# Friday, July 11, 2025 – Opening General Sessions

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## 7:45–8:45 a.m. Overview of the Access Board and the Architectural Barriers Act

Studio 9

Participants will gain an understanding of the Access Board’s key functions, which include enforcement of the Architectural Barriers Act (ABA), the law requiring all federal facilities to be accessible to people with disabilities. A brief outline of the requirements in the ABA Standards will also be provided.

Alison Levy and Sarah Presley, Presenters

## 8:00–8:45 a.m. Devotions

Studio 10

**8:15–8:45 a.m. Registration (30 dollars), Packet Pickup, and Banquet Ticket Sales (85** dollars)

Salon A

## 8:15–8:45 a.m. Banquet Exchange

Acadia Ballroom Foyer

Opening General Session (9:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.)

Grand Ballroom

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Call to Order and Invocation

President Riccobono gavels the session to order; religious member offers an invocation.

Presentation of Colors and Pledge of Allegiance

National Association of Blind Veterans, a Division of the National Federation of the Blind; Goodyear, Arizona

Who Dat: A Welcome from the Louisiana Federation Family

2025 National Convention Host Committee: The National Federation of the Blind of Louisiana

Celebration of Freedom: Veterans Recognized

Roy Stinson, President, National Association of Blind Veterans, a Division of the National Federation of the Blind; Goodyear, Arizona

Roll Call of States and Appointment of Nominating Committee

Affiliate announcements of delegate, nominating committee appointment, and future convention plans.

Reports and Resolutions

President Riccobono delivers important information and convention business as time allows.

## 12:00–1:45 p.m. Banquet Exchange

Acadia Ballroom Foyer

## 12:00–1:45 p.m. Exhibit Hall and Independence Market

Napoleon Ballroom, Sheraton

## 12:15–1:15 p.m. Unlocking Human Potential with Wearable AI

Galerie 6

Discover how wearable AI technology is revolutionizing the way we live, work, and interact with the world around us. Explore the latest features of the Ray-Ban Meta Smart Glasses and learn how they are empowering people to enhance their daily routines and unlock new experiences.

Meta

## 12:15–1:45 p.m. AFB Update: New Research and Opportunities

Studio 8

Join leaders from AFB's Public Policy and Research Institute as they share opportunities on the horizon and the latest research impacting our community, including AFB's groundbreaking work on the impact of AI. Learn how to get involved.

Stephanie Enyart and Dr. Arielle Silverman, American Foundation for the Blind (AFB)

## 12:15–1:45 p.m. Access Board Section 508 Activity and Information Updates

Studio 9

Join the Access Board to learn about Section 508 accessibility requirements and our latest activities to improve accessibility of federal Information and communication technology across the government.

Kathy Eng, Presenter

## 12:15–1:45 p.m. Uber Town Hall

Studio 2

Meet with members of Uber's Accessibility team to share your experiences and hear updates about new features.

Briana Gilmore, Head of Public Policy, Accessibility & Marginalized Communities, Uber

## 12:15–1:45 p.m. Louisiana Center for the Blind Open House

Studio 7

Since 1985, LCB has been a place where blind people build confidence, grow skills, and shape futures. Connect with our vibrant community—students, alumni, instructors, and our team from the Institute on Blindness at Louisiana Tech—and check out the programs that make it all happen!

Pam Allen, Executive Director and the LCB Crew

## 12:15–1:45 p.m. NOPBC Board Meeting

Studio 6

Join the NOPBC Board of Directors as they recap the 2025 NOPBC Seminar and plan for the 2026 event.

Cassandra McKinney, President

## 12:30–1:30 p.m. Islamic Friday Prayer

Salon D

## 12:45–1:45 p.m. Google's AI Accessibility Tools

Galerie 5

Discover how Google is leveraging the power of AI to create innovative tools and features that support and empower the blind and low-vision community.

**1:15–1:45 p.m. Registration (30 dollars), Packet Pickup, and Final Banquet Ticket Sales** (85 dollars)

Salon A

General Session II (2:00–5:00 p.m.)

Grand Ballroom

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Call to Order

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Presidential Report

Mark Riccobono, President, National Federation of the Blind; Baltimore, Maryland

*“Access On”* through Collective Action: Mobilizing Leadership through Blind-Centered Technology Perspectives

Jonathan Mosen, Executive Director for Accessibility Excellence, National Federation of the Blind; Baltimore, Maryland

Accessibility, AI, and Community Engagement: A Growing Relationship Between Meta and the Organized Blind Movement

Maxine Williams, Vice President, Head of Accessibility and Engagement, Meta; Menlo Park, California

Copiloting Accessibility in Partnership with the Blind: Reflections on the Past Decade and the Future at Microsoft

Jenny Lay-Flurrie, Vice President, Chief Accessibility Officer, Microsoft; Redmond, Washington

Meaningful Social Security for Blind Americans: A New Era of Opportunities

Frank Bisignano, Commissioner, Social Security Administration; Washington, District of Columbia

Reports and Resolutions

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5:00–9:00 p.m. Exhibit Hall

Napoleon Ballroom, Sheraton

Final opportunity to visit the Exhibit Hall.

