanimous passing.**

#### I. President's Report – President Whitehead

National Convenings

Called by President Whitehead

Three National Convenings

Her statements were published in the *AFRO*

She was a virtual guest speaker for several branches

\$50k donation from Dr. Freeman

\$50k donation from Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.

100<sup>th</sup> celebration of Black History Month approaches (1926-2026)

II. Audit and Finance Report – John Ashley

**Cha-Jua moved to receive the Audit and Finance Report. Second, by Duncan. Unanimous Passing.**

**Cha-Jua moved to receive the Audit Report. Second, by Duncan. Unanimous Passing.**

III. Program Cluster Report – Vice-President Haykal

a. *Journal of African American History* – Editor Bertis English

a. Upcoming Special Issues

i. 2026

1. Negro History Week to Black History Month
2. Black Power

ii. 2027

1. Black Women's History in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century

iii. 2028

1. Martin Luther King, Jr

b. *Black History Bulletin*

- a. 88 years, uninterrupted publishing. Published twice a year. Has never been late. Award winning. One year ahead.

c. 2027 Black History Month Summary

- a. Final word length: 781 words

**Morgan moved to adopt the 2027 Black History Month Summary. Second, by Sanders. Unanimous Passing.**

IV. American Council of Learned Societies – Joy Connolly

a. ASALH Benefits

- i. For Executive Director
- ii. Listserv access
- iii. Leadership seminar for member presidents

b. Mellon-Mays Graduate Program

c. HBCU Faculty Fellowship Program

d. Deans' Network

V. Development Report - President Whitehead

- a. John Ashley is the new chair

VI. APC Conference – Gus Wood

- VII. Freedom Schools – Cha-Jua and Etienne
  - a. Received \$150k Mellon grant for seed money
  - b. First Cohort of Freedom Schools
    - i. Indianapolis – Joseph Taylor Branch
    - ii. Dallas/Fort Worth Branch
    - iii. Arlington, VA Branch
    - iv. Flagstaff, AZ Branch
    - v. Carrollton, MS Branch
    - vi. Tuskegee, AL Branch
    - vii. Charleston, SC Branch
    - viii. Philadelphia, PA
    - ix. Champagne-Urbana, IL
  - c. Hired a National Coordinator:
    - i. Bishop Lawton

**Walton moved to adjourn. Second, by Morgan. Unanimous Passing.**

Meeting adjourned 3:23pm EDT

**Approved by Executive Council on November 20, 2025**

**Submitted by David M. Walton Secretary**