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The excitement is building as our 2021 National Convention begins today. For your convenience you will be receiving a daily email containing that date's agenda pasted in the body of the email and attached as a word document including Zoom ID’s, dial-in numbers if you're dialing in; no passcodes are required.

I would strongly recommend saving dial-in and voting numbers as a contact or to your mobile devices or landline phone book. I have used heading 1 and heading 2 for easy JAWS navigation.

For everything convention related visit our convention webpage at  
[National Convention | National Federation of the Blind (nfb.org)](https://nfb.org/get-involved/national-convention)

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# Convention voting number:

667-206-6677

# NFB21 Voting Details: Important Information

As a member of the National Federation of the Blind and registrant for the 2021 National Convention, you are receiving this email because you are eligible to vote during our general sessions. We have arranged for a voting platform that will allow you to vote via SMS (text message) or by phone. The phone number for voting is 667-206-6677. You may choose to program this number into your phone. Below is important information to review prior to convention to prepare for voting.

As the supreme authority of the organization, the Convention elects leaders and sets policies and priorities. Delegations normally need to be in-person to vote, but the board has proposed rules of engagement for the virtual environment. Similar rules were adopted in 2020.

* Review the proposed [rules of engagement for the 2021 NFB Virtual Convention](https://nfb.org/civicrm/mailing/url?u=21930&qid=5648296)
* Review a board resolution being recommended to the Convention to [establish a fund to support survivors under our Code of Conduct](https://nfb.org/civicrm/mailing/url?u=21931&qid=5648296)
* Review proposed resolutions, which will be posted under [https://nfb.org/resolutions](https://nfb.org/civicrm/mailing/url?u=21943&qid=5648296) as soon as the committee has processed them

# Voting

* Every member in good standing who registered for the convention and indicated their intention of voting during the convention registration by May 31, 2021 will be eligible to vote.
* All individuals who are members, are registered for the convention, and who opt in to the voter enrollment by the specified time above, will constitute the pool of Convention voters.
* All voting will be done via phone, either by texting or by calling.
* Any matter must receive a simple majority of the votes cast by the Convention voters present and voting in order to be affirmed.
* “Present and voting” will mean the subset of convention voters who actually cast a vote on a given question. Thus, voters who are indifferent to a matter cannot block its consideration by the Convention by choosing not to cast a vote.
* All votes will be allocated two minutes for vote time.
* After two minutes, if the outcome to the question under consideration is unclear, the chair will poll the delegates by voice vote for a definitive outcome.
* If voting indicates seventy-five percent support for or against a question prior to the two-minute period elapsing, the chair may elect to move to the next order of business.
* An opportunity to practice voting will be offered in the convention on a question that has no impact on the policy of the organization.
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# Agenda: Tuesday, July 6

## 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM— CONTEMPORARY ISSUES IN REHABILITATION AND EDUCATION FOR THE BLIND—TWENTIETH ANNUAL REHABILITATION AND ORIENTATION AND MOBILITY CONFERENCE

Registration (online before July 3rd at <https://nbpcb.org/members/er.php?eid=434>): Professionals: $50 and Students free. Sponsors: National Blindness Professional Certification Board (NBPCB) and the Professional Development & Research Institute on Blindness (PDRIB) at the Louisiana Tech University.

Colin Wong and Joni Martinez, Co-Chairs

## 10:00 - 11:00 AM—TARGET: AN APP FOR ALL GUESTS

## Zoom meeting ID: [941 6380 7033](https://zoom.us/j/94163807033)

Join Target’s accessibility team for an overview of the Target app, including a description of the layout, features, ways to save money, and how to get what you need however you want it. Learn some tips and tricks to navigate a complex app with ease

Steve Decker, Lead Accessibility Consultant, Target

## 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM—ORIENTATION TO THE 2021 NFB CAREER FAIR

## Zoom meeting ID: [923 2958 9892](https://zoom.us/j/92329589892)

This event is designed to help employers and job seekers prepare for the Career Fair. Employers will talk about their staffing needs. Job seekers will learn how to make the best pitch to employers. Both will get last-minute information and their questions answered.

