



NAN National Internal Draft Schedule

**NATIONAL ACTION NETWORK
NATIONAL CONVENTION
April 10th – 13th, 2024**

**Sheraton New York Times Square Hotel
811 Seventh Ave.
New York, NY 10019**

TUESDAY, APRIL 9th

6:00 pm – 8:00 pm **CHAPTER LEADER RECEPTION**
House of Justice | 106 W. 145th St, New York, NY

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10th

8:00 am – 3:00 pm **REGISTRATION**
Back Lobby - 1st Floor

9:00 am – 9:45 am **RIBBON CUTTING & OPENING REMARKS**
Metropolitan West - 2nd Floor
**Rev. Al Sharpton, President & Founder, Rev. Dr. W. Franklyn Richardson,
Chairman, National Board of Directors, and Elected Officials**

9:45 am – 10:00 am **FIRESIDE PLENARY**
Metropolitan East - 2nd Floor
**The Honorable Linda Thomas-Greenfield, U.S. Ambassador, United Nations
and Rev. Al Sharpton, Founder & President, National Action Network**

10:00 am – 11:00 am **FIRESIDE CHAT:**
Metropolitan East - 2nd Floor
**Manhattan DA Alvin Bragg and Rev. Al Sharpton, President & Founder, National Action
Network**

11:00 am – 11:15 am **PLENARY ADDRESS**
Metropolitan East - 2nd Floor
The Honorable Phil Murphy, Governor, New Jersey

11:15 am – 11:30 am **PLENARY ADDRESS**
Metropolitan East - 2nd Floor
The Honorable Denis R. McDonough, Secretary, U.S. Department of Veteran Affairs

11:30 am – 12:15 pm **BREAK**

12:15 pm – 12:45 pm **FIRESIDE PLENARY**
Metropolitan East - 2nd Floor
**The Honorable Wes Moore, Governor, Maryland
and Rev. Al Sharpton, Founder & President, National Action Network**



12:45 pm – 1:15 pm **FIRESIDE PLENARY**

Metropolitan East - 2nd Floor

The Honorable Kristin Clarke, Assistant Attorney General, US Department of Justice and Rev. Al Sharpton, Founder & President, National Action Network

1:15 pm – 1:30 pm **BREAK**

1:30 pm – 3:00 pm **FROM GRIEF TO ACTION: THE FIGHT FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE CONTINUES...**

Metropolitan East - 2nd Floor Moderator:

Benjamin Crump, Esq., Attorney, Ben Crump Law, PLLC

Panelists:

Gwen Carr, Mother of Eric Garner

Wanda Cooper Jones, Mother of Ahmaud Arbery

Philonise Floyd, Brother of George Floyd

Terrence Floyd, Brother of George Floyd

Sybrina Fulton, Mother of Trayvon Martin

Rodney Wells, Father of Tyre Nichols

RowVaughn Wells, Mother of Tyre Nichols

3:00 pm- 4:00 pm **TENTATIVE: THE STATE OF THE YOUNG BLACK VOTE...**

Panelists:

Honorable Michael Blake, CEO, Kairos Democracy Project & Atlas Strategy Group, Former DNC Vice Chair & NY Assembly member

Beth Lynk, Executive Director, When we ALL VOTE

4:00 pm – 6:00 pm **BREAK**

6:00 pm – 7:00 pm **KEEPERS OF THE DREAM GENERAL RECEPTION**

Empire Ballroom - 2nd Floor

7:00 pm **KEEPERS OF THE DREAM PROGRAM (TICKETED EVENT | INVITE ONLY)**

Metropolitan Ballroom– 2nd Floor Host:

Rev. Al Sharpton, President & Founder, National Action Network

Host:

Anthony Anderson, Actor/Comedian

Honorees:

Whoopi Goldberg, EGOT Award-winning entertainer

Michelle Gadsden-Williams, Managing Director & Global Head of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion, BlackRock

Dr. Phillip Ozuah, President & CEO, Montefiore Medicine

Caroline Wanga, CEO, Essence

THURSDAY, APRIL 11th

7:30 am – 9:00 am **CHAPTER DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOP (Rev. Toon)**

