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Convention Guide

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Our Mission

The **American Federation of Teachers** is a union of professionals that champions fairness; democracy; economic opportunity; and high-quality public education, healthcare and public services for our students, their families and our communities. We are committed to advancing these principles through community engagement, organizing, collective bargaining and political activism, and especially through the work our members do.

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BOSTON 2022 ¹⁴⁻¹⁷ JULY CONVENTION

June 21, 2022

We are excited to welcome you to Boston for the 87th convention of the American Federation of Teachers!

The materials in this packet are intended to make your experience as a convention delegate as easy as possible. On the following pages, you will find details on the following:

- **COVID-19 safety protocols**—Your safety is our highest priority. Be sure to familiarize yourself with these so that you know what to expect. Before traveling to Boston, you should download and register with the CLEAR app (*see below*) and upload proof of full vaccination.
- **Tickets for AFT-sponsored breakfast and lunch events**—Don't delay! **The deadline for ticket sales is Friday, July 1**, and tickets will not be sold in Boston.
- **Tentative Convention Program**—What's happening when? Check for details here!
- **Proposed Constitutional Amendments and Resolutions**—Separately you will want to pay special attention to the proposed constitutional amendments and resolutions, **which can be downloaded here**.

For additional information, please visit aft.org/convention. We'll be updating this site regularly, so check back often!

SO LONG, PINK CREDENTIAL CARDS!

Yet another way the AFT convention is "going green."

Veteran delegates may recall receiving pink credential cards in the mail to present at registration. Starting this year, just present the QR code in your confirmation email at registration. It can be scanned on your mobile device or from a paper printout. **That QR code is unique to you, so don't share it with others!**

Those who arrive at registration without it will be asked to present photo ID to register.

COVID-19 SAFETY

The AFT has a responsibility to provide a safe meeting environment free of known hazards. We believe our collective responsibility to each person's health and safety is best served by ensuring that everyone who attends the AFT convention is fully vaccinated against COVID-19. This has been the AFT's practice throughout the pandemic.

The following protocols are required of all attendees at official convention sessions and AFT-sponsored events:

- 1. Proof of full vaccination**—Upload your vaccination card via the CLEAR app (*see next page*). Full vaccination means completion of the primary series of Pfizer, Moderna or J&J shots. The AFT encourages attendees to be up to date with all boosters recommended for you.
- 2. Negative antigen test on July 13 or 14**—On July 13 or 14, allow 30 minutes upon arrival at the convention center to take a rapid antigen test administered by Impact Health. You will upload your results to the CLEAR app.
- 3. Second negative antigen test on July 16**—When you register, you will receive an additional test kit to take back to your hotel. On Saturday, July 16, utilizing this test kit, you will be required to upload a second negative test result to the CLEAR app.
- 4. Mask requirement**—A mask that covers your nose and mouth must be worn in the convention center unless you are actively eating or drinking.
- 5. Daily health check**—Complete the daily health survey via the CLEAR Health Pass. You will be required to show the green status screen on your app each day for admission to the AFT convention events.

DOWNLOAD AND REGISTER FOR CLEAR

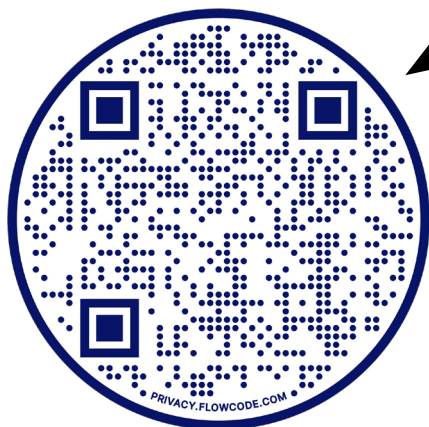
- **Apple App Store**
- **Google Play**
- **Privacy and CLEAR**—Your personal information will remain private between you and CLEAR. The AFT will only receive confirmation that an attendee has satisfied the requirements for access with a green result. The AFT does not have access to any private health data.

All attendees are strongly encouraged to test prior to traveling to Boston.



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Generate your CLEAR Health Pass prior to arriving at the AFT 2022 Convention



1. Download the free **CLEAR** app by scanning this QR code
(or download on your phone's app store).
 2. Tap the white Health Pass tile and enter the code **AFTBOSTON**.
 3. Sign up* or log in.
- *Creating an account?** You'll be asked to upload an ID and snap a selfie to verify who you are.

We're stepping up for the environment!

This year, the paperless option is the default for all attendees. Limited quantities of paper documents will be available for pickup.

All convention documents can be accessed from your mobile device, tablet or laptop. You won't miss a thing! From the program to the resolutions, everything will be available online and new information will be posted regularly to our convention hub. Free Wi-fi in the convention center too!

GO GREEN



Tentative Program

All events take place at the Boston Convention and Exhibition Center unless otherwise noted.

