



September 21, 2022

CAJM organizers selected for prestigious Black Policy Institute!

Can we get a proper celebration going? Congratulations to Lead Organizer Raynique Syas and Associate Organizer Amber Campbell-Moore who nailed down a spot in the competitive Black to the Future Public Policy Institute through **Black Futures Lab**, which will “focus on enacting policies that improve Black lives.” The Institute will be taking place from October 2022 through May 2023.

Black Futures Lab will work with our organizers and other participants to look at concrete ways to ensure that governance is race-forward and specific in advocating policy solutions that confront the protection of voting rights, addresses public health and health disparities, creates opportunities for good jobs, increases Black political power, and transforms the justice system starting with policing. Again, congratulations from us all, we are so excited for this opportunity for you both to expand your community of fellow incredible leaders across the nation, and can't wait for you to bring this knowledge forward into our work in the Lowcountry.

The CAJM Listening Process is in

full swing!

Last Monday, Sept 12th, we gathered together as leaders in CAJM to prepare to bring ourselves forward and into conversation with one another for the coming year. We held space for one another's stories, we got to know one another across congregations, and we spoke about how we build our powerful network across the Lowcountry. We laughed, we cried, and we celebrated the energy of connection that brings us into community with one another. We left into the night feeling excited to return to our homes to prepare to invite people in again, to share our personal stories, and to bear witness to the powerful stories that are surfaced in our house meetings.



This year in our house meetings we will be asking all Network Members if we should be taking on a new issue at the Community Problems Assembly. We have six crucial and active campaigns that still need accountability and significant labor to meet our vision (housing, healthcare, environmental justice, education, policing, & transportation). Do we want to take on a seventh campaign in addition to these six? Or do we want to instead focus our efforts on strengthening our relationships and more deeply engaging our members? We are having this initial discussion in our house meetings, with the final vote on this taking place at our Community Problems Assembly on October 24th.

You're invited to celebrate CAJM clergy Rev. Nelson B. Rivers!

Rev. Nelson B. Rivers is the Pastor of Charity Missionary Baptist Church and a longtime advocate for justice in the Lowcountry. You are invited to come out and celebrate his 14th Pastoral Anniversary on September 25 at 5:00pm at Charity Missionary Baptist Church (1544 E. Montague St, N. Charleston).



The Charleston County School District wants to hear from you!

The Charleston County School District has been holding Community Engagement Sessions to hear from folks like you about what the District should be focusing on in the upcoming years. There are still several opportunities to attend! Check the calendar below for dates, times, and locations.

CHARLESTON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT Board Governance Engagement Sessions

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT TO INFORM NEW BOARD GOALS

Group/Organization	Date	Time	Location
Teachers of the Year	September 15, 2022	4:00 p.m.	Zoom
D9 Session* (Wadmalaw & Johns Island)	September 15, 2022	5:00 p.m.	Mt. Zion Elementary School
D9 Session* (Wadmalaw & Johns Island)	September 15, 2022	6:00 p.m.	St. John's High School
West Ashley CAS Students	September 16, 2022	daytime	West Ashley Center for Advanced Studies
Cooper River CAS Students	September 16, 2022	daytime	Cooper River Center for Advanced Studies
East Cooper CAS Students	September 16, 2022	daytime	East Cooper Center for Advanced Studies
D23 Session* (Hollywood, Ravenel, & Edisto)	September 19, 2022	5:00 p.m.	Baptist Hill Middle High School
D4 Session* (North Charleston)	September 19, 2022	6:00 p.m.	North Charleston High School
D23 Session* (Hollywood, Ravenel, & Edisto)	September 19, 2022	6:15 p.m.	E.B. Ellington Elementary School
City Councils	September 20, 2022	4:00 p.m.	Zoom
D3 Session* (James Island)	September 20, 2022	5:00 p.m.	Camp Road Middle School
D10 Session* (West Ashley)	September 20, 2022	6:15 p.m.	West Ashley High School
Constituent District Boards	September 21, 2022	5:00 p.m.	Burke High School
D20 Session* (Downtown Charleston)	September 21, 2022	6:00 p.m.	Burke High School
All stakeholders*	September 22, 2022	10:00 a.m.	Zoom
All stakeholders*	September 22, 2022	1:00 p.m.	Zoom
Higher Education, Businesses, and Nonprofits Session	September 22, 2022	3:00 p.m.	Zoom
D4 Session* (North Charleston)	September 22, 2022	5:00 p.m.	Northwoods Middle School
D4 Session* (North Charleston)	September 22, 2022	6:15 p.m.	R.B. Stall High School
School Board Candidates	September 23, 2022	1:00 p.m.	75 Calhoun Street
D1 & D2 Session* (Awendaw, McClellanville, & Mt. Pleasant)	September 27, 2022	6:00 p.m.	Lucy Beckham High School
Community Resource Center*	September 27, 2022	6:00 p.m.	Community Resource Center

* Open to the community

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We need your input! Complete the
CCSD Board Community Feedback
Survey by scanning the QR Code!

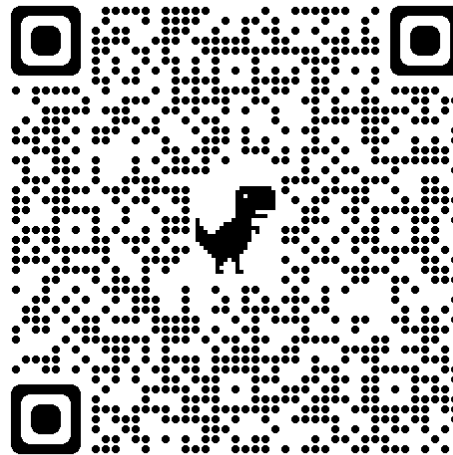
STUDENTS ARE
THE HEART
OF OUR WORK!

You can also give your input through filling out **this community survey**.

New to CAJM and want more information?

We are so glad you are here, and we'd love to connect you with a CAJM Team Leader!

Use the QR code to the right, or follow **this link**, to fill out a short survey so that we can match you with the Team Leader who best fits your needs.



Have you made your 2022 investment in CAJM?

CAJM's 2022 investment drive goal is **\$215,000!** In honor of our tenth year, we are striving for 100% participation for investments! In other words, we're going ALL IN for year ten!

It's not too early to make a payment towards your 2022 CAJM investment! You can do so by clicking the link below. Reach out to your team leader or organizer with any questions about investing.

[Click here to invest!](#)

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