Empire East - 2nd Floor

8:00 am – 5:00 pm **REGISTRATION**

Back Lobby - 1st Floor



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- 8:30 am – 9:30 am **NAN BOARD MEETING**
Central Park West Ballroom – 2nd Floor
- 9:30 am-10:30 am **Retirement Security and the Billion Dollar Women of Wall Street Making it Happen**
Metropolitan East- 2nd Floor
Moderator: Robert F. Smith
Remarks: Thomas P. DiNapoli, New York State Comptroller and Brad Lander, NYC Comptroller
Panelists:
Sherrese Clarke Soares, Founder & CEO, HarbourView Equity
Ivelisse Rodriguez Simon, Managing Partner, Avante Capital partners
Daphne Dufresne, Managing Partner, GenNx360
Patricia Miller Zollar, Head of Northbound Equity partners, Managing Director, Neuberger Berman
- 10:30 am – 11:00 am **FIRESIDE CHAT**
Joe Scarborough, Host, Morning Joe, MSNBC and Rev. Al Sharpton, President & Founder, National Action Network
- 11:00 am- 12:00 pm Covering Black America in the 2024 Election
Metropolitan East – 2nd Floor
Panelists:
Danielle Belton, Editor in Chief, Huff Post
Kendis Gibson, Host, PIX11
Cheyanne Daniels, Race and Politics Reporter, The Hill
Errol Louis, Host, NY1; Contributor, CNN; Columnist, New York Magazine
Stephanie Ruhle, Host, MSNBC's the 11th Hour, NBC News Senior Business analyst
- 12:00 pm-1:30pm **CHILDREN OF THE MOVEMENT PANEL**
Metropolitan East - 2nd Floor
Moderator:
Michelle Miller, On-Air correspondence CBS 4 news
Panelists:
Ilyasah Shabazz, Daughter of Malcolm X & Betty Shabazz
Dr. Hasna Muhammad, Daughter of Ossie Davis & Ruby Dee
Gina Belafonte, Daughter of Harry and Julie Belafonte
Stacy Lynch, Daughter of Bill Lynch
Keisha Sutton-James, Granddaughter of The Honorable Percy Sutton
Jesse Jackson, Jr, Son of Jesse and Jacqueline Jackson
Ashley Sharpton, Daughter of Rev. Al Sharpton
Ashley Jackson, Daughter of Jesse Jackson
- 12:00 pm – 2:00 pm **WOMEN'S EMPOWERMENT LUNCHEON (TICKETED EVENT | INVITE ONLY)**
Metropolitan West – 2nd Floor
Co-Chairs:
Tanya L. Lombard, VP, Global & External Public Affairs, AT&T,



and Board Member, National Board of Directors, National Action Network
Rachel Noerdlinger, Partner, Actum

Remarks:

Governor Kathy Hochul, Governor, The State of New York

Honorees:

Mika Brzezinski, Co-Host, Morning Joe & Founder, Know Your Value
Stacey Abrams, Political Leader, Voting Rights Activist and New York Times
Bestselling Author

Alexis McGill Johnson, President & CEO,
Planned Parenthood

Lisa Price, Founder, Carol's Daughter
Michelle Stoddart, Senior VP Community
Development, Resorts World
Dr. Valerie Daniels-Carter, Holy Redeemer Institutional, Church of God in Christ

1:30 pm-3:00pm **TENTATIVE: FIRESIDE CHAT and Book signing**

Metropolitan East-2nd Floor

Joy Ann Reid, Host, The Reid Report, MSNBC and Rev. Al Sharpton, President & Founder, National Action Network

1:30 pm-2:00 pm

FIRESIDE CHAT

Metropolitan East - 2nd Floor

**Chiquita Brooks-LaSure, Administrator, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid services (CMS) and
Rev. Al Sharpton, President & Founder, National Action Network**

2:00 pm - 2:30 pm

FIRESIDE CHAT

Metropolitan East - 2nd Floor

**Stacey Abrams, Political Leader, Voting Rights Activist and New York Times Bestselling Author
and Rev. Al Sharpton, President & Founder, National Action Network**

2:30 PM- 3:00 PM

FIRESIDE CHAT

Metropolitan East - 2nd Floor

**The Honorable Isabel Casillas Guzman, Administrator, U.S. Small Business Administration,
and Rev. Al Sharpton, Founder & President, National Action Network (Chairman or supporter)**

