



**American Revolution 250 Commission (VA250)**

**African American Advisory Council**

Fort Monroe Visitor & Education Center  
30 Ingalls Road, Fort Monroe, VA 23651

**Monday, March 31, 2025**

10:00 am - Noon

**AGENDA**

**Call to Order**

*The Honorable Mamie Locke, Chair*

**Chair's Remarks and Introductions**

**Eola Dance, Senior Advisor**

**Discussion Items**

July 4, 2025 at Fort Monroe

Juneteenth events

Gaylene Kanoyton: Hampton Juneteenth

Regional Events

Melinda Gainer: American Music Collective/250

Open discussion/next steps

Deliverables: Who, What, When

***Advisory Council Members***

**The Honorable Mamie E. Locke, Chair, Senate of Virginia**

**Dr. Edward L. Ayers, President Emeritus, University of Richmond**

**Dr. Nathaniel L. (NL) Bishop**

**The Honorable Martin D. Brown, Chief Diversity Officer, Commonwealth of Virginia**

**Eric W. Claville, Executive Advisor to the President for Governmental Relations, Norfolk State University**

**Alicia O. Cohen, Former Vice Chair, Loudoun VA250**

**The Honorable Winsome Earle-Sears, Lt. Governor of Virginia**

**The Honorable S. Bernard Goodwyn, Chief Justice, Supreme Court of Virginia**

**Connie Matthews Harshaw, Board President, Let Freedom Ring Foundation, First Baptist Church**

**Professor Ervin Jordan**, *Associate Professor and Research Archivist, University of Virginia*

**Dr. Maureen Elgersman Lee**, *Bray School Lab Director, William & Mary*

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

**Patrice Lewis**, *Government Affairs Manager, Gentry Locke Attorneys*

**The Honorable L. 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*

**Felix Sarfo-Kantanka, Jr.**, *External Affairs Manager, Dominion Energy*

**Phyllis Terrell**, *Director of Communications, Fort Monroe*

**Dr. Vanessa Thaxton-Ward**, *Director, Hampton University Museum*

**The Honorable Luke Torian**, *Virginia House of Delegates*

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

**James Warren**, *Founder and CEO, Share More Stories, JMI Vice President of Brand Strategy*

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

**Major General Cedric T. Wins**, *Superintendent, Virginia Military Institute*