



# FLORIDA STATE CONFERENCE OF BRANCHES AND YOUTH UNITS

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**Adora Obi Nweze**  
President

Ms. Misty Belford, Chair  
Brevard County School Board  
2700 Judge Fran Jamieson Way  
Viera, FL 32940

**Torey Alston**  
1st Vice President

Dear Chair Belford:

**Donald Hart**  
2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President

The Florida State NAACP reveres the work of Harry T. and Harriette V. Moore and the sacrifices they endured before they were callously assassinated as they slept in Mims on Christmas night 1951.

**Rev. Dr. Rufus Wood**  
3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President

Those sacrifices include the fact that the Brevard County School Board terminated the employment of these two brave freedom fighters because they dared to stand for full citizenship rights guaranteed in the United States Constitution. The fact that the Moores' were terminated because they dared ask for equal treatment and an end to racial discrimination being carried out by people who preceded you as leaders of the Brevard County School District requires redress.

**Vacant**  
4<sup>th</sup> Vice President

**Vacant**  
5<sup>th</sup> Vice President

**Shawn Kinsey**  
Secretary

For these and many other reasons, we call upon the Brevard County School Board to immediately denounce the actions of your predecessors and reinstate the Status of Harry T. and Harriette V. Moore as active employees (educators) in the ranks of the Brevard County Public School District.

**Vacant**  
Assistant Secretary

**Marsha Ellison**  
Treasurer

As this nation confronts its original sin and history of systemic racism, this symbolic action is required. The District must admit its history of racism and by this expression, admit that reinstatement of the status of the Moores' as active employees is one small step toward racial healing in Brevard County, the State of Florida and the United States of America.

**Alice Hughes**  
Assistant Treasurer

**Jaylin Cole**  
Youth President

Following the Civil War, Oliver Wendell Holmes, Sr. drafted a fifth stanza for the Star-Spangled Banner. Its words are an appropriate way to end this request:

**Sannye Jones**  
Youth Advisor

"WHEN OUR LAND IS ILLUMINED WITH LIBERTY'S SMILE,  
IF A FOE FROM WITHIN, STRIKE A BLOW AT HER GLORY,  
DOWN, DOWN, WITH THE TRAITOR THAT DARES TO DEFILE  
THE FLAG OF HER STARS AND THE PAGE OF HER STORY!  
BY THE MILLIONS UNCHAINED WHO OUR BIRTHRIGHT HAVE GAINED,  
WE WILL KEEP HER BRIGHT BLAZON FOREVER UNSTAINED!  
AND THE STAR SPANGLED BANNER IN TRIUMPH SHALL WAVE  
WHILE THE LAND OF THE FREE IS THE HOME OF THE BRAVE."

#### At-Large Members

Brad Brown  
Minerva Faire  
Sarah Figgers  
Wanda Howard (deceased)  
Lewis Jennings  
James Minus  
Deborah Thompson

The Florida State Conference of the NAACP endorses the call for the Brevard County School Board to clearly affirm that the land of the free is (in fact) the home of the Brave. We urge you to reinstate the Moores' as active educators in Brevard County, Florida.

**T.H. Poole**  
President Emeritus

Sincerely,

**Leon W. Russell**  
Chairman, NAACP  
National Board of  
Directors and  
Immediate Past State  
Conference President

Adora Obi Nweze, President