Virginia American Revolution 250 Commission (VA250)
African American Advisory Council
General Assembly Building
Subcommittee Room 700 South
Friday, January 5, 2024
Noon – 2:00 pm

AGENDA

Call to Order
The Honorable Mamie Locke, Chair

Chair’s Remarks and Charge to the Committee

Introductions

VA250: Vision, Goals, and Preliminary Plans

Discussion and Questions for Reflection:

What lessons can we learn from previous commemorations?

How do we make the semiquincentennial meaningful to all Virginians?

What programs should be planned?

What would you like to see occur during this commemoration to highlight African American history and culture? How do we get there?

What are the under-told and under-known stories that should be highlighted statewide?

What should be our next steps?
Invited Participants

The Honorable Mamie E. Locke, Chair
Dr. Edward L. Ayers, President Emeritus, University of Richmond
Rev. Cozy Bailey, President, Virginia NAACP
Dr. Nathaniel L. (NL) Bishop, Senior Vice President and Chief Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Officer, Carillion Clinic
Sheila Coates, Founder/President, Black Women United
The Honorable Winsome Earle-Sears, Lt. Governor of Virginia
Chief Justice S. Bernard Goodwyn, Chief Justice, Supreme Court of Virginia
Toria Edmonds-Howell, Community Engagement Manager, Capitol One Michael Wassmer Innovation Center
Connie Matthews Harshaw, Board President, Let Freedom Ring Foundation, First Baptist Church
Professor Ervin Jordan, Associate Professor and Research Archivist, University of Virginia
Felix Sarfo-Kantanka, Jr., External Affairs Manager, Dominion Energy
Dr. Maureen Elgersman Lee, Bray School Lab Director
Patrice Lewis, Government Affairs Manager, Gentry Locke Attorneys
The Honorable Louise Lucas, President pro tempore, Senate of Virginia
Rita McClenny, President and CEO, Virginia Tourism Corporation
The Honorable Delores McQuinn, Virginia House of Delegates
Dr. Cassandra Newby-Alexander, Professor of Virginia Black History and Culture, Norfolk State University
Rohulamin Quander, Administrative Judge (Ret.), District of Columbia
Margot Lee Shetterly, Author, Hidden Figures
Kaylene Seige, Member, Harrisonburg School Board
Phyllis Terrell, Director of Communications, Fort Monroe
The Honorable Luke Torian, Virginia House of Delegates
Dr. Vanessa Thaxton-Ward, Director, Hampton University Moton Museum
Cainan Townsend, Executive Director, Robert Russa Moton Museum
James Warren, Founder and CEO, Share More Stories
Dr. Gregory Washington, President, George Mason University

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