Tuesday, July 12 Pre-Convention Activities	Wednesday, July 13 Arrival Day	Thursday, July 14 First Day
3:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. AFT Executive Council Meeting	9:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. Sergeants-at-Arms Training 10:00 a.m. – noon Credentials and Elections Committee 1:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. Registration and AFT Activist Center 1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. Retirees Conference 3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. Sergeants-at-Arms Meeting 3:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. AFT Community Event 4:15 p.m. – 5:15 p.m. Orientation for New Delegates	8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. AFT Activist Center 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Registration 9:00 a.m. Opening General Session Noon – 6:00 p.m. AFT Activist Center 1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. Divisional Meetings 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. Convention Committee Meetings 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. AFT Delegate Reception (Flynn Cruise Port, Terminal 1)
Friday, July 15 Second Day	Saturday, July 16 Third Day	Sunday, July 17 Fourth Day
* 7:30 a.m. AFT Public Employees Jim McGarvey Breakfast * 7:30 a.m. AFT PSRP Breakfast * 7:45 a.m. AFT Nurses and Health Professionals Breakfast 8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. AFT Activist Center 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Registration 9:00 a.m. General Session * 12:30 p.m. AFT Human Rights Luncheon 12:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. AFT Activist Center 2:30 p.m. General Session 5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. AFT Activist Center 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. AFT/AAUP Unity Reception (by invitation only)	8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. AFT Activist Center 8:30 a.m. Nominating Session 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Registration 10:00 a.m. General Session 12:30 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. AFT Activist Center 2:00 p.m. General Session 4:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. Elections	* 7:30 a.m. AFT Women's Rights Breakfast 9:00 a.m. (until close of convention) General Session and Installation of Officers

* Ticketed event: Purchase deadline is Friday, July 1. Visit [AFT.org/convention/mealtix](https://aft.org/convention/mealtix) for details.

Convention Meal Functions

All ticket requests must be received by **Friday, July 1**. Tickets will **not** be available for purchase in Boston. Visit [AFT.org/convention/mealtix](https://aft.org/convention/mealtix) for details.

AFT Public Employees Jim McGarvey Breakfast

Friday, July 15 | 7:30 a.m.

Ticket price (advance purchase only): \$25 per person

We are in the midst of a digital revolution that is transforming the way we live and work. From machine-guided hiring processes to GPS tracking and robotics in healthcare, artificial intelligence is increasingly being deployed to guide decision-making and the very delivery of public services. What role should our unions play in ensuring our work and the data we generate are maintained as a common good for all? Come hear from Dr. Christina Colclough, founding director of The Why Not Lab, and Amanda Ballantyne, director of the Technology Institute of the AFL-CIO, as we explore these interesting questions.

AFT PSRP Breakfast

Friday, July 15 | 7:30 a.m.

Ticket price (advance purchase only): \$25 per person

The system doesn't run without YOU! As we emerge from extraordinary times and navigate what is in front of us, one thing is clearer than ever: Paraprofessionals and school-related personnel are critical to evolving and healing our education ecosystem. The task is enormous and doing it well starts with your own wellness and sense of belonging on the teams you support. Join us as we hear from Lori Woodley-Langendorff, founder and executive director of All It Takes, a nonprofit organization that "equips youth and those who serve them with essential emotional intelligence skills to successfully navigate their lives and support their communities." Lori Woodley-Langendorff brings unwavering passion and commitment to living a life of ease even in the toughest circumstances. Start next school year ready to embrace your awesomeness and value!

AFT Nurses and Health Professionals Breakfast

Friday, July 15 | 7:45 a.m.

Ticket price (advance purchase only): \$25 per person

AFT's healthcare affiliates know all too well the impact of the corporatization of America's healthcare system, as hospital systems increasingly put profits before patients. This year's healthcare breakfast will feature Sandra Alvarez, director of the documentary exposé, *InHospitable*. Alvarez's film shares an inspiring story of patients and activists who fought back against UPMC, a multibillion-dollar hospital enterprise that was making vital care unaffordable for hundreds of thousands of vulnerable patients in Western Pennsylvania.

AFT Human Rights Luncheon

Friday, July 15 | 12:30 p.m.

Ticket price (advance purchase only): \$35 per person

The Bayard Rustin Human Rights Award and Luncheon is an integral part of each AFT convention. Join us this year for fellowship; a powerful message of hope and faith from keynote speaker, Rabbi Sharon Kleinbaum; and the presentation of the 2022 Bayard Rustin Award. This distinguished award is given to individuals or groups who embrace the AFT founding principles: social justice, equal rights and the civil rights of all people. Past honorees include U.S. Rep. John Lewis (D-Ga.), the Honorable Alexis M. Herman, AFT Secretary-Treasurer Emerita Dr. Lorretta Johnson, the Rev. Dr. William J. Barber II and the Zimbabwe Lawyers for Human Rights. The luncheon will also recognize the activism and commitment of members, community partners, parents and students with the presentation of the new AFT Drum Major of Justice Awards.

AFT Women's Rights Breakfast

Sunday, July 17 | 7:30 a.m.

