



Convention Agenda

16th Biennial Constitutional Convention

STAND UP FIGHT BACK

Thursday, November 6, 2025

8:00 AM Delegate & Guest Check-in - Celebrity Ballroom Pre-function

9:15 AM New Delegate Orientation - Celebrity Room C

10:00 AM Opening of Convention - Celebrity Ballroom

Welcome: Shellye Davis, Secretary-Treasurer, Connecticut AFL-CIO

Department of Corrections Honor Guard and Pipe & Drum Band

Pledge of Allegiance: Union Veteran

Recognition of Veteran Union Members

National Anthem: Elizabeth Krajewski and Tiffany Williams, Hartford Federation of Teachers, AFT Local 1018

Invocation: Rev. Darrell Goodwin, Southern New England Conference of the United Church of Christ

Welcome: Richard McCombs, Southeastern CT Labor Chapter

Welcome: Foxwoods Unions Workers -
UAW: Heather Sanford and Karin Whitaker
UFCW: Kim Dickementi
UNITE HERE: Celeste Costa
IAFF: TBD
IUOE: Stephen 'Sid' Sadowsky

Introduction of the Permanent Chair:

Ed Hawthorne, President, Connecticut AFL-CIO

Call to Convention:

Keri Hoehne, First Vice President, Connecticut AFL-CIO

Report of the Rules Committee:

Co-Chair Kirby Boyce, President, Eastern Connecticut Area Labor Federation

Code of Conduct:

Ally Sexton, Trustee, Connecticut AFL-CIO

Approval of the Agenda

Approval of Convention Committees:

Arrangements, Constitution, Credentials, Elections, Resolutions and Rules Committees



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Keynote Speaker: Attorney General William Tong

Speaker: Ed Wytkind, Interim Executive Director, AFL-CIO Technology Institute

Explanation of Workshops

12:00 PM Workshops - Box Lunch Included

1:30 PM Plenary Session Reconvenes

President's Report: Ed Hawthorne, President, Connecticut AFL-CIO

Panel Discussion:

No Worker Left Behind: Immigrants' Rights = Workers' Rights

- Barbara Lopez, Director, Make the Road Connecticut
- Yasmin Rodriquez, Managing Partner, Esperanza Law
- Eric Cruz Lopez, Organizing Consultant, Connecticut Students for a Dream
- Yenimar Cortes, New Haven Organizer, Connecticut Students for a Dream
- **SEIU 32 BJ Speaker**

Remembering Our Union Siblings We Lost - In Memoriam

Report of the Constitution Committee:

Chair Carl Chisem, CEUI SEIU Local 511, MEUI SEIU Local 506

How Can the State Federation Help Your Local Union?

Report of the Resolutions Committee:

Chair, Shellye Davis, Secretary-Treasurer, Connecticut AFL-CIO

Financial Report:

Michael Maletta, Certified Public Accountant, Maletta and Company

Speaker: Norma Martinez-HoSang, Director, Connecticut For All

4:30 PM Convention Recesses & Caucuses to Nominate Executive Board Members

5:00 PM Fundraiser for Connecticut For All



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9:00 AM **Final Delegate Check-In and T-Shirt Pick Up**

10:00 AM **Convention Reconvenes**

Secretary-Treasurer's Report:

Shellye Davis, Secretary-Treasurer, Connecticut AFL-CIO

Report of the Resolutions Committee:

Chair Shellye Davis, Secretary-Treasurer, Connecticut AFL-CIO

Legislative Award: 2025 Worker Solidarity Award:

Senator MD Rahman and State Representative Kate Farrar

Organizing Awards

Panel Discussion: Fighting Back Nationally and in the States

- David Cooper, Director of the Economic Analysis and Research Network (EARN), Economic Policy Institute (EPI)
- Amy Traub, Senior Researcher and Policy Analyst, National Employment Law Project (NELP)

Report of the Credentials Committee:

Chair Jason Frechette, UFCW Local 919

Nominations for Executive Board Members

Nominations for Trustees

Nominations for Executive Officers

12:30 PM **Lunch**



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1:15 PM

Plenary Session Reconvenes

Report of the Resolutions Committee:

Chair Shellye Davis, Secretary-Treasurer, Connecticut AFL-CIO

Explanation of Voting Procedures and Rules

Election of Executive Officers, Trustees and Executive Board Members

**Swearing in of Executive Officers, Trustees and
Executive Board Members**

Convention Adjourns at End of Business