NAACP Durham Branch
General Meeting

February 27, 2025
Zoom

Call to Order:
The General meeting of the Durham Branch NAACP was called to order by President Dr. B. Angeloe Burch, Sr. at 7:00 PM. Rev. President Burch, Sr. also lead us in prayer.

President Burch read the Mission Statement. *The mission of the NAACP is to achieve equity, political rights and social inclusion by advancing policies and practices that expand human and civil rights, eliminate discrimination, and accelerate the well being, education, and economic security of Black people and all persons of color.*

Ascertainment of Members:
Present: Rosa Anderson, Gloria Anderson, Dr. Cornelius Battle Sr., Wanda Boone, Dr. Milton Blackmon, Dr. B. Angeloe Burch, Sr., BJ Council, Ian Courts, Emma Devine, Lillian Downey, Geneva Fearrington, Josiah Gouker, Mildred Henderson, Linda Hester, Demetrius Holder, Kathy Lee, Wyvonia Perry, Jadda Richardson, Aalayah Sanders, Tracy Scott, Riley Walters

Informed the President a quorum was established. With the ascertainment of a quorum, President Burch proceeded with the business of the meeting.

Approval of Minutes
President Burch requested the approval of the minutes from the last meeting, January 23, 2025, and the February 11, 2025, Executive Committee minutes. The minutes were emailed to everyone before the start of the meeting and President Burch also to give others time to look over the minutes. Wyvonia Perry had one correction to the Executive Committee minutes, “correct the date of the next General Body meeting” Motion made by Jadda Richardson to accept the minutes from the last meeting with the necessary correction to the Executive Committee minutes and seconded by Emma Devine. Motion passed unanimously; the motion carried.

Report of the Executive Committee
The NAACP Durham Branch Executive Committee meeting was called to order by President Dr. B. Angeloe Burch, Sr. at 7:30 PM, with an opening prayer led by Rev. Renee Vaughn. The secretary reported 267 members, with 7 lacking email and home addresses, and the National Office hasn’t set a date for the next portal training. The treasurer presented financial reports. The committee update covered membership, news

of the NCCU and Duke chapters, and Winter Meeting Training. They also touched unfinished business-like fundraising for the branch, office maintenance, legal matters, and other obligations to the State and National offices.

Correspondence

- **Women In NAACP Coronation** – Will be held on Saturday, May 3, 2025 – This year's event will be held at Martin Street Baptist Church, 1001 East Martin Street, Raleigh. This year's theme is "Can't Turn Back Now! Tickets are $50 and must be purchased through ActBlue. If you need the access link, please let me know
- **National Convention** – will be held July 12th – 16th in Charlotte - Registration information for the 116th NAACP National Convention will be provided closer to the event date. Registration for Delegates and Alternates is open to **nationally compliant State Conferences and Units.** Sign up for National - https://naacp.org/sign-up

Treasurer's Report – Report period of January 21, 2025, to February 23, 2025

Balance brought forward
Commercial Community Checking – Bank balance: $7,012.35
Book balance: $7,012.35

ACT-SO: $530.14 (restricted)
Total monies: $7,542.49

Balance on hand
Commercial Community checking - Bank Balance: $4,996.56
Book Balance: $4,996.56

ACT-SO: $530.14 (restricted)
Total monies: $5,526.70

Treasurer Perry submitted our Annual Financial Report on February 25th at 12:07 pm and she is waiting from National to approve the report. President Burch thanked Treasurer Perry for her work completing the Durham Branches' AFR. He states with the updates from National Treasurer Perry was able to complete the report on time.

Unfinished Business

A. **2025 Freedom Fund Banquet** – Antoinette Burwell & Gwen Valentine
President Burch says the chairs are looking for a place and make some money on this banquet. They will come in and present to the Executive committee and then we can report back to the General body. He knows some of you want to be on this committee and there will be an opportunity for you to work with this committee.