3:00 pm – 3:30 pm

FIRESIDE CHAT

Metropolitan East- 2nd Floor

**The Honorable Julia A. Su, Acting Secretary, U.S. Department of Labor,
and Rev. Al Sharpton, Founder & President, National Action Network (Chairman or reporter)**

3:30 pm – 4:30 pm **Community Partnerships: How Law Enforcement and Social Justice Organizations Can Enhance
Public Safety, Understanding and Progress**

Metropolitan East– 2nd Floor

Moderator:

Michael A. Hardy, Esq- Executive Vice President, General counsel, NAN

Panelists:

Matt Platkin, Attorney General, New Jersey



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Eric Gonzalez, District Attorney, Brooklyn, NY.

Damian Williams, Southern District US Attorney, NY

4:30 pm – 5:30 pm **Affordable Energy is a Civil Rights Issue: Why we can't leave Black and Brown voices out of the clean energy conversation.**

Metropolitan East – 2nd Floor

Moderator:

Former Louisiana State Senate Member Donald Cravins

Panelists:

Former Florida Congressman Kendrick Meek

Former Philadelphia Mayor Michael Nutter

Former U.S. Senator Mary Landrieu

Reverend Dr Malcolm T. Byrd, Chief Operating Officer, National Action Network/ Senior Pastor,
Mother AME Zion church, Harlem, NY

5:30 pm – 7:00 pm BREAK

7:00 pm – 9:00 pm **NAN Chapter Leader Reception with Rev. Al Sharpton**
Metropolitan West – 2nd Floor

FRIDAY, APRIL 12th

7:30 am – 8:45 am **CHAPTER DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOP**
Carnegie West - 3rd Floor

8:00 am – 5:00 pm **REGISTRATION**
Back Lobby - 1st Floor

9:45 am – 10:15 am **FIRESIDE CHAT:**
Tom J. Vilsack, US Secretary of Agriculture and Rev. Al Sharpton, President & Founder,
National Action Network
Metropolitan East - 2nd Floor

10:15 am- 11:15 am **The Attacks on DEI: Where Do We Go From Here?**
Metropolitan East - 2nd Floor
Moderator: Dr. Jamal Watson, professor at Trinity Washington University and executive editor at
Diverse: Issues In Higher Education
Panelists:
Dr. Michael Eric Dyson, professor at Vanderbilt University
Dr. Christina Greer, professor at Fordham University
Paulette Granberry Russell, president of National Association of Diversity Officers in Higher
Education



Dr. Al Tillary, North Western University

- 11:15 am – 11:45 am **FIRESIDE CHAT**
Metropolitan East - 2nd Floor
The Honorable Michael S. Regan, Administrator, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and Rev. Al Sharpton, Founder & President, National Action Network
- 12:00 pm – 2:00 pm **Beyond Birth: Prioritizing Black Maternal Health & Mixer (powered by Walmart x Planned Parenthood)**
Empire East - 2nd Floor
Host:
Alicia Butler, Health and Wellness Policy Advisor, National Action Network
Panelists:
Tonya Lewis Lee, Filmmaker, Author, Entrepreneur
Latham Thomas, Founder, Mama Glow
Tashique Thomas, Senior Director, Health & Wellness Strategy & Business Development, Walmart
Tracie Jade Jenkins, Executive Director, Boris Lawrence Henson Foundation
Ebonie Riley, SVP, Policy & Strategic Partnerships, National Action Network
- 11:30-1:00 pm **Healthy Aging in Communities of Color: Justice in Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion**
Empire West – 2nd Floor
Moderator:
Lloyd Williams, CEO, Greater Harlem Chamber of Commerce
- 11:45 am – 1:00 pm **Empowering Black Voices online...**
Metropolitan East – 2nd Floor
Moderator:
Pastor Steffie Bartley, North East Regional Director, National Action Network, and Board Member, National Board of Directors, National Action Network
Panelists:
Michele Cober, Director, Strategic Alliances, Verizon
Sean E. Mickens, Associate Vice President & External Affairs, Comcast
Nicole Lazarre, Vice President, External Affairs, Charter
META Representative
T-Mobile Representative
FCC Representative
- 1:00 pm – 2:00 pm **International Panel: The Global Challenge of Race and Inequality**
Metropolitan East – 2nd Floor
Moderator:
Simon Wooley, Member, House of Lords/Principal, Homerton College of Cambridge University
Panelists:
Honorable Amanza O. R. Walton Desir
Member of Parliament
Guyana, South America

