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National Federation of the Blind of Oklahoma

2025 Annual State Convention

April 24-26, 2025

Embassy Suites by Hilton Tulsa I-44

3332 S. 79th East Avenue

Tulsa, Oklahoma

# “Moving Forward Together”

# NFB Pledge

I pledge to participate actively in the effort of the National Federation of the Blind to achieve equality, opportunity, and security for the blind, to support the policies and programs of the Federation, and to abide by its constitution.

# Code of Conduct

The National Federation of the Blind’s Code of Conduct outlines the policies and standards that we have established for the community of individuals who come together in our organized blind movement. To read the Code of Conduct and to report violations, please visit <http://nfb.org/code-of-conduct/>.

# Special Guests

We welcome Kevan Worley to Oklahoma as our National Representative. Kevan is a successful blind business owner and CEO of Worley Enterprises, Inc. Kevan brings a vast amount of experience and knowledge to our convention. You don’t want to miss this opportunity to get to know Kevan and share in his positivity and enthusiasm.

# Thursday, April 24, 2025

5:00 - Registration Packet Pick Up located in the Ambassador Meeting Room Foyer

5:00-8:00 - Exhibit hall and Auction Preview – Diplomat Room

6:00 - Welcome Reception – Premier Room

Informal gathering to mix and mingle, live music, an assortment of complimentary hors d'oeuvres, a wine and beer host bar, come and go as you please.

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8:00-9:00 Rookie Roundup – Premier Room

Whether you’re a first timer to a NFB convention or a seasoned veteran, join in the fun as we welcome everyone and get geared up for a great convention weekend. Get an overview of what to expect and get all your burning questions about the convention answered. Sponsored by NFB Newsline Oklahoma.

# Friday, April 25, 2025

8:00 - Registration Packet Pick Up located in Ambassador Meeting Room Foyer

9:00-12:00 General Session 1 – Ambassador Room

9:00 - Call to Order - Audrey T. Farnum, President, National Federation of the Blind of Oklahoma

Welcome - Audrey T. Farnum, President

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9:15-9:30 – “Welcome to Tulsa,” Senator Jo Anna Dossett

Senator Jo Anna Dossett was first elected to the Oklahoma Senate in 2020 to represent District 35 in Midtown Tulsa.

9:30 – “National Report,” Kevan Worley, CEO, Worley Enterprises, Inc.

Get the latest updates from the National Federation of the Blind.

10:00 - “Social Security 101 for the Blind,” Kevin Brooks, Public Affairs Specialist, Social Security Administration

10:30 - “Medicare 101,” Paige Scheuerman, Outreach Coordinator, Oklahoma Insurance Department

11:00 - Update from Services for the Blind and Visually Impaired

Teresa McDermott, CRC, Field Service Coordinator, Services for the Blind and Visually Impaired

11:30 – “NFB Newsline,” Audrey T. Farnum and Kenny Blair

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500 publications, emergency weather alerts, job listings, and more.

12:00 – Banquet Luncheon – Premier Room

Keynote address, Kevan Worley, CEO, Worley Enterprises, Inc.

12:00-1:45 Exhibit Hall

Please stop by and visit our vendors. You can also check out our great auction items and start bidding. The top bids on paper will become the starting bid for the live auction on Saturday afternoon. The proceeds will benefit the programs and initiatives of NFB Oklahoma.

2:00-5:00 - General Session 2 – Ambassador Room

2:00 – “Federation 101: What is NFB Philosophy and what does it mean to be a Federationist?” Get all your burning questions about the NFB answered in this open discussion led by Kevan Worley.