Ticket price (advance purchase only): \$25 per person

The Women's Rights Breakfast and award event highlights individuals who have contributed to advancing causes and issues that are important to women. Previous awardees include Dolores Huerta, Edie Windsor, Betty Dukes and Lilly Ledbetter. We will also acknowledge women who have been active in union, teaching and community work for the last 30, 40 or 50 years—those who are "Living the Legacy" of our foremothers on whose shoulders we stand. Join us as we honor these outstanding leaders.

Divisional Meeting Agendas

Divisional meetings will be held Thursday, July 14, at 1 p.m.

AFT Higher Education

- Panel of AFT and AAUP members doing New Deal for Higher Ed work on their campuses
- Speaker: Jasmine Banks, Executive Director, UnKoch My Campus

AFT Nurses and Health Professionals

- NHP division report
- Discussion of staffing task force and other priorities
- Health- and healthcare focused resolutions

AFT PSRP

- Sign-making and chant creation, PSRP team
- Raising our Voices panel with participants discussing campaigns on: Living Wage; Safeguarding Our Workplaces—Work Shouldn't Hurt; and the RESPECT campaign
- Discussion of PSRP-related resolutions

AFT Public Employees

- Public Employees division report
- Fund our Future campaign, Wayne Spence, president, New York Public Employees Federation
- Resolution roundup, Gary Feist, President, North Dakota Public Employees Association
- Committee meetings process and resolution floor procedures

AFT Retirees

- Retiree sub-committee activities update
- Resolution roundup: retirees
- Committee meetings process and resolution floor procedures

AFT Teachers

- Addressing the educator and school staff workforce shortage
- Growing community schools
- Safe and equitable schools for all

Transportation Information

WHEN YOU ARRIVE

It is an eight-minute **taxi ride** from Boston Logan Airport to the Boston Convention and Exhibition Center and the AFT convention hotels. There is a \$3.25 Airport Fee added to all fares to and from Logan. Taxis are available at each terminal on the Arrivals level, except Terminal C where they are located on the Ground level of the Central Parking Garage.

You can also **"take the T"** to and from the airport for only \$2.75 per trip. Take the Silver Line just two stops from the airport to the BCEC. Visit www.mbta.com/ for details.

Important Note: The Sumner Tunnel, one of two tunnels between Logan Airport and downtown Boston, is currently closed weekends for extensive MassDOT restoration work. Please be aware of this if you are going to or from Logan between Friday, July 15, at 11:00 p.m. and Monday, July 18, at 5:00 a.m. Consider taking the MBTA.

WHILE YOU'RE IN BOSTON

Support Boston's unionized transportation workers and hail a taxi or car service on the go using **the Arro app**. Go to www.ridearro.com/ for details and download the free app to your phone. You can also call any of the following services to schedule a pick up:

Boston Cab: 617-536-5010

Metro Cab: 617-782-5500

City Cab: 617-536-5100

Top Cab: 617-266-4800

Independent Taxi (ITOA): 617-825-4000

Town Taxi: 617-536-5000

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON BOSTON TRANSPORTATION:

Visit www.signatureboston.com/bcec/getting-here.

JOIN US FOR A **FAMILY** **FESTIVAL**

hosted by the American Federation of Teachers, AFT Massachusetts and the Boston Teachers Union

Wednesday, July 13 ★ 3-6 p.m.
Boston Teachers Union Headquarters
180 Mt. Vernon St. (near Carson Beach) ★ Dorchester, MA 02125

OUR FESTIVAL WILL FEATURE:

- ★ A **FREE BOOK GIVEAWAY** of more than 10,000 diverse books for you to choose from for your home library, classroom or program
- ★ Read-alouds and book signings with local authors and children's author and rapper **DARRYL McDANIELS** of **RUN-DMC** fame
- ★ **RUBBLE** from **PAW PATROL**
- ★ Healthy cooking demonstrations with **CELEBRITY CHEFS** and food tastings of their finest creations
- ★ **MUSIC, ENTERTAINMENT, POPCORN, ICE CREAM, GAMES** and **MUCH MORE**

**SEE YOU ON JULY 13 FOR SOME FAMILY
FUN AT BTU'S HEADQUARTERS!**



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AFT Gives Back!

The AFT cares, fights and shows up for our communities!

Rosie's Place offers a safe haven for Boston-area LGBTQIA+ women and overnight shelter and other services to those in need who self-identify as female. Help support guests of Rosie's Place by bringing *new* items with you to the convention to donate.



- **Travel size** shampoo, conditioner, lotion, toothpaste, deodorant and body wash
- Chapstick
- Women's Socks and Underwear
- Flip-flops (*for shower shoes*)
- Shaving Razors
- Hairbrushes, Picks and Combs
- Hair Ties
- Tampons, Pads and Panty Liners

No space in your luggage or want to involve your affiliate in giving back in another way?

Support the Greater Boston Food Bank!

The GBFB is the largest hunger-relief organization in New England and among the largest food banks in the country. Last year, GBFB distributed 117 million pounds of nutritious food to area students and families in the community who struggle to have enough to eat.



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GBFB.org/GHF

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