Ambassador Milton Kambula
Special Peace Advocate and Representative of the President
Republic of Uganda



Ms. Johanna Leblanc, Esq.
Partner, Adomi Advisory Group, PLLC
Former Senior Foreign Policy Advisor, Haiti

Honorable Jagmeet Singh, MP (Tentative confirmation)
Member of Parliament and Leader of the Minority
Canada

Mr. Nicholas Thompson, President & CEO
Black Class Action Network
Canadian National NGO

12:00 pm – 2:00 pm **REVEREND DR. WILLIAM A. JONES MINISTERS LUNCHEON (Ticketed Event – Invite Only)**
Metropolitan West-2nd Floor

Hosted by:

Rev. Dr. W. Franklyn Richardson, Chairman, National Board of Directors,
National Action Network

Keynote Address:

Dr. Michael Eric Dyson, Centennial Chair and University Distinguished Professor of
African American & Diaspora Studies, Vanderbilt University, Nashville, TN.

Honorees:

Bishop Rudolph McKissick, Senior Pastor, The Bethel Church, Jacksonville, FL.
Bishop Vashti M. McKenzie, President and General Secretary, National Council of Churches

2:00 pm – 3:00 pm **The Black Church and Voting**
Metropolitan East – 2nd Floor

Moderator:

Rev. Dr. W. Franklyn Richardson, Chairman, National Board of Directors,
National Action Network

Panelists:

Bishop Reginald Jackson, Sixth Episcopal District, A.M.E. Church
Rev. Dr. Lakeesha Walrond, President, New York Theological Seminary
Rev. Dr. Jamal H. Bryant, Pastor, New Birth Baptist Church

2:30 pm- 3:00 pm_ **FIRESIDE CHAT**
Metropolitan East- 2nd Floor
Miguel Cordona, US Secretary of Education and Rev. Al Sharpton, President & Founder,
National Action Network

2:30 pm – 4:00 pm **DATA PRIVACY & DIGITAL RIGHTS: EMPOWERING COMMUNITIES IN THE AI LANDSCAPE**
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Empire West – 2nd Floor

3:00pm- 4:00pm **Building Safer Communities: Strategies for Gun Violence Prevention** Metropolitan East- 2nd Floor

Moderator:

Christian N. Matthew, National Assistant Director of Youth and College Division | National Action Network

Panelists:



Gilly Delgado, Guns Down, Life Up
Carolyn Cuffee, Anti Violence Advocate/Darius Lee 23 Foundation
Kevin Livingston, 100 Suits for 100 Men/Crisis Management System
Stephanie McGraw, WARM Anti Domestic Violence Organization Founder/CEO
Felix Tager, NYC Council staffer/formerly March for Our Lives
Billy Council, CouncilHim Foundation Founder/Anti Violence Advocate
Morandon Henry (Everytown for Gun Safety)

4:00 pm – 5:00 pm **The State of Black Health: Building a New Normal**

Metropolitan East - 2nd Floor

Co-Moderators:

Debra Fraser-Howze – Founder, Choose Healthy Life; Rev. Jacques Andre DeGraff – New York Clergy Leader, Choose Healthy Life

Al B Sure, Executive Chairman of Health Equity in Transplantation Coalition (HEITC)

Panelists:

David Etwiler – President, Siemens Foundation

Dr. Fatima Cody Stanford - Obesity Medicine, Harvard Medical School/Mass General Hospital

Dr. Marcella Nunez Smith - Associate Dean, Center for Health Equity Research, Yale University School of Medicine (invited)

Divinah “Dee” Bailey – Chief Operating Officer, African American Clergy and Elected Officials

Dr. Ashwin Vasan, Health Commissioner for the City of New York

Rev. Que English, Director of the Center for Faith-Based and Neighborhood Partnerships at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (invited)