## 5:15–6:15 p.m. NFB in the Kitchen Group

Studio 2

Sometimes you need a little spark of inspiration to change your cooking routine. As a community of cooking enthusiasts strengthening confidence, let’s talk food, tools, and cooking trends. Bring your ideas and enthusiasm. Come and taste a few bites from “The Café”!

Regina Mitchell, Chair

## 5:15–6:15 p.m. Public Right-of-Way Accessibility Guidelines (PROWAG)

Studio 9

Participants will be provided with an overview of PROWAG, with an emphasis on the guidelines for pedestrian access routes, detectable warnings, accessible pedestrian signals, roundabouts, and other components that are of particular interest to people who are blind or who have low vision.

Sarah Presley, Presenter

## 5:15–9:00 p.m. Inclusive Fitness with Sports and Recreation Division

Salon D

Accessible yoga, body weight training, inclusive movement exercise to keep the body loose and healthy throughout convention.

Richie Flores, President

## 5:30–6:30 p.m. Packaging Accessibility: Sharing Amazon’s Learnings

Galerie 6

Amazon has conducted cross-disciplinary research with disabled customers to enhance packaging accessibility. This led to principles for designers and engineers to improve both printed information and package structure. We'll share findings on making packaging more user-friendly.

Di Wu, Sr. Creative Program Manager, Amazon

## 6:00–8:00 p.m. Imagining Our Museum: The Museum of the Blind People’s Movement

Studio 1

Participate in a discussion to share your input about the themes and stories that will make up the Museum of the Blind People's Movement. You will learn about the plans for the museum and contribute your own ideas. (Note there is a maximum capacity limit in this session.)

Alison Tyler, Museum Project Lead, National Federation of the Blind

## 6:00–9:00 p.m. Sexual Health Education Q&A

Galerie 1 and 2

This event features information on reproductive anatomy, identity, healthy relationships, pregnancy, parenting, contraception and family planning, STIs, and sexual pleasure.

* 6:00–7:00 p.m. Youth ages 14-22 ONLY
* 7:00–9:00 p.m. Adults ages 18+

Mika Baugh, PhD, MPH

## 6:30–7:30 p.m. Accessibility at Oracle

Galerie 5

Oracle’s journey with accessibility is ongoing. We lead by example by collaborating on accessibility standards and building industry partnerships. Oracle is proud to provide solutions that benefit our customers which meet the needs of our diverse community.

Kent Boucher, Senior Director, Oracle Accessibility Program Office, Oracle

## 6:45–10:00 p.m. NOPBC Crafts and Games Night

Studio 8

For ages 5 to 12. Please note that this activity is available ONLY for children whose parents are attending NOPBC evening workshops.

National Organization of Parents of Blind Children (NOPBC)

## 7:00–8:00 p.m. Making Work More Accessible for More People

Studio 2

The unemployment rate for people who are blind or have low vision is 75 percent globally. We all—governments, businesses, the blind community, Be My Eyes and its partners—must do more. Learn how we, and our customers, are helping make a step change in the accessible workplace.

Mike Buckley and Bryan Bashin, Be My Eyes

## 7:00–9:00 p.m. Communications Committee

Galerie 4

Join chapter, affiliate, and division leaders to learn best practices in communications. We’ll explore the tools available to us through our national office and exchange ideas. Learn to effectively use communication to build the Federation. Everyone is welcome!

Liz Wisecarver, Chair

## 7:00–9:00 p.m. News Alert: NFB-NEWSLINE® now on Android!

Studio 9

Join our seminar to master the new NFB-NEWSLINE® Android app! Learn to access 500+ publications, including newspapers, magazines, and breaking news, for the blind. Get hands-on training to navigate this free audio news service.

Scott White, Director of Sponsored Technology Programs, and Jack Mendez, NFB-NEWSLINE® Deputy Director, National Federation of the Blind

## 7:00–9:45 p.m. NOPBC Educate Seminar

Registration until June 30: adults 35 dollars, families 50 dollars. On-site registration available. For more details visit [nopbc.org](https://nopbc.org/). Sponsored by the National Organization of Parents of Blind Children. Cassandra McKinney, President

7:00–8:15 p.m. – Workshop Group D

* Technology Goals, Gadgets, and Game Changers (Studio 3)
* Talking to your Pre-Teen (ages 8 to 13) (Studio 10)

8:30–9:45 p.m. – Workshop Group E

* Mock IEP (Studio 3)
* Talking to your Teen (ages 14 and up) (Studio 10)

## 7:00–10:00 p.m. NOPBC Youth Track Session (ages 11-18)

Balcony L

Finding Our Power. Refer to the Youth Track agenda for activity details.

## 8:00–10:00 p.m. Minnesota Center for the Blind Trivia Night

Galerie 6

Join the Minnesota Center for the Blind for a fun night of trivia! Come solo or with a team. We'll share updates on our transition from BLIND Inc. to MCB, what’s ahead, and how you can support our mission. Alumni, future students, and friends are all welcome.

Briley O'Connor, Executive Director, Minnesota Center for the Blind