Dick Davis, Chair

## 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM—WHAT’S NEW WITH JAWS, FUSION, AND ZOOMTEXT

## Zoom meeting ID: [921 2247 0842](https://zoom.us/j/92122470842)

In this interactive session, we’ll discuss what’s new in JAWS, ZoomText, and Fusion 2021, and look ahead to 2022 releases later this year!

Eric Damery, Vice President, Software Product Management, Vispero

## 12:00 - 1:00 PM—TARGET: CREATING A MORE ACCESSIBLE WORKPLACE

## Zoom meeting ID: [936 8308 2758](https://zoom.us/j/93683082758)

Learn how Target is building a more accessible and inclusive workplace. We’ll share some of the work we’ve done to ensure blind people can do our jobs. We’re also building accessibility into our culture. Hear about how accessibility benefits Target and all our guests.  
Steve Decker, Lead Accessibility Consultant, Target

## 12:00 - 1:30 PM—B&O RAILROAD MUSEUM TOUR: MARYLAND ON THE RAILS

## Zoom meeting ID: [957 8137 1847](https://zoom.us/j/95781371847)

This virtual tour will examine how before 1827 Maryland became an ideal location for the B&O Railroad, and as a result, how the B&O Railroad has continued to contribute to the robust history of this state.

12:00 - 2:00 PM—BLACK LEADERS SERVING ADVANCEMENT

Zoom meeting ID:[978 5361 2032](https://zoom.us/j/97853612032)  
Celebrate the numerous contributions of black Federation leaders. Let’s inspire youth through personal empowerment, leadership development, and mentorship. All are welcome to attend.

Shawn Callaway, Denise Avant, and Richard Payne, Moderators

## 12:00 - 2:00 PM—INTERSECTING DISABILITIES

## Zoom meeting ID: [996 1016 6214](https://zoom.us/j/99610166214)

Come learn about the lived experiences of members who have multiple disabilities.

Bobbi Pompey and Anahit LaBarre, Co-Facilitators

## 12:00 - 3:00 PM—NOPBC YOUTH TRACK SESSIONS

## Registration required. Email [president@nopbc.org](mailto:president@nopbc.org)for details.

## 12:30 - 2:00 PM—BLIND MUSLIMS GROUP SEMINAR

## Zoom meeting ID: [946 9477 4339](https://zoom.us/j/94694774339)

Diverse in culture, united in faith: finding our space in the blindness movement. Join us to learn about our group and our involvement in the NFB. Participate in a discussion on intersection between faith and blindness, access, inclusion, diversity, identity, and advocacy.

Tasnim Ashuli, Chair

## 1:00 - 2:00 PM—NFB IN THE KITCHEN

## Zoom meeting ID: [941 7475 9871](https://zoom.us/j/94174759871)

This meeting is to gauge interest in a new Federation group that would connect blind people with the tools, techniques, and resources useful to build confidence in the kitchen and to serve as a community for cooking enthusiasts who happen to be blind. Bring your ideas and enthusiasm.

Regina Mitchell, Chair

## 1:00 - 2:00 PM—HUMANWARE’S ALL ABOUT BRAILLE SHOWCASE

## Zoom meeting ID: [960 1231 7685](https://zoom.us/j/96012317685)

Discuss all that is new and exciting with HumanWare’s wide range of Braille products! Meet our new intelligent Braille displays and get an overview of all that is coming on the BrailleNote Touch Plus.

Peter Tucic, Brand Ambassador of Blindness Products

## 1:00 - 2:30 PM—MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING

## Zoom meeting ID: [943 2183 5109](https://zoom.us/j/94321835109)

Affiliate membership chairs, membership committee members, chapter presidents, and all Federationists are encouraged to join us in reflecting on the virtual year of COVID, as well as finding new and creative ways to build our membership. Sharing best practices across the Federation will take our chapters, affiliates, and our national organization to the next level.    
Kathryn Webster and Tarik Williams, Co-Chairs

## 1:00 - 4:00 PM—NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF GUIDE DOG USERS (NAGDU) SEMINAR

## Zoom meeting ID: [975 2442 8051](https://zoom.us/j/97524428051)

Celebrating the work of puppy raisers everywhere. Get updates from the various guide dog training programs and learn how you can help to improve the rights of all guide dog users.  
Raul Gallegos, President

