

**Minutes of the NCTE Annual Business Meeting  
for the Board of Directors and Other Members of the Council  
Friday, November 17, 2023  
Columbus, Ohio**

The Annual Business Meeting for the Board of Directors and Other Members of the Council of the National Council of Teachers of English (NCTE) was called to order by NCTE President María Fránquiz at 5:10 p.m. Eastern Time on November 17, 2023.

Platform guests included Valerie Kinloch, NCTE Past President; Minda M. López, Resolutions Committee Chair; Tonya B. Perry, NCTE Vice President; Shelley Rodrigo, NCTE President-Elect; María Fránquiz, NCTE President; Victor Del Hierro, Parliamentarian; Emily Kirkpatrick, NCTE Executive Director; and members of the NCTE Resolutions Committee: Sheila Carter-Tod, Melissa L. García, Joaquin Muñoz, and Adeli Ynostroza Ochoa.

President Fránquiz called for a motion to adopt the rules for the Annual Business Meeting. Alfredo Luján, NM, moved to adopt the rules; seconded by María Leija, TX. The motion CARRIED.

Nicole Mirra, PA, moved to adopt the agenda; seconded by Kim Jasper, MO. The motion CARRIED.

Bob Dandoy, PA, moved to dispense with the roll call of directors; seconded by Carrie Perry, FL. The motion CARRIED.

Ann David, TX, moved to dispense with a formal reading of the 2022 Minutes of the NCTE Annual Business Meeting; seconded by Michelle Peterson Davis, NY. The motion CARRIED.

Emily Meixner, NJ, moved to accept the posted 2023 Annual Reports; seconded by Josh Thompson, VA. The motion CARRIED.

President Fránquiz called Past President Valerie Kinloch to the podium; Kinloch announced the NCTE past presidents in attendance.

Fránquiz asked for a moment of silence for all NCTE members who had passed away since the last meeting.

Fránquiz introduced Cody Miller, chair of the NCTE Nominating Committee. Miller solicited nominations for the 2024 ballots.

Fránquiz called Jonna Perrillo, NCTE Historian, to the podium to read A Moment in NCTE History: *Defending*

*the Right to Read—English Teachers, NCTE, the Culture Wars.*

President Fránquiz gave her Presidential report, sharing highlights of the past year, including the first in-person Presidential Team Retreat and in-person Executive Committee Retreat since 2019, following the pandemic; the new vision and charges established for the Standing Committee on Literacy Assessment, an NCTE group now led by Past President Carol Jago; renewed commitment to updating important position statements; efforts to elevate NCTE's book and leadership awards; the impact of establishing guidelines for the Early Career Educators of Color Leadership Program; and support for materials promoting the efforts of the Standing Committee on Diversity and Inclusivity and the Standing Committee on Global Citizenship.

Fránquiz also highlighted the Executive Committee's ongoing study of Indigeneity and Place, and efforts to acknowledge Indigenous people, their ancestral homes, and Indigenous ways of knowing; noted President Shelley Rodrigo's sharing of a land acknowledgment constructed by Native students at The Ohio State University, with permission, at the Opening Session; and encouraged members to attend a featured session at the Convention, *Beyond Land Acknowledgments—Centering Indigenous Presence and Absence*, the panelists of which were special guests for a discussion on Indigeneity and Place at the Executive Committee meeting the day before.

Fránquiz shared updates on her presidential priorities, including seeking more involvement of classroom teachers and raising their voices; multilingual learning, the gifts of bilingualism and multilingualism, and the alignment with the 2022 and 2023 Annual Convention themes; and focus on cross-disciplinary and cross-curricular priorities exemplified by the first-ever Joint Conference for Elementary Literacy and Math scheduled for June 17–19, 2024, in New Orleans.

Fránquiz also recognized the outgoing and incoming members of the NCTE Executive Committee.

President Fránquiz introduced Emily Kirkpatrick, NCTE Executive Director, to deliver the Executive Director's report:

Kirkpatrick shared an update on membership, NCTE's new efforts to build a dedicated philanthropic strategy,

partnership developments that included the Smithsonian, Library of Congress, and the United Way of New York City.

Kirkpatrick highlighted the good standing and progress of NCTE's many established programs and awards as well as new initiatives driven by teacher expertise, including cohorts focused on book rationales, open educational resources, and children's historic voices.

Kirkpatrick noted NCTE's professional learning opportunities of the year that are supported by NCTE's work, including the African American Read-In and a series extending from NCTE's new *Position Statement on the Role of Nonfiction Literature (K–12)*, and the successful transition to and noted benefits of having NCTE's journals published digitally by way of a new online platform.

President Fránquiz called on Tonya Perry, NCTE Vice President, to announce upcoming meetings and locations for Council meetings. Perry reported the following dates and sites: 2024 NCTE Annual Convention, November 21–24, Boston, MA; 2024 CCCC Convention, April 3–6, Spokane, WA; 2024 TYCA Conference, April 3, Spokane, WA; 2024 NCTE and NCTM Joint Conference, June 17–19, New Orleans, LA; 2024 CEL Convention, November 24–26, Boston, MA.

President Fránquiz moved to New Business items, the first of which was proposed changes for NCTE resolutions in the NCTE Constitution. Fránquiz provided an overview of the proposed updates and the process for amendments to the Constitution as slides were shown, including the communications to members regarding the proposed change, which included an accompanying message from the NCTE Presidential Team and rationale from Fránquiz and Executive Director Emily Kirkpatrick; how the changes were spurred by challenges and significant input for changes from NCTE leaders over time; and answers to questions received from members.

Beverly Chin, MT, moved to accept the proposed changes for resolutions in the NCTE Constitution, an action supported by the NCTE Constitution in Section XIV.A. and bylaw 5; seconded by Valerie Taylor, TX. The motion CARRIED.

Fránquiz called on Minda M. López, Chair of the Committee on Resolutions. López reported no formal resolutions to be voted on during the meeting and shared the work of the Committee on Resolutions at the Convention, including the review and recommendations for existing NCTE position statements.

Christine Ross, NY, moved that NCTE establish resources for teachers who are being harassed as a sense-of-the-house motion; seconded by Frankie Condon, Ontario, Canada. The motion CARRIED.

Fránquiz invited any declarations to come from the Board of Directors in attendance.

Fránquiz asked for a motion to adjourn. Valerie Kinloch, NC, moved to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Heather Fletes, TX. The motion CARRIED, and the meeting was adjourned at 6:26 p.m.