

DNC CONVENTION 2024: DAY 1

[NB: check the byline, thanks. /~Rayne]

The Democratic National Committee Convention 2024 opened today at United Center in Chicago IL.

Expect both the traditional and the unconventional given the attendees and keynotes as well as the organizers behind this four-day event.

Here's today's convention schedule (times shown are Central Time):

7 a.m.-9:30 a.m.: Delegation breakfasts
9 a.m.-10a.m.: Morning press briefing
9:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m.: Black Caucus meeting
9:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m.: Hispanic Caucus meeting
9:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m.: AAPI Caucus meeting
9:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m.: Native American Caucus meeting
9:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m.: Ethnic Council meeting
12 p.m.-1:30 p.m.: LGBTQ+ Caucus meeting
12 p.m.-1:30 p.m.: Small Business Council meeting
12 p.m.-1:30 p.m.: Labor Council meeting
1:45 p.m.-3:15 p.m.: Environmental & Climate Crisis Council meeting
5:30 p.m.-10 p.m.: Main programming

Main programming has already begun.

Best channels on which to catch the majority of this evening's programming:

- C-SPAN will carry the entire convention uninterrupted for all four days.
- CBS News' primetime coverage of the

convention will air Monday through Thursday from 8-11 p.m. ET and be anchored by “CBS Evening News” anchor and managing editor Norah O’Donnell.

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- CNN will provide nearly 24/7 live on-air coverage of the DNC, including special live coverage each night from 8 p.m.-midnight ET with “CNN Democratic National Convention.”

- NewsNation will have special primetime coverage entitled “Decision Desk 2024: The Democratic National Convention,” which will air each day from 8 p.m.-midnight ET. It will be co-anchored by Chris Cuomo, Elizabeth Vargas and Leland Vittert.

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- MSNBC will air special coverage from 8 p.m. to midnight each night and will also livestream all four days of the convention on its YouTube channel, the New York Times reports.

(source for schedule and channel lineup: USA Today)

The other networks including MSNBC’s parent have highly abbreviated coverage.

Tonight’s speaker line up already in progress (via ABC channel 6):

5:15 p.m.

- Call to Order: Minyon Moore, chair of the 2024 Democratic National Convention Committee, Jaime R. Harrison, chairman of the Democratic National Committee
- Invocation: Cardinal Blase Cupich, archdiocese of Chicago
- Land Acknowledgement: Zach Pahmahmie, Tribal Council Vice-Chairman of the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation and

Lorrie Melchior, Tribal Council
Secretary of the Prairie Band Potawatomi
Nation

- Presentation of Colors: Illinois State Police Honor Guard
- Pledge of Allegiance: William Harrison, 9, and Charles Harrison, 5
- National anthem: Soul Children of Chicago
- Remarks and video introduction: Chicago Mayor Brandon Johnson
- Presentation of the Convention Agenda: Jaime Harrison joined by vice chairs Keisha Lance Bottoms, Ken Martin, and Henry R. Muñoz III, Treasurer Virginia McGregor, and Finance Chair Chris Korge
- Confirmatory and Ceremonial Vote for the Vice Presidential Nominee: Minyon Moore

6 p.m.

- Welcome remarks: Peggy Flanagan
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- Remarks: U.S. Rep. Maxine Waters
- Joint Remarks: Derrick Johnson, President & CEO of the NAACP and Melanie L. Campbell, President & CEO of the National Coalition on Black Civic Participation
- Honoring the Rev. Jesse L. Jackson, Sr, accompanied by Jonathan Jackson and Yusef D. Jackson.
- Remarks: U.S. Rep. Lauren Underwood
- Video: Rich Logis: former Donald Trump voter
- Remarks: U.S. Rep. Robert Garcia
- Remarks: Brian Wallach and Sandra Abrevaya, health care advocates and founders of I Am ALS
- Remarks: U.S. Senator Dick Durbin
- Remarks from Arizona: Dutch Martinez and Ryan Ahern, The United Association of Journeymen and Apprentices of the Plumbing and Pipefitting Industry of the United States and Canada (UA)
- Remarks: U.S. Rep. Joyce Beatty
- Joint Remarks: Lee Saunders, president

of the American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees (AFSCME), April Verrett, president of the Service Employees International Union (SEIU), Brent Booker, general president of the Laborers' International Union of North America (LiUNA), Kenneth W. Cooper, international president of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW), Claude Cummings Jr., president of the Communications Workers of America (CWA) and Elizabeth H. Shuler, president of the American Federation of Labor and Congress of Industrial Organizations (AFL-CIO)