## 1:00 - 4:00 PM—NFB NATIONAL CAREER FAIR

## Zoom meeting ID: [956 8743 3935](https://zoom.us/j/95687433935)

Looking for a job? This event brings blind job seekers looking for rewarding careers together with employers who want to hire them. Job seekers must preregister at <https://nfb.org/form/career-fair-jobseeker-registration>.  
Sponsored by the NFB Employment Committee.   
Dick Davis, Chair

## 1:00 PM - 4:45 PM—EMPOWERING OUR CHILDREN: MAXIMIZING SKILLS, OPPORTUNITIES, AND DREAMS

## Zoom meeting ID: [414 052 0261](https://zoom.us/j/4140520261)

## Sponsored by the NFB’s National Organization of Parents of Blind Children (NOPBC) division. For more details, visit [https://nopbc.org.](https://nopbc.org/)

## Carlton Cook Walker, Presiden

## 1:00 - 2:00 PM—NOPBC General Session

## 2:00 - 2:45 PM—NOPBC Concurrent Workshops, Session I

Accessibyte—Touch Typing, Flash Cards, Games… Fun for All!

Zoom meeting ID: [414 052 0261](https://zoom.us/j/4140520261)

Reading to Learn the Code: the Natural Order of Contractions

Zoom meeting ID: [960 6216 1931](https://zoom.us/j/96062161931)

What Is Structured Discovery?

Zoom meeting ID: [964 1123 4247](https://zoom.us/j/96411234247)

Helping Kids of All Ages Explore the Kitchen

Zoom meeting ID: [947 8274 4209](https://zoom.us/j/94782744209)

The Truth about Perfection: Confessions of NOPBC Board Members

Zoom meeting ID: [921 1075 4543](https://zoom.us/j/92110754543)

2:45 - 4:00 PM— NOPBC General Session Reconvened

Zoom meeting ID: [414 052 0261](https://zoom.us/j/4140520261)

## 4:00 - 4:45 PM—NOPBC Concurrent Workshops, Session II

## NFB-NEWSLINE®: It’s Not Just for Adults Anymore

## Zoom meeting ID: [414 052 0261](https://zoom.us/j/4140520261)

## The Wilson Reading System: Reading Success with Dyslexia

## Zoom meeting ID: [929 1338 2130](https://zoom.us/j/92913382130)

## Regaining Travel Confidence After a Year of Being Home

## Zoom meeting ID: [969 6633 4878](https://zoom.us/j/96966334878)

## Teaching Boundaries, Consent, and Relationship Rules

## Zoom meeting ID: [914 8042 5687](https://zoom.us/j/91480425687)

## The End of the IEP Road and the Transition to College

## Zoom meeting ID: [946 9923 7875](https://zoom.us/j/94699237875)

## 1:30 - 2:00 PM—SCANNING THE IDEAL OCR SOLUTION FROM VISPERO

## Zoom meeting ID: [959 5210 2574](https://zoom.us/j/95952102574)

Did you know the perfect scanning solution is built right into JAWS? It’s called Convenient OCR. And, if you don’t want anything to do with a computer, it is not problem. Ron Miller and Jeff Bazer will show you several simple scanning options with one press of a button.  
Jeff Bazer, Sales Director, Vispero, and Ron Miller, Blindness Technology Product Specialist, Vispero

## 2:00 - 3:00 PM—PEARSON DISABILITY MENTORING PROGRAM

## Zoom meeting ID: [920 7697 5702](https://zoom.us/j/92076975702)

The Pearson Disability Mentoring Program has targeted the dangerous combination of low expectations and a lack of knowledge about exploring career goals that leads to underemployment of disabled college graduates. Join this session to learn how Mentoring Changes Lives.  
John Tweeddale, Senior Vice President, Higher Education Services, Pearson

## 2:00 - 3:30 PM—PRESIDENTS AND TREASURERS SEMINAR

## Zoom meeting ID: [923 1055 5033](https://zoom.us/j/92310555033)

All state affiliate presidents and treasurers are asked to attend this session. We will focus on the financial expectations for a new president and treasurer, as well as the proper way to transition out of these positions. Participants can discuss state issues with facilitators Nick Lambright and Bridgid Burke.

