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National Black Nurses Association Announces 2026 National Election Results

Silver Spring, MD — The National Black Nurses Association (NBNA) is pleased to announce the results of its 2026 National Elections. The newly elected national leaders will help guide the Association's mission to advocate for health equity, advance the nursing profession, and support Black nurses across the nation.

The following members have been elected to serve in national leadership positions:

Executive Officers

First Vice President: Marcia Lowe, PhD, MSN, BSN

Second Vice President: Trilby Barnes-Green, RN, BSN

Treasurer: Laurie Reid, MS, RN

Student Representative

Bryan Thelisma, Nursing Student at Penn State University

Board of Directors

Teneisha Howard, MSN, RN, NPD-BC

Jaron Burch, MBA, MSN, RN

Chad Ricks, DNP, MSN, FADLN, ACHE, RN

Nominating Committee

Sabrina Newton, LPN

LaToya Freeman, DNP, APRN, ACCNS-AG, CPPS, HNB-BC, EBP-C, FCNS

Quita Stephens, RN, MSN, MSW, CCM, CCHP, LNC

The newly elected leaders will be officially sworn into office during the Closing Business Session of the 54th Annual Institute and Conference on Sunday, August 2, 2026, in St. Louis, Missouri, where they will begin their terms of service to the Association.

The National Black Nurses Association also extends its appreciation to every member who participated in this year's election process. The engagement of our membership helps ensure strong leadership and a vibrant future for the organization.



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As NBNA prepares to convene in St. Louis for its 54th Annual Institute and Conference, the Association looks forward to welcoming its newly elected officers and leaders as they begin their service to the organization and its more than 6,000 members nationwide.

Sheldon D. Fields, PhD, RN, CRNP, FNP-BC, AACRN, FAANP, FNAP, FADLN, FAAN
NBNA President & CEO

About the National Black Nurses Association, Inc.

Founded in 1971, the National Black Nurses Association represents more than 200,000 African American nurses, including over 115 chapters nationwide. NBNA is committed to improving the health of Black communities, increasing the number of Black nurses, and eliminating health disparities through advocacy, education, research, and leadership development.

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