

**CONSTITUTION
OF THE
AUSTIN AREA ALLIANCE OF BLACK SCHOOL EDUCATORS
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ARTICLE I- NAME AND MISSION

Section 1- Name

The name of this organization shall be the Austin Area Alliance of Black School Educators.

Section 2 -Mission

The mission of this organization is to ensure an excellent and equitable education for all students particularly Black students.

ARTICLE 11- MEMBERSHIP AND DUES

Section 1- Membership

Membership in the organization is open to all certificated and non- certificated personnel employed in and around the Austin area. The types of memberships and other details concerning rights and privileges, shall be set forth in the By-laws of this organization.

Section 2- Dues

Dues shall be assessed each person at the signing of the constitution at the time of ratification. The assessment shall be \$50.00 and shall also be termed membership dues for the fiscal year.

Section 3- Membership in Good Standing

Dues paid in full shall constitute a member in good standing.

ARTICLE III- OFFICERS

The general officers of the Alliance shall be President, President Elect, Vice- President, Treasurer, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, Historian, Chaplin and Parliamentarian. All officers shall be elected from among the Alliance membership. No two general officers shall be held by the same person.

ARTICLE IV- EXECUTIVE BOARD

The Executive Board shall be comprised of the elected officers of the Alliance (Article III), the immediate past president and the chairperson for each Commission.

ARTICLE V- COMMISSIONS

Commissions shall be established for the purpose of affording opportunities for meaningful dialogue among members with similar interest, and to provide an effective channel of communication between the membership and the Executive Board. The duties and other details concerning structure and functions shall be set forth in the By-laws of this organization.

ARTICLE VI- MEETINGS

Section 1 -Executive Board

The Executive Board shall meet once a month, September through June. Other meetings may be called by the President of the organization as necessary , or must be called by the President upon request of a majority of Executive Board Members.

Section 2- Commissions

The Commissions shall conduct general meetings at least two (2) times per semester. Upon request of a majority of the Commission members, other meetings may be called by the Executive Board.

Section 3- Meetings of the General Membership

There shall be at least FOUR (4) general membership meetings with the first meeting occurring in September and the last in June.

Section 4- Special Meeting of the General Membership

Special meetings may be called at the discretion of the President upon approval of the majority of members of the Executive Board or upon a written request (submitted to the President) at least a third of the general membership in good standing. Written notice of such special meetings shall be mailed to the membership at least fifteen days prior to the date of the meeting. The agenda of the meeting may only be amended by a two third majority of members present and in good standing.

Section 5- Quorum

For the purpose of conducting business at a duly called meeting, a quorum shall consist of a majority of those present and in good standing.

ARTICLE VII- AMENDMENTS

Section 1- Amendment Proposals

Amendments may be proposed by petition signed by at least one third of the members in good standing or by a majority vote of the Executive Board.

(a) Such petition must be submitted in writing to the Executive Board.

(b) Upon receipt of the petition, the Executive Board shall submit the question to a vote of the membership at the earliest opportunity and in the most feasible manner.

Section 2- Adoption

Amendments shall be adopted at the next schedule meeting of the general membership. To be adopted, amendments must be approved by two thirds of the membership, registered and in good standing, voting on the amendment(s).

ARTICLE VII- RATIFICATION OF THE CONSTITUTION

This constitution shall become ratified by a simple majority of the voting assembly.