## 2:00 - 3:30 PM—NASA GODDARD SPACE FLIGHT CENTER TOUR

## Zoom meeting ID: [989 1183 7672](https://zoom.us/j/98911837672)

On this virtual tour, you will learn about the nation’s first space flight center that now also has the largest combined organization of scientists and engineers dedicated to increasing knowledge of Earth, the solar system, and the universe via observations from space.

## 2:00 - 4:00 PM—GREEK AND MASONIC GROUP

## Zoom meeting ID: [982 5999 5697](https://zoom.us/j/98259995697)

Are you a member of a national Greek organization, the Masons, or the Eastern Star? Help build our relationships with Greek letter organizations to ensure inclusion and participation, to engage in fundraising, and to serve as a resource for the blind considering membership.   
Shawn Callaway, Chair

## 2:00 - 4:00 PM—PRONOUNS, PRIDE, AND MORE

## Zoom meeting ID: [979 3160 0458](https://zoom.us/j/97931600458)

Come learn about the importance of pronouns. An educational seminar focused on addressing this and other common misconceptions.  
Bobbi Pompey and Kaden Colton, Co-Facilitators

## 2:00 - 6:00 PM—NFB-NEWSLINE® DEMONSTRATION OPEN HOUSE

## Zoom meeting ID: [941 0737 7108](https://zoom.us/j/94107377108)

Have you never heard of NFB-NEWSLINE? Are you a new user? Are you a seasoned pro and want to learn more of the detailed features of the service? Stop by and learn how the information sources of NFB-NEWSLINE can help you become part of your community’s conversation!

## 2:30 - 4:00 PM—BLIND FEDERAL EMPLOYMENT COMMITTEE MEETING

## Zoom meeting ID: [925 4578 8239](https://zoom.us/j/92545788239)

Come learn about issues facing federal employees and applicants. Share your experiences with and your solutions to federal workplace challenges.  
Ronza Othman, Chair

## 3:00 - 4:00 PM—MANAGING THE FINANCIAL EFFECTS OF COVID-19

## Zoom meeting ID: [937 8179 9990](https://zoom.us/j/93781799990)

The COVID-19 pandemic has affected our personal, professional, and social lives. Join this session to learn how to regain control of your financial well-being and build financial resiliency to buffer yourself against future emergencies and economic shocks.  
Mia Russell, Wells Fargo, and Katie Metz, National Disability Institute

## 3:00 - 4:00 PM—LIGHTHOUSE PRESENTS: TACTILE MAPS AND MORE!

## Zoom meeting ID: [926 1848 7109](https://zoom.us/j/92618487109)

LightHouse in San Francisco invites you to hear how our MAD Lab TMAPs can help you learn a city block or navigate a new neighborhood and how tactile intersection diagrams can enhance O&M instruction. Find out how you can touch the news. Learn about our online Adaptations store.  
Sheri Albers, Community Outreach Coordinator, San Francisco LightHouse

## 3:00 - 4:30 PM—AIRA ACCESS: WORK, SCHOOL, EVERYWHERE!

## Zoom meeting ID: [974 1693 2013](https://zoom.us/j/97416932013)

Want to know how to make your work or school an Aira Access location? Join us for strategies and case studies.  
Jenine Stanley, Director, Customer Communications, Aira

## 3:00 - 5:00 PM—RESEARCH AND ACADEMIC PROFESSIONALS MEETING

## Zoom meeting ID: [981 9358 4017](https://zoom.us/j/98193584017)

The National Federation of the Blind Blindness Initiatives’ Research Advisory Council invites interested individuals to discuss current research, discuss publication in the Journal of Blindness Innovation and Research (JBIR) and share ideas for increasing the research and academic presence of the NFB.  
Lou Ann Blake, Director of Research Programs, National Federation of the Blind

