

AFT Delegate Report

Gerri Songer – July 2020

Saturday, July 25; and Monday, July 27, 2020

Attended 2020 Progressive Caucus to set priorities for the 2020 AFT Convention.

Tuesday, July 28-Thursday, July 30, 2020

Attended 2020 AFT Convention.

<https://www.aft.org/convention>

Progressive Caucus Slate Endorsements

AFT Officers:

Randi Weingarten - Presiden

Fedrick Ingram - Secretary-Treasurer

Evelyn DeJesus - Executive Vice President

AFT Vice-Presidents:

Dan Montgomery and **Jesse Sharkey** were among others on the slate. The slate, for the most part, did not consist of new leadership but of current leadership, in some cases just stepping up. There were 14 Vice President Vacancies and 19 AFL-CIO Delegates.

Chairs

Mark Richard

LeRoy Barr

Officers

Peggy Gladden, 1st Vice President

Connie Goodly LaCour - 2nd Vice President

Jeff Frietas - Secretary

Lisa Ochs - Treasurer

Elisabeth Ramsey - Asst. Treasurer

At-Large Officers

Kevin Dolten

Ann Godman

Eric Rader

Jane Russel

Andrew Spar

Jeff Zahler

Ex Officio Officers

Lacy Barnes

Anna Fusco
Karla Hernandez-Matz
LaBrina Hopkins
Dolores Lozupone
Stephanie Ly

Committee Chairpersons

Bernie Gerard, Distribution
Vi Curry, Membership
Peggy Gladden, Elections/Nominations
Connie Golden, LaCour, Platform
Eric Radar, Resolutions

Fedrick Ingram - President of Florida Education Assoc.

SPEAKERS

Listen to speakers, Joe Biden, Lin-Manuel Miranda, House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, a panel on Black Lives Matter, Diane Ravitch, Anand Giridharadas, and more.

VIEW:

- https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL-T5PpTCIN8CjVkspdYrfHc_UeECukPaH
- https://local1211.org/2020/07/28/aft-convention-speeches/?fbclid=IwAR1MauMQJd0ZIO0ATCYHpKiS3sz94yF_YSrVL0txBBdvgyiIGZAIHvwsvm8

Dr Fauci - <https://www.facebook.com/AFTunion/videos/639013063380482>

RESOLUTIONS

Educational Issues:

Elevating Public Schools Beyond the Legacy of COVID-19 - the American Federation of Teachers and our affiliates will advocate for the safe reopening of America's public school buildings and support social emotional learning and the well-being of students and staff
Opposition to Active Shooter Drills - the American Federation of Teachers will oppose the practice of any form of active shooter drill that utilizes the firing of blank ammunition, use of fake blood, the simulation of death or any other potentially traumatizing actions.

Healthcare Access/Quality and RNs Healthcare Workers:

A Healthcare System That Works for All by 2025 - the American Federation of Teachers will work to achieve universal coverage by the year 2025, whether through single payer or private insurance with a public option, and will consider a different payment system model that promotes value and coordination in care delivery.

Infectious Disease Emergency Preparedness Is Essential for Healthcare - the American Federation of Teachers will work to push the federal government, states and employers to develop regulations and systems to prevent this massive failure to protect healthcare workers and the public at large from an infectious disease or other public health emergency.

Higher Education:

Encourage Contingent Faculty Participation in Shared Governance - the American Federation of Teachers will support legislation for contingent faculty to be included and enfranchised without regard to their part-time status and compensated in shared governance work.

Expand Retirement Benefits - the American Federation of Teachers will advocate for expansion in public retirement eligibility for graduate employees and employees below 0.50 FTE at Oregon public university.

Human Rights, International Relations and Women's Rights:

Enough - the AFT and its affiliates will demonstrate their ongoing resolve to support racial, social and economic justice.

Support for Transgender, Nonbinary and Gender-Nonconforming Workers - the American Federation of Teachers will collaborate with transgender, nonbinary and gender nonconforming communities to compile a list of best practices implemented by locals in defense of transgender, nonbinary and gender-nonconforming workers and make these best practices available to locals.

Labor and the Economy/Retirement

Public Spending to Support the US Economy - the American Federation of Teachers will support increased infrastructure investments at all levels of government and will fight austerity measures that will continue to cripple our society.

Automation - the American Federation of Teachers stands with our broader union family across the country against automation that decreases job opportunities.

Organizing and Collective Bargaining:

Reimagining Our Society and Rewriting the Rules to Enable Opportunity and Justice for All - the American Federation of Teachers firmly believes the foundation of a vibrant and well-functioning democracy and society is a people secured by the freedom to live, safely and securely, and the opportunity to attain a better life.

Bargaining for Disability Accommodation and Access - the American Federation of Teachers will support locals in their advocacy and bargaining for accessibility and accommodation rights, protections, and the development of inclusive policy.

Political Action/Legislative Committee:

American Federation of Teachers' Endorsement of Joe Biden for President - the American Federation of Teachers endorses Joe Biden for president of the United States for the November 2020 general election.

In Support of Green New Deal - the American Federation of Teachers will fully participate in shaping the definition of "A Just Transition to a Peaceful and Sustainable Economy," as outlined in our 2017 resolution by that name, and in accord with the latest climate science regarding the need for very rapid reductions in greenhouse gas emissions.

Public Services:

COVID-19 Return to Work Site - the American Federation of Teachers and its affiliates will advocate and support the principles of returning to the work site from telework and continue to provide support and technical assistance to its affiliates on returning to the work site in a safe and healthy manner.

Fighting the Influence of Private Prisons and Private Equity Firms on Mass Incarceration and Immigrant Detention - the American Federation of Teachers will work with affiliates to ban

private prisons and immigrant detention centers at the state and federal levels, including developing and supporting legislative efforts that prohibit private operation of correctional services.

Schools and Colleges Support Staff Issues:

Lorretta Johnson - the American Federation of Teachers names her secretary-treasurer emeritus, allowing the union to call upon her to help fight to defend and extend political and workplace democracy for all Americans.

Reopening High-Quality Child Care and Early Childhood Education for All Post-Pandemic - the American Federation of Teachers will call on the federal government to provide appropriate resources to enable child care providers and early education programs to reopen safely post-pandemic.