



**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*

**Rev. William Lee**, *Pastor, Loudoun Ave. Christian Church (LACC) (ret.)*

**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 Seigle**, *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 Museum*

**Cainan Townsend**, *Executive Director, Robert Russa Moton Museum*

**James Warren**, *Founder and CEO, Share More Stories*

**Dr. Gregory Washington**, *President, George Mason University*

## **Staff**

**Cheryl Wilson**, *Executive Director*

**Korin Taddei**, *Executive Assistant*