



March 4, 2025, presented to DBCF Executive Committee (Released for Print March 6, 2025)

Democratic Black Caucus of Florida
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Dear DBCF Members,

It is my great honor and pleasure to issue the Official Call to Conference for the 42nd Annual Conference of the Democratic Black Caucus of Florida (DBCF). The conference and DBCF state officer election will be on Saturday, April 5, 2025.

As we enter another crucial year, we cannot ignore the deep and lasting impact that those in power—both in Florida and across the United States—have had on our communities. The political agenda of figures like Donald Trump, Elon Musk, and Ron DeSantis has only reinforced what we already know: the fight for justice, equity, and Black political power is far from over. That is why the Democratic Black Caucus of Florida (DBCF), its officers, members, and allies must not back down. We cannot give up. Instead, we must stand together, mobilize, and push forward with unwavering determination.

On April 5, 2025, at our 42nd Annual Conference being held via zoom, we will elect the next leadership of the DBCF. This is not a time for complacency. **It is a time for accountability. We must take a hard look at who is stepping up to lead, what they bring to the table, and what they have already done—both for this organization and for our communities across the state. Not everyone who plays the game can coach it, and the next leaders of the DBCF must be more than figureheads. They must be strategic, visionary, action-oriented, and lead with integrity. This means honoring our mission, respecting the bylaws, and strengthening—rather than undermining our leadership. There is no room for those who seek to divide us or put personal ambition above the collective good!**

The DBCF Nominating Committee presented their report on March 4, 2025, to the DBCF Executive Board and DBCF Executive Committee. The Nominating Committee under Chair Francine Garcia and members Verlance Echoles, Glenn Pearson and Elaine Reid, **voted unanimously for the following DBCF 2025- 2027 Officer Slate:**

President: Armando Grundy-Gomes **First Vice President:** Tenille DeCoste-Gross
Second Vice President: Trevor Mallory **Rec. Secretary:** Dr. Casmore Shaw
Treasurer: Sandra Smith

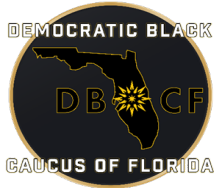
Any additional person that's interested in running for DBCF Officer 2025-2027 years may do so at the April 5, 2025 election via zoom, if they meet the eligibility requirements and criteria.

Four years ago, I was honored to be elected as President of this incredible organization. Together, we have made progress but there is still so much work to do. That is why I am stepping up once again, seeking the role of Second Vice President. I am ready to continue fighting, leading, and ensuring that our collective voice is heard louder than ever.

I personally thank you for your dedication, your sacrifices, and your unwavering commitment to this movement. Over the past four years, the strength, progress, and impact of this organization have been driven by each of you—your passion, your dedication, and your relentless fight for justice. Because of you, we have built something powerful. Now let's push forward together, stronger than ever!

The fight is not over. Our moment is here, and what we do and our decisions will impact this organization, our communities, our families and our lives forever!

Sincerely,
Trevor Mallory
DBCF, President



Call To Conference

April 5, 2025

Location: Via Zoom

STATE OFFICERS

President

Trevor Mallory

1st Vice-President

Christina Forrest

2nd Vice-President

Timothy Ayers

Recording Secretary

Dr. Casmore Shaw

Treasurer

Jill Lewis-Daggs

Conference Committee

Susie Copeland

Verlance Echoles

Francine Garcia

Glenn Pearson

Elaine Reid

Derrick Scott

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