Rev. Johnny Ray Youngblood, Senior Pastor, Mt. Pisgah Baptist Church (New York City)

Reverend Dr. David Jefferson, Sr., Esq., Senior Pastor, Metropolitan Baptist Church (Newark, NJ)

5:00 pm – 7:00 pm BREAK

7:00 pm – 9:00 pm **TENTATIVE:**

Tribute to James Cleveland Gospel Concert

Metropolitan Ballroom – 2nd Fl

SATURDAY, APRIL 13TH – YOUTH & COLLEGE DAY

9:00 am – 11:00 am **SATURDAY ACTION RALLY LIVE FROM THE SHERATON**

Metropolitan East – 2nd Floor

10:00 am – 11:00 am **MEASURING THE MOVEMENT**

Metropolitan East – 2nd Floor

Moderator:

Rev. Al Sharpton, Founder and President, National Action Network

Leaders :

Shavon Arline-Bradley, President, National Council of Negro Women

Melanie Campbell, President & CEO, National Coalition on Black Civic Participation

Damon Hewitt, President & Executive Director, Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under Law

Marc Morial, President & CEO, National Urban League

Maya Wiley, President & CEO, The Leadership Conference on Civil and Human Rights

Janae Nelson



11:15 am-12:00 pm **OPENING CEREMONY AND YOUTH DAY AWARDS**

Metropolitan East– 2nd Floor

Youth and College Honorees:

Prophet Willie Stiggers , Lifelong Activist/NAN Youth Move Pioneer/ CEO of the Black Music Action Coalition

100 Black Men Youth 100, Harlem NYC Chapter

12:00 pm -1:15 pm **Activism: “Using Creativity for Social Change”** panel

Metropolitan East– 2nd Floor

Moderator:

Ashley Sharpton, NAN Youth Huddle Founder and Sharpton Ent. Founder

Panelists:

- Ronald Mchenry, House of Justice Coordinator
- Yvonne Jewnell, Harlem Fashion Week Founder/CEO
- Gina Belafonte, Daughter of the Movement/Artist/Sankofa.org Co-Founder
- Michell C. Clarke, Digital Influencer/Author

12:00pm -1:30pm **Criminal Justice Reforms: From Demonstration to Legislation to Implementation...**

Empire West- 2nd Floor

Moderator:

Victor Pate, Chairperson, Second chance committee, NYC chapter, National Action Network

Panelists:

- Dr. Vanda Seward, Director of Criminal Justice program/ Professor, City University of New York
- Assemblymember Edward “Eddie” Gibbs, New York’s 68th District, Harlem, NY
- Doni Glover, nominated CEO, DMGlobal Marketing & Public Relations, LLC
- Neil Berry- VOCAL-NY’s
- NYS Assemblyman Al Taylor
- Darren Mack- Co-Director, Freedom Agenda
- Jessica Sandoval- National Director, Unlock the Box Campaign

1:15 pm-2:15 pm **Young Entrepreneurs: “Navigating Business in the 21st Century”**

Metropolitan East– 2nd Floor

Moderator:

Follyvi Dossa, National Director of Youth and College | National Action Network

Panelists:

- Derrick Lewis, National Field organizer of NAACP Youth and College 100 Black Men Junior 100
- Cameron Barnes, Rainbow PUSH
- Willie Prophet Stiggers, BMAC
- Marilyn Crawford, Entertainment Executive

2:15 pm -3:15 pm **From Protest to Policy: “Youth Driving Legislative Change”**

Metropolitan East– 2nd Floor

Moderator:

Dominique Sharpton, Director of Membership and Co-Founder of NAN Youth Huddle

Panelists:

Councilman Kevin Riley, 12th District



Brooklyn Councilman Chi Osse
Ousmane Diallo, NY Assembly Staffer/National Action Network

3:15 pm - 4:15 pm **The State of Black Men**

Moderator:
Ousmane Diallo, NAN

Panelists:

Styles P, Rapper/Entrepreneur
Harlem Children's Zone
Terrence Floyd, Activist/We are Floyd Founder

4:15 pm-5:00pm **Break**

5:00 pm – 7:00 pm **ARTIVISM FASHION & TALENT SHOWCASE - powered by Sharpton Entertainment**
Metropolitan Ballroom, 2nd Floor

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