## 3:00 - 5:00 PM—WHAT’S NEW WITH AMAZON ACCESSIBILITY

## Zoom meeting ID: [913 4928 5721](https://zoom.us/j/91349285721)

Join us for demos and discussion of accessible Amazon products including Alexa and Smart Home, Fire TV at home and in your car, Fire tablets for school and work, audio description on Prime Video, books and shopping, and, of course, exciting Amazon prizes for lucky attendees.  
Peter Korn, Director of Accessibility, Amazon

## 4:00 - 5:00 PM—SAFETY AND SUPPORT TRAINING: BOUNDARIES AND CONSENT

## Zoom meeting ID: [664 561 4114](https://zoom.us/j/6645614114)

This workshop will discuss ways in which we can build safe, stronger, and more connected communities by building an organizational culture of consent. Come join the Survivor Task Force and Consent Academy to become a consent advocate for our entire community.  
Sponsored by the NFB Survivor Task Force.

## 4:00 - 5:00 PM—NOPBC YOUTH TRACK SESSIONS

## Registration required. Email [president@nopbc.org](mailto:president@nopbc.org) for details.

## 4:00 - 5:30 PM—HARRIET TUBMAN UNDERGROUND RAILROAD TOUR

## Zoom meeting ID: [961 2567 1553](https://zoom.us/j/96125671553)

Virtually experience Harriet Tubman’s world through exhibits that chronicle the life of this resourceful woman and the many others that helped her run the Underground Railroad. Most people underestimated her tenacity and strength.

## 4:30 - 6:00 PM—SSI AND SSDI 101: WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

## Zoom meeting ID: [988 9355 4670](https://zoom.us/j/98893554670)

Have you ever wanted to know how Supplemental Security Income (SSI) and Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI) work or how you may benefit from these programs? Join me as we explore the ins and outs of all things benefits. Questions welcome!  
Stephanie Flynt, NFB Government Affairs Specialist, National Federation of the Blind

## 5:00 - 7:00 PM—NOPBC FAMILY GAME TIME

## Zoom meeting ID: [967 3752 7512](https://zoom.us/j/99125581630)

Drop in to discuss, play, and learn how to make accessible games.  
Carlton Cook Walker, President

## 5:00 - 8:00 PM—2021 JOB SEEKER SEMINAR

## Zoom meeting ID: [991 2558 1630](https://zoom.us/j/99125581630)

Our annual seminar is bigger and better this year, with presenters on a whole range of topics. New to the job market? Experienced person looking for better opportunities? Want to know what employers really want? We’ve got you covered!

Mary Ann Mendez, NFB Employment Committee Seminar Chair

## 5:30 - 7:30 PM—BUILDING AI WITH SUMAN KANUGANTI

## Zoom meeting ID: [933 1285 4946](https://zoom.us/j/93312854946)

Personal AI is building with the public and learning in public to promote radical truth to our customers. Join this discussion to learn more about how we are working with our community to build an AI product that is accessible and authentic to each member. Questions welcome!  
Suman Kanuganti, CEO, Personal AI

## 6:00 - 7:30 PM—WEBMASTERS MEETING

## Zoom meeting ID: [923 1042 4932](https://zoom.us/j/92310424932)

We are excited to announce that the affiliate website redesign project is in full swing. We welcome anyone responsible for affiliate or division web content to join us for a discussion about this and other initiatives.  
Corbb O’Connor, Chair

## 6:00 - 8:00 PM—DIVERSITY, EQUITY, AND INCLUSION OPEN MEETING

## Zoom meeting ID: [929 4841 3820](https://zoom.us/j/92948413820)

Attend our annual meeting to hear about our activities and to learn how you can become involved with our committee. Let’s learn from each other to grow our understanding and to increase our impact around diversity, equity, and inclusion.  
Shawn Callaway and Colin Wong, Co-Chairs

## 6:00 - 9:00 PM—NFB LEGAL OFFICE HOURS

Meet with a disability rights attorney to discuss blindness discrimination concerns regarding employment, technology, education, voting, travel, COVID vaccinations, housing, parental rights, and more. Schedule your appointment by emailing [vyingling@nfb.org](https://nfb.org/Users/sskaarer/Dropbox/2020%20convention/agenda/vyingling@nfb.org).