- Remarks: Los Angeles Mayor Karen Bass
- Performance: Mickey Guton
- Joint Remarks on "Investing in the Future": California Lt. Gov. Eleni Kounalakis, Pennsylvania Lt. Gov. Austin A. Davis, Wisconsin Lt. Gov. Sarah Rodriguez and Harris County, Texas Judge Lina Hidalgo

7 p.m.

- "Project 2025-Chapter One: Introduction": Michigan state Sen. Mallory McMorrow
- Remarks: U.S. Rep. Debbie Wasserman Schutz
- Remarks: U.S. Sen. Laphonza Butler
- Remarks: U.S. Rep. Linda Haskins
- Remarks: Lt. Jeremy Warmkessel, President of Local 302 IAFF Allentown Firefighters, Pennsylvania
- Remarks: Maria-Isabel Ballivian, Executive Director of the Annandale Christian Community for Action Childhood Development Center, Virginia
- Remarks: Deja Foxx, reproductive rights activists and content creator
- Performance: Jason Isbell
- Remarks: Gina M. Raimondo, United States secretary of commerce
- Remarks: New York Gov. Kathy Hochul

8 p.m.

- Remarks: Steve Kerr, Team USA men's basketball coach
Shawn Fain, president of the United Automobile Workers
- U.S. Rep. Alexandra Ocasio-Cortez
- Remarks: Stacey Johnson-Batiste and Doris Johnson, childhood friends of Kamala Harris
- Hillary Rodham Clinton, former United States secretary of state
- U.S. Rep. James E. Clyburn
- U.S. Rep. Jamie Raskin
- U.S. Rep. Jasmine Crockett
- U.S. Rep. Grace Meng

9 p.m.

- Joint Remarks: Amanda and Josh Zurawski, Texas; Kaitlyn Joshua, Louisiana; Hadley Duvall, Kentucky
- Remarks: Kentucky Gov. Andy Beshear
- Remarks: The Rev. Raphael G. Warnock, Georgia senator
- Remarks: U.S. Sen. Chris Coons
- Remarks: First Lady Jill Biden
- Performance: James Taylor
- Ashley Biden
- President Joe Biden
- Benediction: Rabbi Michael S. Beals and Pastor Cindy Rudolph
- Gavel out: Minnesota Lt. Gov. Peggy Flanagan

Some of the DNCC's events noted above were conducted at McCormick Place earlier in the day, including these speakers:

- Black Caucus featuring Rep. Barbara Lee and Rep. Jahana Hayes
- Hispanic Caucus featuring Miguel Cardona, House Democratic Caucus Chair Pete Aguilar and Rep. Maxwell Frost
- AAPI Caucus featuring Rep. Raja Krishnamoorthi
- Native American Caucus featuring

Tucson Mayor Regina Romero

- Ethnic Council featuring Lisa Ann Walter and former New York Mayor Bill de Blasio
- LGBTQ+ Caucus featuring Massachusetts Gov. Maura Healey, Rep. Debbie Wasserman Schultz, BenDeLaCreme, and Peppermint
- Labor Council featuring Miguel Cardona, Kentucky Gov. Andy Beshear, Pennsylvania Gov. Josh Shapiro, Rep. Tom Suozzi, Rep. Donald Norcross, and AFL-CIO President Liz Shuler
- Small Business Council featuring Rep. Morgan McGarvey
- Environmental and Climate Crisis Council featuring Rep. Ro Khanna and AFT President Randi Weingarten

As media coverage of the convention begins, take heed:

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Via Richard Stengel:

A word of caution to the press: a political convention is the place where more journalists are in one place in search of fewer stories than any other situation. The tendency is to blow up something small because it's new, not because it's important. Don't do that.
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Expect bullshit coverage. In addition to likely puny-matters-blown-up for the clicks, there's a raft of crap being strewn by right-wing media outlets right now, all of which looks like so much spaghetti thrown at the wall to see what will stick. Don't help them.