National Federation of the Blind of Mississippi 50th Annual State Convention

Post office Box 1515, Jackson, MS 39215-1515

Anywhere and Everywhere

Friday, March 25th thru Sunday, March 27th, 2022

“Celebrating the Past While Building a Stronger Future”

Zoom Information: <https://zoom.us/j/98866108239>

Meeting ID: 988 6610 8239

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Proposed Voting Procedures

For the 2022 virtual convention

As a result of the pandemic, the NFB of Mississippi will be holding a virtual convention. This will cause the convention to consider alternative ways to conduct business. None of these proposed procedures are meant to alter our current constitution. The convention remains the supreme authority of the affiliate and the convention must consider and approve any proposed changes. This will serve as the platform for how we will conduct our elections and any policy adoptions.

1. As stated in our constitution, in order to participate in voting, membership must be verified. This is being done by reviewing the Mississippi membership

list to prove payment of affiliate dues, and/or verifying with chapter presidents of current chapter membership rosters Members must be present during the business meeting to participate in the elections.

2. A nominating committee will be assigned by the President as in years past and the nominating committee will make recommendations. Nominations will also be taken from the floor during elections.

3. Members will be asked to raise their hands to vote, and three minutes will be allowed for all votes to be cast and three minutes for all votes to be counted.

4. Any questions regarding membership or voting will be referred to Angel Darden-Kennedy, who has been assigned the responsibility of handling any questions or issues that may occur during the elections process

Friday Evening - March 25, 2022

5:10 p.m. -- State Executive Board Meeting;

This Board of Directors Meeting is open to all.

Patrina Pendarvis, President, National Federation of the Blind of Mississippi

Jackson, MS

6:30 p.m. –Ways to Enhance Your Gorgeous and Handsome Traits; Dr. Lashawna Fant, President Jackson Chapter, Jackson, MS

Sabrina Gilleylen, Celebrity Stylist,

Amory, MS

7:30 p.m. Be our Shining Stars: Show Your Talents Off; Herbert Humphrey, Jackson Chapter, Jackson, MS

Open to Everyone; Contestants are our Federation members and friends!

Saturday Morning - March 26, 2022

Door prizes will be drawn during the General Sessions and Banquet. You must be present to win!

9:00 a.m. -- Opening Session;

Patrina Pendarvis, President, National Federation of the Blind of Mississippi

Jackson, MS,

9:05 a.m. -- Invocation;

Linda Howard, Member, Jackson Chapter

Madison, MS

9:10 a.m. -- Welcome Ceremony;

The American Flag----Edwin Lankston, 9th grader at Humphreys County High School Jackson Chapter,

Louise, MS

NFB Pledge and One Minute Message -------

Layla Spratt, 2nd grader at Joiner Elementary School, Tupelo Chapter

Tupelo, MS

National Anthem: Polly Johnson, Member, Jackson Chapter

Jackson, MS

9:15 a.m.—Greetings Mayor Chokwe Antar Lumumba , Jackson, MS

9:20 a.m. -- Convention Arrangements;

Patrina Pendarvis, President, National Federation of the Blind of Mississippi

Jackson, MS

9:30 a.m. -- National Report: Collectively Shaping Our Future

Pam Allen, 1st Vice-President and Board Chair, National Federation of the Blind National Board of Directors; President, National Federation of the Blind of Louisiana; Executive Director, Louisiana Center for the Blind

Ruston, LA

10:10 a.m -- Covid-19: Updates and Trends;

Dr. Daniel Edney, Mississippi State Department of Health

Jackson, MS

10:35 a.m – Introduction to Mississippi School for the Blind’s Superintendent

Dr. Jeremy Stinson, Superintendent, Mississippi School for the Blind

Jackson, MS

10:55 a.m – Steering Healthy Eyecare in the Metropolitan Area;

Dr. Monique Carr, Optometrist, Eyeology EyeCare,

Byram, MS

11:10 a.m –Opportunity for Everyone, Working from Home experiences

Jordy Stringer, Executive Director, Southeastern Ohio Center for Independent Living

Lancaster, OH

11:35 a.m –Learning to Secure Your Physical and Financial Future Legacy

Vencer Cotton, Sr., Cookie Suites,

Gaithersburg, MD

12:00 p.m. – Adjournment for Lunch

Saturday Afternoon – March 26, 2022

2:00 p.m. -- General Session;

Patrina Pendarvis, President, National Federation of the Blind of Mississippi

Jackson, MS

2:05 p.m. – Updates from MDRS and OVRB;