## 6:30 - 8:00 PM—NABS STUDENT NETWORKING

## Zoom meeting ID: 949 4020 2508

We know we’re not in person this year, but we still want to form lasting connections for all students at the 2021 NFB National Convention. This isn’t your typical networking event. Come kick off your week NABS-style with high-energy and interactive activities.  
Trisha Kulkarni, President

## 7:00 - 9:00 PM—LEGISLATIVE MEET UP

## Zoom meeting ID: [990 7360 1724](https://zoom.us/j/99073601724)

A recap of Washington Seminar, a rundown of priorities, and an opportunity for legislative directors and others interested in advocating for the rights of the nation’s blind to exchange strategies to move our legislative priorities at the local, state, and federal levels.    
Stephanie Flynt and Jeff Kaloc, NFB Government Affairs Specialists, National Federation of the Blind

## 7:00 - 10:00 PM—NOPBC PARENT OPEN HOUSE

## Zoom meeting ID: [414 052 0261](https://zoom.us/j/4140520261)

Drop in to speak with NOPBC board members and other convention veterans. Relax, chat, meet new families and teachers, and connect with old friends.  
Carlton Cook Walker, President

## 7:30 - 8:30 PM—JUDAISM MEETING

## Zoom meeting ID: [977 0150 7592](https://zoom.us/j/97701507592)

Join us to discuss the reopening of synagogues and how this influences us as blind attendees.  
David Stayer, Chair, NFB in Judaism Group

## 8:00 - 10:00 PM—NATIVE AMERICAN EXPERIENCES

## Zoom meeting ID: [940 3546 7033](https://zoom.us/j/94035467033)

Hear from the voices of Native Americans in the Federation. Do you identify as a Native American or are part of a First Nation? Come find support and/or learn about this cultural group.  
Justin Salisbury and Aaron Timm, Co-Facilitators

## 8:00 - 10:00 PM—BLIND PARENTS GROUP

## Zoom meeting ID:[938 6214 7607](https://zoom.us/j/93862147607" \t "_blank)

There are many books on how to be the best parent, but not many on how to be the best blind parent. Meet the people writing the pages of the book on how to be a blind parent by simply living and not letting blindness hold them back from raising families. You won't want to miss this meeting!  
Lisamaria Martinez, Chair

## 8:00 - 10:00 PM—ONE VOICE: STRONGER TOGETHER

Enjoy a night of performance and support our work changing what it means to be blind, one stage at a time. Tickets are $20 and can be purchased online by visiting [www.nfb.org/concert](https://nfb.org/www.nfb.org/concert) or by calling the Independence Market at 410-659-9314, extension 2216.

Hosted by the Performing Arts Division and the National Federation of the Blind.

## 9:00 - 10:30 PM—THE TECHNOLOGY EVALUATION COMMITTEE EXHIBITOR’S SHOWCASE

## Zoom meeting ID: [951 1858 8529](https://zoom.us/j/95118588529)

All are invited to join the Technology Evaluation Committee’s Exhibitor’s Showcase to learn about low- to high-tech products from vendors. From hardware to software and more. You can hear the latest from everyone at this meeting. You do not have to be on the committee to attend.  
Mark Jones, Chair

## 9:00 - 11:00 PM—CULTIVATING ASIAN/PACIFIC ISLANDER IDENTITIES

## Zoom meeting ID: [980 5864 6441](https://zoom.us/j/98058646441)

Connect with blind Asian members to discuss cultural practices and to share strategies for approaching vision loss. Provide your insight on delivering culturally relevant outreach, including producing materials, messaging techniques, and identifying needed resources.  
Priscilla Yeung and Zainub Cementwala, Co-Facilitators

## 9:00 - 11:00 PM—BLIND AND MENA: A DIFFERENT KIND OF BROWN

## Zoom meeting ID: [947 7445 8111](https://zoom.us/j/94774458111)

Members who are American Arab, North African, Middle Eastern, Muslim, and Sikh face unique challenges in post-9/11 America, especially around blindness and access to services. Join us to learn about identity, stereotypes, and challenges experienced by these communities.  
Ronza Othman and Yasmin Reyazuddin, Co-Facilitators