



American Association of University Women
 AAUW of North Carolina
 ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES - April 18, 2026
 Note taker, Laura Tew; Readers, Pat Ashe, A'Ami Aniche

TOPIC	PRESENTER	DISCUSSION
		<p>Before the business meeting, at 8:45 a.m., Lena welcomed all participants to the morning session of the two-day conference. The morning speakers were: Jeanne Smith (LWV), Mike Hawkins (NC DOJ), Gloria Blackwell (AAUW CEO). This was the first in-person meeting since 2019. Our opening speakers were powerful, purposeful, and inspiring. We were especially delighted by the comprehensive strategic overview delivered by Gloria Blackwell. We were appreciative of Gloria's emphasis on the importance of each branch completing the NEW financial reports and the mandatory affiliate annual report.</p>
Annual Business Meeting	Lena Murrill-Chapman President	Lena opened the business meeting at 10: 35 a.m.
Quorum report	Laura Tew	Eight of eleven branches were represented, thus the quorum was reached as the bylaws require. Article XV Meetings of AAUW NC Section 6 "The meeting has a quorum if a majority of the branches are represented by a branch member. "
Treasurer's Report	Millie Hoffler-Foushee	<p>The Treasurer's report for FY24-25 was posted on the website, shared in the special issue of the Connect newsletter, and copies were distributed to members through the handouts to those attending this meeting for 2026. Revenue for the 2024-25 fiscal year was reported as \$5,556.89; checking account balance \$17,235.22. Two \$10,000 CDs were reported with current values of \$10,230.29 and \$10,699.73.</p>

		Millie also provided the '24-'25 Budget vs. Actual report which showed the budget of \$12, 391 and actual Expenses of \$9,015.70.
Annual Meeting Minutes of 3-22-25	Laura Tew	Laura Tew reminded members that the meeting minutes for March 22, 2025 were posted on the website, shared in the special issue of the Connect newsletter, and copies were distributed to members through the handouts to those attending the 2026 meeting. It was moved by Janet McClay and seconded by Marleen Hansen; the minutes stand as accepted.
Appointment of minutes reviewers for 4-18-26	Lena Murrill-Chapman	Laura Tew, branch advocate of the AAUW NC board served as note taker and recorder of the meeting minutes for the 2026 annual meeting.
Report of the Nominating Committee, Election and Installation of Officers	Laura Tew and Pat Ashe	<p>The slate of candidates for the Vice President position was presented with one candidate, Tiffany Jacobs. The slate of candidates for the position of Treasurer was presented with one candidate, Christi Whitworth. The slate of candidates was moved and seconded (Beverly Larson and Stephanie Taheri).</p> <p>With no other nominations from the floor, Tiffany Jacobs of the Greensboro branch was elected by unanimous voice vote, and Christi Whitworth of the Asheville Branch was elected by unanimous voice vote.</p> <p>Tiffany was installed as the Vice President of AAUW NC for the 2026-2028 term. Christi was not present. Jean D'Addario represented Christi as stand-in for the installation.</p>
President's Remarks and Recognitions	Lena Murrill-Chapman	<p>The ceremony of awards and recognition was held the prior evening, Friday, April 17th recognizing branches for key achievements and individuals nominated by their branches in the categories of leadership, education, advocacy, and equity.</p> <p>Lena thanked everyone for participating in the business meeting and provided instructions for the lunch break in preparation for the afternoon conference session.</p>
Annual Business Meeting Adjournment	Lena Murrill-Chapman	Lena adjourned the business meeting at 11:09 a.m. for a break and hotel check-out. Lena announced that the conference would continue with lunch starting in the adjoining room at 11:30 a.m.

Luncheon	Da'Tarvia Parrish	<p>A grand buffet was held. Attendees enjoyed fellowship and wore their festive hats in keeping with our theme of Hats off to Her.</p> <p>Congresswoman Alma Adams arrived to join the luncheon at 11:40 a.m. Her presence was welcomed to a standing ovation and warm applause.</p> <p>Patrice Gopo gave an inspiring and aspirational talk about her journey to the discovery of her talent as a children's book author, <i>Ripening Time</i>.</p> <p>Following an admiring and personal introduction by Catherine Magid from the Greensboro Branch, Key Note speaker Representative Alma Adams honored us with words of encouragement and praise for the work of AAUW over the years and into the future.</p>
Afternoon Session	Pat Ashe and Laura Tew	<p>The afternoon session continued with presentations by Judge Alyssa Levine introduced by Pat Ashe.</p> <p>Speaker Corey Mitchell from Theatre GAP Alliance was interviewed by STEM Education Chair Laura Tew. ERA NC Alliance Co-president Marla Barthen was introduced by past state president and public policy chair Pat Ashe.</p>
Conference Adjournment	Lena Murrill-Chapman	<p>The conference was adjourned at 3:35 p.m with a motion by Millie Hoffer-Foushee and seconded by Mary Fran Schickedantz.</p>