B. **Legislative Breakfast** – Dr. Michael D. Page
President Burch says he does not see Dr. Page, but he knows he is working on this Breakfast and believes it will be in June. He states we had a very good turnout last year and know it will be even better this year.

C. **Legal Redress Committee -** President Burch he is speaking with a NCCU Law student who is interested in assisting. You do not have to be a Lawyer to be on this committee. A lot of complaints we receive, we find that the matter is not a civil rights issue but a civil matter. So, it is a lot to ensure we are fair. So, if anyone is interested and let the secretary know. Dr. Smith still wants to assist on this committee, he does not have the time to be the chair. So, let us know if you are interested in working with this committee.

D. **Membership Chair –** Our Membership Chair Thad Hodge has stepped away due to medical reasons. He thanked Chair Hodge for all he did. So, we are now looking for a chair for this committee. NAACP is more needed now than ever and we must do our part to ensure that we have the people to rally, so we can use our voices and will not go silently.

E. **Armed Services and Veterans' Affairs Committee –** Jadda Richardson
Chair Richardson wanted to make us aware that Durham VA lost 124 employees in the last two days. He met with the chief of customer service on his lunch break and introduced himself. Those 124 employees that were fired were new hires and Chair Richardson wanted to know how many were minorities. More to come on this.
President Burch shared that a brother in his lodge, who was with the VA for 18 years and his wife for 22 years and both were released from their jobs. He states that it is just one story that he knows and is sure there are others. He continued by stating, he feels we will have more people who are homeless, and these moves that people are making will raise these numbers.
Emma asked about the boycott that is going on tomorrow. President Burch states that the NAACP does not boycott but wants those that want to boycott to do so. President Burch will ask the Secretary to send the flyer out to everyone. During these times we will shop at Black owned businesses.
Josiah Gouker placed the Black owned businesses in Durham. Link from Discover Durham is here.
President Burch will also produce a Press Release and get it to the State and to National in support of the blackout.

New Business

Durham Hosting the State Conference – 2025 – We've signed with the Duke Hilton and are waiting for additional information from Executive Director Love. We will also be using some of our churches in the area and we will need volunteers. More information to come

NAACP Leadership Forum – Secretary Larry Hall and Brother Gerald Spence are working on a forum. In the forum there will be a talk about things that are affecting our communities and a leadership meeting to talk about what our communities need. One of the problems we have is getting our people who are qualified to run for office. Stand for Durham we had this with the last chief and right now we have Durham Stand three. They will also focus on youth. When the city raised their budget there was no money for the youth. President Burch met with Mayor Williams and stated there is no money for the youth, so we need safe spaces for them.

Fundraising – We are asking that you look at what you can do, as you have seen the Treasury's report, we must find other ways to fundraising in addition to our Freedom Fund banquet. President Burch will also have a calendar of events. If you know of any events that are coming up, please let Dr. Burch know.

We still need membership chairs; we will visit the county commission's budget meetings. Aalayah Sanders introduced herself and informed us that she is compassionate about Housing in Durham and about the homeless population.

Announcements
Municipal Elections
NAACP National Conference
NAACP State Conference

Know Your Right event on March 15th

General meeting – Our next general meeting will be held on **March 27, 2025, beginning at 7pm**. The zoom link will be sent three days in advance. President Burch wanted to remind us, our general meetings are open to the public and asked us to share the information with others.
NAACP State Conference

Community Food Give-Away – Dr. Cornelius Battle states there is a community food give-away tomorrow at Ebenezer Missionary Baptist Church beginning at 11:30 am. He requested we invite others to attend. This event happens every 2nd and 4th Fridays.

Josiah Gouker introduced himself and he wanted to know more about the membership committees. Secretary Holder will send this information.

Ian Courts introduced himself, and he is excited to work with the NAACP. Secretary Holder will send this information as well and send it to all members.

Adjournment and Closing Prayer
We ended the meeting with a closing prayer by Riley Walters Meeting adjourned at 8:03 PM

Recorded by,
Demetrius Holder, Secretary