3:00 – “Louisiana Center for the Blind,” Cameron Loher, NCRTB, Daily Living Skills Instructor, Louisiana Center for the Blind

3:30 - SAAVI Services for the Blind

3:50 - Break

4:00 – Consumer Protection Unit

4:20 - “Building a Safety Positive Life,” Amy Wilson, CEO and founder, Safety Positive Foundation

4:40 - Resolutions

5:00-8:00 - Exhibit Hall and Auction Preview – Diplomat Room

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6:00-7:00 – Tour of Italy Buffet – Premier Room

7:00-8:00 At Large Chapter meeting – Premier Room

Our At Large Chapter is a state-wide virtual chapter that meets monthly on Zoom. Join us for this opportunity for our annual in-person chapter meeting. Learn how you can get involved with the chapter. Elections of the board will be held.

8:00 – Safety Positive Foundation – Ambassador Room

The foundation is bringing its hands on self-defense program SHIELD. This breakout session will focus on teaching the fundamentals of self-defense for those in the blind community. Wear comfortable clothes you can move around in.

# Saturday, April 26, 2025

9:00-12:00 - General Session 3 – Ambassador Room

9:00 - Call to Order

9:10 – OK STABLE

9:30 – “Expanding Connections Through APH Outreach,” Stephanie Walker, Outreach Specialist for the Southcentral Region, American Printing House for the Blind (APH)

9:50 – “Oklahoma ABLE Tech - Providing Assistive Technology Solutions for Better Outcomes and Increased Independence,” Allyson Robinson, Director of Accessibility Programs, Oklahoma ABLE Tech, Oklahoma State University

10:10 – “Positively Reflecting As We Move Forward Together,” Kevin Treese, Program Manager III/Library Director, Oklahoma Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped

10:30 – “Legislative Update,” Leah Campbell, First Vice-President and Legislative Director, National Federation of the Blind of Oklahoma

Learn about the legislative priorities of the National Federation of the Blind and hear a summary of NFB Oklahoma's efforts during the 2025 Washington Seminar.

10:50-12:00 - Business meeting

10:50 - Meet the Board

11:00 - President's Report, Audrey T. Farnum, President, NFB Oklahoma

11:20 - Treasurer's Report, Glenda Farnum, Treasurer, NFB Oklahoma

11:30 - PAC Plan Report, Glenda Farnum, Treasurer, NFB Oklahoma

11:40 - Elections

11:50 - Chapter Report, At Large Chapter, Audrey T. Farnum

11:55 - Oklahoma Association of Blind Merchants, Jeffrey Penick, President, OABM

12:00 – Lunch – Premier Room

12:00-1:45 - Exhibit Hall and Auction Bidding – Diplomat Room

1:45 - Auction Bidding Ends

2:00-5:00 - General Session 4 – Ambassador Room

2:00 –“Tips and Tricks for Living Independently,” Join in this discussion about all our favorite tips for living independently. The everyday living skills from cooking, cleaning, managing finances, getting around and more. We’ll talk about how to get stuff done independently.

2:50–Let’s Talk About AI

AI is everywhere. Maybe you’re sick of it already. But, AI is here to stay and it has some interesting applications for those of us who are blind. In this discussion, we’ll talk about a variety of apps, services and tools for using AI to enhance your independence.

3:40 – Break/Snacks and Auction preview last chance

4:00 - Live Auction, Kenny Blair, Auctioneer

This is your chance to get in a bidding war over all our great auction items. All proceeds help fund the programs and initiatives of NFB Oklahoma.

5:00 - Adjourn until 2026

# Stay in Touch

Thanks for coming to the convention! For follow-up questions and to get involved, please contact us at 405-532-2120 or nfbok@outlook.com.

# Special Thanks

The National Federation of the Blind of Oklahoma sincerely thanks **Lacey Downs** and the **Oklahoma Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped** for their dedication and expertise in preparing the **braille version of our 2025 State Convention agenda**. Lacey’s work ensures full access and inclusion for all attendees. We deeply appreciate her continued support and partnership.

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Kristyna Augustine

Made in Oklahoma Coalition

Mazzio’s Italian Eatery

McAlister’s Deli

National Cowboy & Western Heritage Museum

Not Your Average Joe

Oklahoma City National Memorial and Museum

Oklahoma History Center

Orange & Black Give Back-Oklahoma State University

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