Chris Howard, Executive Director, MS Department of Rehabilitation Services

 Madison, MS

Dorothy Young, Director, Office of Vocational Rehabilitation for the Blind

Madison, MS

2:25 p.m. – Testimonial from a Current LCB Graduate and His New Journey;

Macaulay Beasley

Richton, MS

2:35 p.m. – Mississippi Valley State University: An Invaluable Institution of Education in the Mississippi Delta;

Justin Stevenson, Recruiter,

Itta Bena, Mississippi

2:55 p.m. -- Non-24;

Shauna Jatho, Clinical Nurse Educator, Vanda Pharmaceuticals Inc.,

Washington, DC

3:05 p.m. –Brilliant, Brave, Bold, Blind Mississippi Students;

Casey A. Robertson, BELL Academy Teacher and Board Member of MS Parents of Blind Children,

Hamilton, MS

3:15 p.m. – Panel Discussion with NFB of Mississippi Legacy Members;

Barbara Hadnott, Moderator, Jackson Chapter member,

Jackson, MS

3:40 p.m. – Tech Talk;

Minister Thomas Williamson, Member, Jackson Chapter,

Jackson, MS

3:55 p.m. – Gulf Coast Blind Sailing;

Allan Test, Rotary Club ,

Ocean Springs, MS

4:25 p.m. -- End of afternoon SESSION

Saturday Evening – March 26, 2022

6:30 p.m. -- Annual National Federation of the Blind of Mississippi State Banquet

Candice Chapman, Toast Master, 1st Vice President, National Federation of the Blind of Mississippi

Farm haven, MS

Order of program

Invocation: Wanda McKenny , President, Northwest Chapter

Sardis, MS

Welcome/Occasion: Necy Spratt, President, Tupelo Chapter

Tupelo , MS

Song: Ollie Beaton, Treasurer, Jackson Chapter,

Jackson , MS

Introduction of Speaker: Patrina Pendarvis, President, National Federation of the Blind of Mississippi

Jackson, MS

Keynote Speaker: Pam Allen, 1st Vice-President and Board Chair, National Federation of the Blind National Board of Directors; President, National Federation of the Blind of Louisiana; Executive Director, Louisiana Center for the Blind

Ruston, LA

Fund Giving: Supporting the Affiliate: Patrina Pendarvis, President, National Federation of the Blind of Mississippi

Jackson, MS

Special Recognitions

Remarks and closing

9:00 p.m. -- Nominating Committee Meeting (Close door meeting);

Minister Sam Gleese, Chairmen, President Emeritus, National Federation of the Blind of Mississippi

Jackson, MS

Sunday Morning – March 27, 2022

9:00 a.m. -- Annual Business Meeting;

Patrina Pendarvis, President, National Federation of the Blind of Mississippi

Jackson, MS,

9:05 a.m. -- Song; Barbara Hadnott, Member, Jackson Chapter

Jackson, MS

-- Invocation; Robert Cotton, Member, Jackson Chapter

Madison, MS

9:15 a.m. -- State of the Affiliate;

Patrina Pendarvis, President, National Federation of the Blind of Mississippi

Jackson, MS

9:35 a.m. -- Nominating Committee Report;

Minister Sam Gleese, President Emeritus, National Federation of the Blind of Mississippi

Jackson, MS

9:50 a.m. -- Elections;

Pam Allen, 1st Vice-President and Board Chair, National Federation of the Blind National Board of Directors; President, National Federation of the Blind of Louisiana; Executive Director, Louisiana Center for the Blind

Ruston, LA

10:15 a.m. -- Board of Director’s Report;

Heather Bowser , Secretary, National Federation of the Blind of Mississippi

Jackson, MS

10:20 a.m. -- Financial Report; Angel Darden-Kennedy, Treasurer, National Federation of the Blind of Mississippi

Gulfport, MS

10:30 a.m. -- Legislative update; Candice Chapman, Legislative Coordinator, Jackson Chapter Member

Farm haven, MS

10:40 a.m. – Closing Words of Encouragement

Pam Allen, 1st Vice-President and Board Chair, National Federation of the Blind National Board of Directors; President, National Federation of the Blind of Louisiana; Executive Director, Louisiana Center for the Blind

Ruston, LA

Closing Remarks;

Patrina Pendarvis, President, National Federation of the Blind of Mississippi

Jackson, MS

A special thanks is in order for all of our presenters, Chapters and our volunteers for making our 50th State convention a joyous and memorable occasion. Our celebration this weekend would not have been a success without each of you. I give my personal Thanks to all of you and I love you all.

Patrina Pendarvis

State President